

Monthly Report of March 2017

The various activities very especially women's day program gave vigor and colour to month of March. We were able to do all these purely because of perseverance. To bring the women together for something is a tedious task sometimes, because each one thinks and understands things very differently. We continue to work steadfastly to bring them together for a cause. The other programs added magnificence to this month are the presence of SNTD college nursing students, training on POCSO, regular monthly meetings of SHG and Parents meeting of supplementary classes. Our belief in ourselves and in the women brought achievement in our venture.

Women's Day Celebration:

More than 200 women representatives from 30 SHG's gathered to celebrate their day. The chief guest of the function was the manager of Bassien Catholic Bank and the speakers were Dr. Mr. Sachin Desmuk (Gynecologist) and his wife Dr. Mrs. Priyavada Desmuk.

Doctors talked to them about various issues starting from pregnancy till menopause and how to take care. He brought out few examples where women do not seek the help of the doctor and therefore miscarriages or other problems. He vividly explained to them the common problems women faces in the villages during pregnancy also afterwards. He shared with them the type of medication they have to follow up also the problems they will face if they do not take it seriously. The lady doctor explained about cancer connected with women and how to detect it especially the breast cancer etc. Since both doctors are working in a government hospital for last ten years they were highly knowledgeable about women's sicknesses and their carelessness. Women asked many questions for clarifications. Doctor assured his help when they are in need.

Women danced to the tune of traditional and modern songs. Mr. Juran Lopes along with his friend performed a street play depicting the issues women face in the modern world and how women need to be empowered to stand on their feet to fight for their rights. All women were gifted with a bag which would help them to carry necessary thing while they go for the work. Everybody enjoyed the program.











Exposure visit of SNTD College nursing students:

Nursing students from SNTD College Mumbai came here for an exposure visit of five days. They went around the villages taking survey and the last day kept medical checkup for all. Besides the students, one of their professors and one doctor also were present on checkup day. We organized the women to go for the check up also helped them in this venture. Students explained about sickness through charts and other materials. Many people took part in it.





Training about Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)

We conducted training about POCSO for our four groups of SHG women in the village itself. We realized that sexual abuse of children is increasing and parents are not aware of it. Most of the time relatives or the family members are involved with it. Out of fear or shame children do not speak about it but children become a victim to the sexual maniac persons. We invited a resource person from another organization to take the class for our women also to the children. Since it was in the afternoon we encouraged school going girls too attend the classes and they too participated in it.

POCSO Act 2012 was formulated in order to effectively address sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children. Act 2012 is applicable to the whole India. The resource person explained that the POCSO Act 2012 defines a child or any person below the age of 18 years and provides protection to all children from sexual abuse.

POCSO provides for child friendly procedures for medical examination, recording the statement of the child by the police and Magistrate, as well as during the examination of the child in court.

She explained different types of sexual abuses and further explained that if anyone who knows about the child abuse and do not report it to the police it will be a police case. Since women used to watch the TV news few were aware of it and asked questions for clarifications.

One French woman also came along with the resource person for this program.

