



# Apne Aap Women's Collective

Newsletter

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The right to a better life for Women and Children in red light areas.



*"I have left my profession as AAWC provided me with an alternate option of livelihood. Now I am leading a respectful life like a normal woman."*

—Nina Shaikh.

## Editorial

Dear readers,

This year, two girls appearing for the SSC board exam and two girls for the HSC board exam passed with good percentages. One of the most rewarding things to have happened in the history of AAWC is that seven Udaan alumni have appeared for their Grade 12 examinations from Yashwantrao Chavan Open University and passed with great results. They all aspire to go on to pursue their higher studies and stand on their own feet.

Apani Bachat recently closed due to frequent staff turnover and the lack of affordable, professional and practically experienced staff. It was a problem we faced regularly. To address the women's need for micro savings, we have started opening their accounts at the Post Office in the area.

An Udaan beneficiary got married in Mumbai on June 14, 2012.

**Mrs. Manju Vyas**  
Director, Apne Aap Women's Collective



Entering into a new life:  
Wedding of an Udaan girl

## AAWC Update

Details of training workshops/meetings attended by our staff members:

Workshops	Organised by	Staff
Juvenile Justice Act 2000 Report Writing Stress and Anger Management	AAWC	All
Right To Education	Salam Balak	Pratishtha: Chief coordinator
Child Sexual Abuse	ARPAN	Namita: Project coordinator
Ration Kriti Samiti Meeting	RKS	Sangita: Field coordinator
Bal Hakk Abhiyan	Child Rights and You	All staff Shraddha: Project coordinator Sujitha: Project coordinator Namita: Project coordinator

- > Put up a stall selling chocolates and other products made by our beneficiaries at Essar Services India Limited, Mahalaxmi.
- > AAWC appreciates the efforts of the volunteers who have been offering their precious time and skills. We are thankful to Rajiv, Tina, Nishu, Manika, Karishma and Nidhi for their invaluable contributions.
- > A general medical camp was conducted at the Kamathipura centre for all the beneficiaries by KEM hospital in association with R.S. Nimkar hospital. Malaria test camps were also organised at both centers and only one child tested positive.
- > AAWC has actively participated and supported BHA. We appeal to all the NGOs in Mumbai to join in and give their voice to voiceless children, whose rights are violated at every stage of development.
- > We have been participating in the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon for the last four years. This time we hope to get more donors to support our cause.



Malaria test camp

## UDAAN Update



Mehendi workshop

- > Our girls were pleased to watch 'Kyu Kyu Ladki' (Why Why Girl), a Hindi play based on Mahashweta Devi's picture book, at the NCPA, organised by Gillo Production Ltd.
- > Whistling Woods International Institute organised a film festival honouring 100 years of the Indian film industry. The children had a great time at the Whistling Woods campus. They all enjoyed the film-making workshop, the screening of how black-and-white movies were converted into colour, Sholay in 3D, an exhibition and lots more.
- > A felicitation program-cum-summer party was organised for all the girls. The employees from Essar Services India Limited were invited to share the joy with our kids. The kids danced and played with all our guests.
- > Rakshabandhan was celebrated with Rajeev Gihwala (volunteer) and our other overseas well-wishers.
- > The girls were taken to Nair hospital for the exposure visit.
- > All the girls were taken to Shantivan Ashram, Panvel for a summer camp. We are thankful to the Shantivan team for accommodating our girls despite having water shortage and frequent load shading problem.
- > The Bombay High Court celebrated its 150th year with an exhibition of legal paraphernalia, which was attended by the older girls.

### Workshops conducted throughout the quarter:

- > Needle-case making
- > Soft toy making

### Educational visits/ excursions:

### Boarding home follow-up visits:

Follow up visits to all the boarding homes took place.



Sandwich-making workshop



The little girls are sowing seeds

*“My level of confidence has increased because of the continuous moral support from AAWC.”*  
—Kalpana Londhe



*“We get to learn lots of creative and innovative skills at AAWC.”*

—Jaya Mane

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## UMEED Update

- > Mothers of children placed in SOS boarding homes were taken there for a meeting. All the children are doing well and are showing progress in academics and extra-curricular activities.
- > Monthly meetings were held regularly with women on various issues.
- > A cooking competition was organised for the women in order to inculcate a sense of healthy competition amongst them and also provide them with an open platform to showcase their subtle skills.



Rakshabandhan celebration with women



Meeting with women



First winner of the cooking competition

## UMANG Update

- > An immunisation camp was organised for all the children at both centres.
- > All children joyously celebrated Gokulashtmi and played various games.
- > Parents are kept updated on the progress of their children through regular meetings with them.



Rajeev celebrates Rakshabandhan with kids



Immunisation camp

Statistical updates for this quarter:	
Falkland Road Centre Number of New Beneficiaries:	
Total no. of new balwadi admissions	9
Total no. of school admissions	13
Birth certificate and affidavits	11
General affidavits	9
No. of children immunised	35
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries)	113
Total no. of new Udaan admissions	30
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries)	55
Total no. of new women members	7
Total no of new savings/RD accounts in the bank	2
Total no of new savings/RD accounts at the Post Office	23
Total medical referrals	24
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women	11
Total no, of women under the Adult Literacy Program	8
Women's death	3

Kamathipura Centre Number of New Beneficiaries:	
Total no. of new balwadi admissions	14
Total school admissions	18
Birth certificates and affidavits	20
General affidavits	8
No. of children immunised	60
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries)	71
Total New Udaan admissions	23
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries)	168
Boarding placement (Udaan beneficiaries)	2
Total no. of new women members	9
Total no. of new bank accounts	2
Total no. of new savings account at the Post Office	52
Centre visits by women	81
Night shelter beneficiaries	9
Total medical referrals	169
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	40
Total no. of women under Adult Literacy Program	10
Women's death	3

We need the following materials at our centres:

Umang (Falkland centre: 30 and Kamathipura: 30)

Udaan: (Falkland centre: 36 and Kamathipura centre: 40)

Sr no	Particulars	No of items	Sr no	Particulars	No of items
1	DVD Player	1	12	Washing machine (wash capacity - six kg)	1
2	Grocery steel container (up to 50kg and above)	2	13	Toasters	2
3	Computer	1	14	Cloth dusters	10
4	Laptops	2	15	Doormats	10
5	Multimedia speakers	2	16	CCTV	4
6	Small folding table	1	17	Projectors (medium size)	2
7	Shoe rack	1	18	Godrej locker	
8	Mixer	1	19	We have a monthly groceries requirement for 136 girls. Any contributions towards this are welcome.	
9	Tea cups	24			
10	Thermos water bottle (5 litre)	2			
11	Rack for utensils (small size)	1			

Note: You can directly donate material to AAWC or send a cheque to our address. For more details on donations, please check our website: [www.aawc.in](http://www.aawc.in)

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