

Annual Report (Session 2012-2013)

SJKS works in the whole area of Chhindwara district – both urban and rural, through its actions, campaigns and programmes, which impacts on different vulnerable sections in the society such as SC, ST, Muslim women, very poor people, physically challenged persons, teenage girls, children And old age people etc.

We performed our agenda keeping the fundamentals such as equality, collectivism, justice and secularism in mind and intervened in the society as follows:

1. Celebration of Dr Ambedkar Jayanti

On 14th April, 2012 SJKS organised a one-day programme commemorating Dr Ambedkar Anniversary in Chhindwara. On the occasion SJKS remembered the contribution by Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Bheemrao Ambedkar to the SC/ST community of the country and shared his views about social upliftment of these communities with participants. His major works such as connecting dalit community to the mainstream and eradication of untouchability in the society were remembered. Participants in the programme were determined to undertake the path shown by Baba Saheb.

2. Programme on World Environment Day

The noticeable imbalance in the environment worldwide is the main reason of the unsafe and hazardous impact on the flora and fauna on the planet earth, which is a serious concern of all of mankind too. To address this problem, SJKS decided to organise one-day programme on World Environment Day in Chhindwara on 5th June, 2012. During the programme, awareness about the various types pollution today was made by members and supporters of the SJKS Campaign, and an oath was taken to take every measure to stop pollution and move a step to maintain the environment balance seriously.

3. Programme on World Population Day

On July 11, 2012 in SJKS local office in Vishu Nagar Colony in Chhindwara, a programme was held on the World Population Day, where following points comes out in the discussion: 1) the population growth in the country has been reached to an alarming situation, which is the reason for the imbalances of the resources too. 2) To combat this situation the Government of India is running a number of programmes through its departments such as Health, Women and Child Development etc. 3) In this perspective SJKS members and supporters promised to spread awareness about the governmental

initiatives to stop population growth and to emphasise the usage of the tools available for gender equality.

4. Independence Day Programmes

SJKS celebrated the Independence Day on 15th August, 2012 by organising a programme in Chhindwara to remember the martyrdom of our freedom fighters and the meaning of liberty in a country with different faiths. While highlighting the respect for the unity in diversity, SJKS elaborated the importance of Independence Day as a national festival and discussed to safeguard the achievements of the freedom from the chains of British Rule.

5. Rally-on-Wheels on World Literacy Day

In Chhindwara, SJKS organised a rally on 8th December, 2012 on World Literacy Day. The rally-on-Wheels was held from Vishu Nagar Colony to different routes in the city, which was attended by people in large number. In the rally, the importance of literacy in the life today was also discussed.

6. Programme on Gandhi Jayanti

A meeting and discussion was organised by SJKS on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti 2nd October 2012, at Gandhi Smarak at Fawwara Chowk in Chhindwara. Members and people present there discussed Mahatma Gandhi role in India's Independence through his famous tools of non-violence, and paid homage to the father of the nation, with a promise to follow the path shown by him.

7. Fruit Distribution to Destitute Old Persons Programme

On 5th October 2012, SJKS organised the fruit distribution programme for poor and destitute old persons in the city. Members of the SJKS visited old age homes and hospitals in city to distribute fruits.

8. Blanket Distribution to Destitute Old Persons Programme

While the affluent class of the society avoids outing in winters, some sections of the people are cursed to sleep in open sky during winter nights in the city. SJKS decided to distribute blankets to shivering old people in the city streets on 20th November 2012. Members of the SJKS handed out blankets to old people living on footpaths.

9. World AIDS Day programme and rally

On 2nd December 2012 on the occasion of World AIDS Day, SJKS organized one-day programme on this fearful disease. SJKS talked about the reasons behind AIDS to

understand the disease thoroughly. The government has various programmes to safeguard the citizens from the AIDS infection, which SJKS informed the people about. SJKS held an awareness rally to tell how to take prevention measures with AIDS.

10. Republic Day Programmes

SJKS organized various programmes on the occasion of Republic day In the city on 26th February 2012. While highlighting the historical facts behind the Republic Day, members of SJKS distributed sweets and organized cultural programmes.

11. Conference on World Women's day

On 10th March 2012, SJKS organized a conference in Parasia Block of district Chhindwara. In the conference, speakers enlightened the participants about women's empowerment. SJKS President Shabana Azmi talked about cruelty and violence against women today, child marriages, social evils etc. She put an emphasis to make women active in politics and panchayat.

12. Training programme for Girls

SJKS organised a Sewing and Stitching, Knitting and Embroidery Training Programme for rural girls to make them self-reliant and better prospects in their life. The training was organized in gram panchayats such as rajola, Baglamal, Simaria, Imlidhana, Badibada, Nibukheda etc in Amarwara block of Chhindwara.

13. Self-employment Training Programme for Muslim women

On 20th August, 2012 SJKS organized a Screen Printing training Programme for Muslim women to make them self-reliant and to provide them a better livelihood.

14. Self-employment Training Programme for Women in Rural and Slums areas

SJKS conducted a Beauty Parlour Training Programme for women and girls in rural and slum areas in Chhindwara to connect them with the mainstream society and ensure a livelihood for them.

15. Artificial Jewelry Training Programme in Villages

To empower women SJKS organized a artificial Jewelry training programme in Gadhadhondhi, Padhakarla and Tansaramal villages. The participants were divorcees, dropout girls and single and unemployed women.

16. Fathers Care Programme in Rural Areas

SJKS launched a 15-day campaign under the guidance of Centre for Health and Social Justice (CHSJ) during 18th December 2013 – 3rd January 2014. The campaign was carried out in 40 villages of block Amarwara and Mohkhed in association of Parivartan Sansthan, ASH Dalit Adiwasi Sansthan and Prarfutan Sansthan. Challenging the patriarchal structure of the society, SJKS advocated for the active roles in their families and communities for securing women and children's rights and bringing equity. In the campaign members were involved in wall writing, meetings, distribution works and rallies. The campaign was attended by 2400 persons.

17. Health Rights Entitlements and Awareness Programme

In the year 2012-13 under PACS project, SJKS organized a programme in 60 gram panchayats of block Amarwara and Mohkhed to make available better health facilities for deprived sections of the society such as SC, St, Muslim women, very poor people, physically challenged, teenage girls and children. The programme was focused on the issues of health, education and livelihood and nutrition and conducted in three phases – 1) Conducting surveys, 2) Formation of Health Action Groups, and 3) Disseminating the information of Government health programmes and facilities available in PHCs and urban hospitals and programmes of NRHM through HAGs, so that they could raise the demand for their health rights.