

## **Annual Report (Session 2013-2014)**

India is facing a number of challenges and undertaking several strategies too to combat those challenges. Now the need of the hour is too implement with a commitment all those strategies. We too are committed to perform our task and duty accordingly. Here is a list of our work done in the year of 2013-14.

### **1. Programme on World Health Day**

On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013, SJKS celebrated a one-day programme on World Health Day in a selected village in district Chhindwara. Generally women are not aware of their health due to their busy and hardworking schedule of their busy life and routine household work. SJKS tried to make aware of their life style, food and nutrition and health problems, which helped both women and men in the village.

### **2. Candle March and other Programme on Dr Ambedkar Jayanti**

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013, SJKS organised a one-day programme commemorating Dr Ambedkar's life and work at Satkar Tiraha in Chhindwara. On the occasion SJKS remembered the contribution by Bharat Ratna Bhemrao Ambedkar to the SC/ST community. Participants expressed their views, commitment and solidarity to the lessons given by Dr Ambedkar.

### **3. Celebrations on the Independence Day and Republic Day**

SJKS celebrated the Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014 by organising a programme in Chhindwara to remember the martyrdom of our freedom fighters and the meaning of liberty and the Constitution in a country with diversity-in-Unity. Viewing both days as national festivals, SJKS put an emphasis to ensure the constitutional rights of every citizen to make India a democratic country in real sense.

### **4. Gandhi Jayanti Programme**

SJKS remembered Rashtrapita Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi in a meeting and discussion on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013, at Gandhi Smarak at Fawwara Chowk in Chhindwara. Members and people present there discussed Mahatma Gandhi's his famous tools of non-violence, and paid homage to the father of the nation.

### **5. Programme on World AIDS Day**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013, SJKS organized one-day programme on the occasion of World AIDS Day. During the programme, SJKS talked about the reasons behind AIDS. Participants were informed that AIDS could not spread by touching and the government has various programmes to safeguard the citizens from the AIDS infection.

#### **6. World Women's day Conference**

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013, SJKS organized a conference in a village of Amrwada Block of district Chhindwara. Speakers in the conference talked about the idea behind the Women's Day, which finally links to the overall women's empowerment. The conference also discussed the various kinds of violence on violence against women today.

#### **7. Fathers' Care Programme in Rural Areas**

SJKS, in association with Men's Action for Equity (MAE) under the guidance of FEM for Gender Equality and Centre for Health and Social Justice (CHSJ) launched a campaign during 1 December 2013 – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in Chhindwara district. The campaign was carried out in 40 villages of block Amarwara, Mohkhed and Chhindwara blocks. Challenging the patriarchal structure of the society, SJKS advocated for the active roles of fathers in their families and communities for securing women and children's rights and bringing equity. The campaign was attended by 3,760 persons in all the three blocks, where 1152 women and 1812 men participated.

#### **8. Health Rights Entitlements and Awareness Programme**

In the year 2013-14, during 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 SKJS organized a programme for deprived sections of the society such as SC, St, Muslim women, very poor people, physically challenged, teenage girls and children under PACS project. The programme was conducted in 60 gram panchayats of Chhindwara district. The programme was focused on the issues of health, education and livelihood and nutrition and conducted in three phases, making efforts to ensure the health rights of the deprived community. Now the people felt aware and the rates of mothers' and children's mortality are reduced.

#### **9. Sewing-Stitching Training Programme and Artificial Jewelry Training Programme in Rural Areas**

During 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014, SJKS conducted a Sewing and Stitching, Knitting and Embroidery Training Programme for rural women and girls, single women and divorcees in Chhindwara to make them self-reliant.

To empower women and girls in rural areas, SJKS conducted an artificial Jewelry training programme in Chhindwara district. The participants were divorcees, single and unemployed women, and dropout girls.

#### **10. Dalit Mahila Swabhiman Yatra Programme**

Under the aegis of All India Dalit Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM), New Delhi, SJKS organized the inauguration of the Dalit Mahila Swabhiman Yatra in Kubdi and Singhodi villages of Amarwara block in Chhindwara district, with the active participation of 400-500 women of Mandangarh, Samonia, Rajoula, Guraiya, Nandouri, Ghatpiparia, Imlidhna, Katiyadhana, Khakra Chourai, Tendanimal, Chimoua, Patania, Badegaon, Khamihira, Baglamal, Bandra, Bakamukasa, etc. The programme was focused on the empowerment and the rights of dalit women, who are facing discrimination and exploitation since ages are made deprived of the education and dignity, which is easily available to the women in other classes and castes.