



Apne Aap Women's Collective

Newsletter

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

Editorial

Dear readers,

Wish you all a very Happy New Year and Season's Greetings from **Apne Aap Women's Collective!**

The last quarter was a mixed bag with some amazing happenings and a few setbacks as well. First, I would love to share the news—Asha Global, a non-profit organisation founded by Ms Emily Hanscamp in 2012, invited me and organised a speaking tour called “Hear Her Voice Campaign” in Melbourne, Australia, to raise significant awareness, resources, funds and support for AAWC, in order to reach out to women in enforced prostitution and their children in Kamathipura, Mumbai. Multiple events, conferences, public lectures, dinners, radio interviews, media articles and many more programs were organised at prominent places like Royal Melbourne University and Royal Melbourne Hospital. The campaign was a huge success and received an

overwhelming response.

I pay sincere gratitude to all the donors and well wishers here and overseas for their direct or indirect contribution and commitment to support this ultimate cause.

It was a big shock on Diwali night when we had burglary at our head office-cum-centre, and the thieves took away all our

computers. It was hard to come to terms with the lost data and back-up, which we need in order to carry on with the important work we do.

Every experience educates us to identify the viewpoint for the greater success.

Ms Manju Vyas

Director, Apne Aap Women's Collective



Ms Manju Vyas giving a presentation at RMIT, Melbourne - Australia

AAWC Update

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

Workshops	Organised by	Staff
Leadership skills	AAWC	All staff
Right to health	CRY	Shraddha and Poonam
HIV/TB awareness training program	MSF	Sangita and Poonam
DASRA social impact program.	DASRA	Manju Vyas
Volunteer management	SP Jain institute of Management & Research	Pratishtha Kale
Patent law in India	Mumbai AIDS Forum	Pratishtha, Poonam and Sangita



General medical camp at Kamathipura

- > A medical health camp was conducted successfully on a grand scale at Kamathipura, benefitting over 300 marginalised and medically deprived women and children, who were examined by the dedicated team of doctors.

- > A stall of products for sale was put

up at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Ruia College, Thomas Cook and Kotak Securities Ltd on different days and occasions. Our products were appreciated and liked by all the institutes.

- > According to our recently conducted survey at Kamathipura across the 14

lanes, due to inactive ICDS centres, more than 50 per cent of the boys between the ages of 2.5-5 are not going to any school/*balwadi*. Therefore, AAWC has started taking these boys under the Umang program so that they have access to pre-primary and value education.



UDAAN Update



Girls welcoming the guest on the eve of Diwali celebration

- > A Dandiya celebration was organised for the girls at the campus. Mr Amul Gupte and Mr Vishnu Bhagwat were the Chief Guests. Amu mamu (fondly called) played games and shared jokes with the girls. His presence brought life and colour to the event. Refreshments were served at the end of program.
- > A magic show was organised for Udaan girls during the in-house Diwali celebrations. They were also sent to the Mahalaxmi racecourse for a grand Diwali celebration organised by Salaam Bombay for children from

- different NGOs.
- > The Christmas celebration was sponsored by Mr Christopher at both the centres.

Workshops being organised throughout the quarter:

- > Pen stand making;
- > Paper bag making;
- > Christmas tree making;
- > Pop-up greeting card making;
- > Puppet making;
- > Calligraphy;
- > Lantern making;
- > Diwali diya designing, etc.

Educational excursion and exploration:

- > A canvas-painting workshop was attended by four of our girls at the J J School of Arts. An exhibition of the paintings was held by Navjeevan Centre in collaboration with J J School of Arts. The girls truly had an enjoyable experience:
- > "It was amazing and I got to learn many new things through this workshop."
- > "I am very fortunate to have been given this opportunity to explore my potential."
- > Girls from the Kamathipura centre were taken to Mumbai Central Post Office for an exposure visit.
- > AAWC is thankful to DSB International School for letting our beneficiaries visit their school premises with the full freedom to venture around and play in the beautiful garden.

Boarding Home Follow-Up Visit:

Mothers were taken to the SOS boarding home to meet their children. However, visits to other boarding homes were made at random.



Girls at painting exhibition, J J School of Arts



Calligraphy workshop at Kamathipura Center



Ms.R's Canvas painting



Ms.M's Canvas painting



UMEED Update

- > The Andhashraddha Nirmulan workshop was organised in order to clear superstitions and misconceptions, and to create awareness among women who fall prey to quacks and fake local doctors.
- > An eye check-up camp was conducted by the K B Bacchuali hospital for the women. Twenty-seven women got spectacles whereas three women were diagnosed with cataract.
- > The workshop on Immoral Trafficking and Prevention Act was conducted by Ms Manju Vyas (Director) to disseminate knowledge and create awareness about problems and legal measures to prevent immoral human trafficking and

- to protect the rights of victims being trafficked.
- > We have started following kits designed by the Janshikshan Sansthan

(the scheme of government of India) for our adult literacy campaign, to educate and empower the women in Kamathipura.



Eye check-up camp



Workshop on superstitions, misconceptions and facts



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UMANG Update

- > A fancy dress program was organised on the eve of the Diwali celebrations. All the children were dressed like colourful butterflies.
- > Parents' meetings were held regularly at both centres.
- > The children were taken to Hanging Gardens for a one-day picnic. They all enjoyed playing around the animals made of green bushes.



Picnic at Hangings Garden



Little butterflies



Christmas celebrations with Santa



“Earlier I used to feel very shy while introducing myself to the guests at AAWC but today I feel confident and fearless.”

—Ms Nina

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Statistical updates for this quarter:

Falkland Road Centre Number of New Beneficiaries:	
Total new <i>balwadi</i> admissions	11
Birth Certificates and Affidavits	3
General Affidavits	3
General Affidavits	9
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries)	96
Total New Udaan admissions	2
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries)	41
Total no. of new women members	13
Total no. of new savings/RD accounts in the bank	10
Total medical referrals	72
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women	11
Total no. women under Adult Literacy Program	14
Women's death	2

Kamathipura Centre Number of New Beneficiaries:	
Total new <i>balwadi</i> admissions	20
Total school admissions	6
Birth Certificates and Affidavits	13
General Affidavits	9
No. of children immunised	43
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries)	99
Total New Udaan admissions	24
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries)	150
Total no. of new women members	86
No of Ration cards made	6
Aadhar card	58
Total no. of new bank accounts	17
Total no. of new savings account in the Post Office	15
Centre visits by women	73
Night shelter beneficiaries	16
Total Medical referrals	160
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women	38
Total no. of women under Adult Literacy Program through Janshikshan Sanstha	30

We need the following materials at our two centres:

Umang (Falkland centre: 30 and Kamathipura: 30)

Udaan: (Falkland centre: 36 and Kamathipura centre: 45)

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	Projectors (medium size)	2
6	Small folding table	1	17	Godrej locker	1
7	Shoe rack	1	18	We have a monthly groceries requirement for 136 girls. Any contributions towards this are welcome.	
8	Mixer	1			
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

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