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INTRODUCTION

Since the inception, Bhumika Women's Collective has been a Resource Centre for the project "*Promoting Violence Free Lives for Women in A.P.*" with an objective to reduce social acceptance of violence against women through changing social practice and belief systems that perpetuate violence against women and enhance provision of appropriate support to women experiencing violence by State and non-State actors.

To achieve this activity the objectives we formulated is to support the survivors through Tele Helpline, advocacy activities with women and child welfare departments, social welfare Judiciary, State Legal Services Authority, Home Department and allocation and implementation of projects and Laws related to women. This year our activities have increased manifold like creating awareness programs in colleges, conducting training programs to all the Counsellors of our Support Centres on the aspects of counselling and PWDV Act, 2005. We were able to facilitate the formation of alliances / networks at the state level on the issues of VAW for advocacy with various Departments like training to the Police at the national level to Sub-Inspectors and Assistant Sub-Inspectors, two day State Level Workshop with Social Workers and Legal Counsellors appointed by Women Development and Child Welfare Department, meeting with the Secretaries from Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad Districts of A.P. Legal Services Authority, gender training to newly appointed Magistrates at A.P. Judicial Academy. The details of the programs are underneath.

ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

Training for Volunteers

Organized a training program on April 13th 2010 for 10 volunteers in Hyderabad on the skills pertaining to helpline skills and discussed about the need and importance of Volunteers for the running of helpline.

Meeting with Commissioner

Government appointed a new Commissioner at WCD Department. CSRF Coordinator met her and discussed about the issues regarding Short Stay Homes and Government Helplines and submitted the report conducted on the Short Stay Homes, Helplines and Free Legal Aid and showed interest in doing the needful to the women after going through the report.

Training and Workshop in College



A meeting was organized at Kedia College on educating them about Bhumika Helpline number, creating awareness about rampant increase of crimes against women and on Gender Sensitivity with discussions focusing on eve teasing, rape, acid attacks, gender equity and on human rights. Ms. Satyavathi and Ms. Girija were the speakers who spoke in detail about the facts occurring in the society against women. The irony is the participation among girl students was minimal whereas, the participation among boys was high. The meeting has sensitized among both boys as well as girls about the social problems women are facing which has been very educative for the youth.

Training to Volunteers on Counselling



Training program was organized at Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) on September 25, 2010. The participants were Volunteers, NGOs, and staff from Support Centers both from within and outside Hyderabad. The workshop commenced with the introduction by Ms. Satyavati who briefed the participants about the need for organizing this workshop. In her introduction, she told to the participants to clear the apprehensions regarding the Act and about the counseling skills, which need to be improvised and updated. There has been focus on the work Bhumika Helpline is doing and the success it has achieved whether in the outreach or in the cases it has dealt directly or referral cases. She stressed on the gender insensitivity that the society has towards girls and gave an instance about the malfunctioning of 1091 helpline run by the Government of AP. There was self-introduction of all the participants followed by the presentation of the speaker. The resource persons who took the session were *Dr. Kiranmayi S. Bapi, Clinical Psychologist* on Counselling Skills and *Sri. Rajender, Senior Civil Judge, Warangal* on PWDV Act, 2005.



Inauguration of Legal Aid Centre on 23rd October in our office premise which has been a breakthrough for Bhumika Women's Collective for starting a Legal Aid Centre at the office premise. The inauguration was done by Sri V.Seetharama Avadhani, Secretary, A.P. High Court Legal Services Committee and the Chief Guest was Sri. G.B.V.S Nageswara Rao, Joint Secretary to Government, Law Department, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad. The main purpose for starting a legal aid centre was the request we got from the callers about having a face to face interaction with the advocates and to get legal aid service from them. Seeing the request from the callers we have started the Legal Aid Centre which is a path breaking step for providing legal aid to the survivors. On every Saturday one of the Panel Advocates comes to the office and attends the calls by giving them the required legal help.



Training on "Role of NGOs and Women's Organizations in Prevention of Female Foeticide - Importance of spreading

awareness through education and various women empowering programmes - **Other related women's issues"** at Central Detective Training School (CTDS), Ramanthapur, Hyderabad on October 29th 2010 to all Sub-Inspectors and Assistant Sub-Inspectors from different States on the above said topic to 30 – 35 personnel to sensitize them. The participation was very good as they rouse many doubts which got clarified and also distributed the power point to these personnel along with organization material.



Gender Training at AP Judicial Academy, Hyderabad on the aspects of gender on November 15th 2010 to the 17th batch of newly appointed Civil Judges who have been undergoing training on the various aspects of Laws, Acts and among their agenda Gender Training has been a very important component for all the 77 Judges who would be dealing the cases of DV.



Under the 16 Days Activism a Peaceful Protest at Dharna Chowk, Hyderabad on December 2nd 2010 has been organized on condemning the move on amending Section 498A of IPC' by a Committee on Petitions of the Rajya Sabha, under the Chairmanship of **Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Member, Rajya Sabha**, praying for amendments in Section 498A of Indian Penal Code, 1860. The petitioner in his petition has pointed out the extensive abuse and misuse of this provision of the Penal Code. There has been an extensive support from all the women organizations in Hyderabad who reacted very positively on the petition and a signature campaign was also undertaken by all the participants who gathered for the protest.



Press Meet at Somajiguda Press Club, Hyderabad on December 6th 2010 by us to aware and educate all the media houses about the petition and the abusive language used by the petitioner which shackles the dignity of women. We urged the Parliament to cancel the petition immediately through media.



Laadli Program Population First, a Mumbai based organization is working on girl child issues. Awards are given to those media people who work on the girl child issues with focus on gender sensitivity. These Awards are sponsored by UNFPA. This year the award function was held at Bangalore on December 10th 2010 and Ms. Kondepudi Nirmala won the Laadli Award for her column in Bhumika.

Other Activities

Inauguration of Support Center in Women Protection Cell

On 23rd June 2010, our Partner Organization APPS, Anantapur has started a Support Center in Women Protection Cell which has been inaugurated by Shri. Shiv Narayan, IPS, and Shri Umapathi Garu, IG. After the inauguration DSP interacted with the participants and spoke few words of encouragement.

Material distribution to all the police stations in Andhra Pradesh

We started distributing the information regarding Protection Officers, Shelter Homes, Help lines Free Legal Aid and the Support Institutions of that particular District to all the Police Stations in Andhra Pradesh which paved way for awareness creation of Bhumika Helpline with the toll free number.

Mental Health Training Program

Bhumika motivated all the Social Workers working at Anantapur, Warangal and Karimnagar to attend the program which has been organized by MAFO foundation in collaboration with Hyderabad Psychological Association. It was one day training on Mental Health issues. Bhumika counsellors also participated in the program which was very refreshing and informative about the counselling skills.

Partners Review Meeting

On 2nd of September 2010, Oxfam India organized a review meeting for the first quarter. The meeting was held in CHAI (Catholic Health Association of India) and all the partners associated with Oxfam India attended. Meeting commenced with the self-introduction of the organizations.

Meeting Organized by Lawyers Collective

'State Scenario on the Status of Implementation of the PWDV Act organized by Lawyers Collective Women's Rights Initiative' at India Habitat Center, New Delhi and from the State Ms. Vidya Reddy, a Panel Advocate for Bhumika Helpline represented and attended the meeting.

Inauguration of 'Udyamala Sangheebava Committee' at Nizam College

Ms. Hema Venkata Rao, Naidu Venkateswara Rao, Mr. K.J. Rama Rao, Editor, Udyogakranthi , Mr. Ganta Papa Rao, were some of the renowned speakers who spoke about the agitations held at Sompet, Polepally, Ganga Varam, Krishna Patnam, Satyavedu, Kakinada pertaining to SEZ (Special Economic Zones) wherein in the name of development the Government is ruining the livelihood of the poor. Therefore, to help the agitators who are fishermen, women from marginalized communities and to raise their voices and be heard by the Government of A.P a Coordinated Committee was formed which consists of social activists, advocates and intellectuals from various fields and among Bhumika is one of the members.

Montfort Meeting

Montfort a social institute conducted a meeting on "*Protection of rights of children at risk*" for which Bhumika has been invited for the meeting. People from different organizations like Chatri, Sannihita, COVA, Caring Citizens Foundation and Bhumika have been part of the meeting who spoke about the rights of children at risk.



Launching of Website on PWDV Act, 2005

Protection Officer at Hyderabad for the first time launched a website which was inaugurated by Mr. Umopathy, Additional Commissioner of Police. Ms. Satyavathi, Secretary Bhumika Women's Collective, Sri. Satyanandam, Additional Joint Collector Hyderabad, Sri. Ravinder Reddy, Senior Civil Judge, Sri. Natarajan Gulzar, District Collector, Hyderabad, Sri. Seetharama Avadhani, Secretary AP Legal Services Authority were the Speakers. Brochures as well as posters were released by all the renowned Speakers on PWDV Act, 2005.

Public Meeting by COVA on the Appeal for Peace and Tranquillity on Judgement on Ayodhya Issue The agenda was to aware the public to maintain calm and peace when the verdict of Ayodhya issue is pronounced for which Bhumika was invited.

Meeting with APSA It is a community based meeting held with the women from the grass root level where Ms. Satyavathi aware the women about PWDV Act, 2005 and Ms. Samatha

Roshini educated the women about the health aspects. The meeting was very interactive and many women had queries pertaining to the Act and their queries were answered respectively.

Emotions Awareness Program An awareness program on ‘Teenage Temptations’ has been organized by a network of organization at Indira Park on the issues pertaining to the increase of suicide deaths by the teenagers with regard to love affairs. It has been advised that the education system needs to be revised; the role of parents has to be like of peers, which will be helpful in building their personalities in a positive way. There is a need to create awareness on this issue to all the stakeholders involved so that the suicide rates can be reduced for an extent and in a long run it can be curbed.

Visit to Women and Child Welfare Department Under the advocacy activity meeting with Smt. Usha Rani, Director was fixed mainly to understand the activities we have commenced and the future activities we would be undertaking in collaboration with the Department. In view with the advocacy, there has been an exchange of information from ICDS Department about the latest material on the issues pertaining to girl child and women. The material is very educative and easy to understand as it is presented pictographically which will be helpful for any one who just has a glance on the material.

Outreach

We are using diverse forms of communication like electronic media, print media where we collaborated with one of the media channels called **hmtv** wherein we have a live program every Thursday for half an hour and Smt. Satyavathi answers to the queries by callers from all over the State and the required numbers of the Protection Officers are flashed in the regional language as well as in English so that the caller can approach them. This is one of the ways to reach the marginalised groups or individuals and sensitize them on the issues pertaining to violence against women.

One of the leading newspapers Eenadu approached Bhumika and asked about their suggestions regarding the increasing number of cases of violence in the city for which Ms. Satyavathi informed them about the help lines, which are functioning who provide the required help to the survivors. The next day the newspaper has published an article with the numbers of some of the Help lines functioning at Hyderabad and among them Bhumika is on the top. The news spread to all over the State and we are receiving much more calls.

Our networking has been with many blogs where we are featured on their web and our outreach has not only at the national level but also we were popularized at the international platforms too which are:

www.younme.info

apmediakaburlu.blogspot.com



Participated in 2k run: Organized by District Women and Child Development Agency (DWCDA), Hyderabad District to celebrate the successful completion of PWDV Act, 2005 its 4th Anniversary DWCDA has conducted 2k run program on 26th October 2010. It is basically part of the networking we are having with various government departments.



Participation at UNDP Conference on “Gender Based Violence in Public Spaces: Challenges and Solutions”, New Delhi On 26th -27th October 2010 organized by UNDP and CEQUIN where a range of issues concerning violence against women in public places were discussed in the conference within the framework of constitutional assurances to women and the efficacy of statues enacted to address this violence. It has been discussed that when women are demanding safety in public places, they are in fact, claiming their rights of citizenship.



One Day Regional Consultation at Puducherry On 30th October 2010 which was constituted on October 2004 and initiated various steps to improve the status of women in the state and to reduce atrocities against the women in the Union Territory of Puducherry. The Commission consistently works for the prevention of violence and discrimination against women and amelioration of conditions of affected women in various aspects. On this aspect, National Commission for Women in co-ordination with the Puducherry Women’s Commission has arranged the one day regional consultation to discuss the issues on the marriage contracted by a boy with a female of less then 18 years. This consultation helped in reaching a consensus regarding the marriageable age of the girls as well as boys.

Meeting at Surana Ventures, Secunderabad On November 4th 2010 as part of networking where we did a presentation about the activities undertaken and also the future

activities. The Director got impressed and expressed her support financial whenever we undertake any programs.

Meeting at AP State Commission for Women on the issue of trafficking, Buddha Bhavan, Hyderabad On November 18th 2010 with representatives from UNIFEM and a consultant from JNTU and all the NGOs at the State level who work on the issue of trafficking. UNIFEM in collaboration with National Commission for Women has conducted a study at the national level in few States where trafficking is high for which they are interacting with NGOs which work at grass root level for having a discussion on the problems these NGOs face. So the following points have come up which needs immediate attention. For instance, the major focus was on improving the implementation mechanism, immediate addressing of legal provisions, emphasizing on fast track rehabilitation and livelihood support by WCD Department etc.



Workshop on Baseline Dissemination, Amogh Boutique Hotel, Hyderabad On November 24th and 25th 2010 by Oxfam with a purpose to disseminate the information gathered through the survey and to emphasize on the issues under VAW which needs immediate attention and action. The participants were all the partner organizations from five States like Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Gujarat. The workshop ended with designing the future programs to be undertaken by all the organizations on the aspects of VAW.

Meeting on Drafting of Sexual Harassment Bill, Baghlingampally, Hyderabad On November 27th 2010 at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram organized by Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) to discuss on the lacunae's which the Bill has. For instance, the Bill has totally ignored inclusion of domestic workers and secondly there is a section in this Bill which talks about penalizing women if the complaint lodged by her is proved to be incorrect.

Participated in Development Market Place, New Delhi

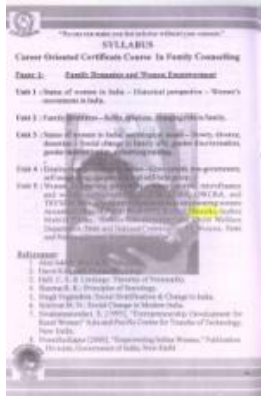


On November 28th 2010 invited by Oxfam India to participate at the Development Market Place, an Educational Fair set-up by Oxfam India partners to share our experiences on development

work in India as part of the Oxfam International Youth Partnership (OIYP) Kaleidoscope 2010. We were able to educate the participants about the activities undertaken which was very informative for the participants and we could also learn new things which Oxfam partners are doing across the nation.



Participated in the rally Organized by Oxfam India from Necklace Road (MMTS Station) to Sanjeevaiah Park on the culmination of 16 Days Activism against domestic violence called as SWETCHA with a solidarity rally. The campaign ended with a pledge and signature campaign to help reduce social acceptance of domestic violence by all the partner organizations in AP as well as students from various colleges took part in the campaign and made it a huge success.



Women's Studies Centre (sanctioned under XI plan by UGC, New Delhi) has been started in Osmania University College for Women, Koti, Hyderabad where they have included Bhumika in their syllabus under the paper of Family Dynamics and Women Empowerment.

Training to PCVC Counselors on 2nd and 3rd December 2010 in our office where, three counselors have visited from International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care (PCVC), Tamil Nadu to Bhumika Women's Collective to get a fairer knowledge about the work we are undertaking on the issues of Violence Against Women (VAW) and about helpline. The training was given on the counseling inputs by our helpline counselors and then to get a practical knowledge they were sent to one of the Support Centres' at Women Protection Cell, C.I.D. Office, Masab Tank.



Participated at the State Level Purple Ribbon Campaign, Hyderabad organized by SWARD and sponsored by Nirnaya, an Indian Women's Fund on December 3rd 2010 on the issues of Domestic Violence against Women and about Section 498A of IPC wherein there has been discussion condemning the move on amending Section 498A of IPC by a Committee on Petitions of the Rajya Sabha, under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Member, Rajya Sabha, praying for amendments in Section 498A of Indian Penal Code, 1860, by way of sending mail to Rajya Sabha and also to cancel the petition by the Parliament.



Internship Program Students from Roda Mistry College of Social Work, Gachibowli as well as from NALSAR Law University have undergone the internship on the issues pertaining to violence against women.



Meeting at Basheerbagh Press Club organized by Aman Vedika, NGO on Campaign for Gender Justice on December 7th 2010 which focused on the immediate cancellation of the petition by the Parliament.

Meeting at AIDWA Office, Hyderabad organized by AIDWA on December 10th 2010 on the occasion of International Human Rights Day where we shared about the petition and the action we have taken by sending mails to the Rajya Sabha and requested all the participants who have come to send as many mails as can so that seeing the response the petition can be withheld by the Parliament immediately.



Two Day State Level Workshop of Federations by Andhra Pradesh Mahila Samatha Society part of Mahila Samakhya Programme of Government of India on December 21st and 22nd 2010 in Hyderabad and requested Bhumika to participate and also to open a stall on the activities especially of Bhumika Helpline. We kept a 5 meter long cloth for the signature campaign on condemning the move on amending Section 498A of IPC by a Committee on Petitions of the Rajya Sabha, under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Member, Rajya Sabha. The first signatory was Dr Sailajanath .S, Minister for Primary Education, SSA, Adult Education, AP Open Schools Society, Jawahar Bal Bhavan, AP Mahila Samata Society, SIET, Public Libraries, SCERT, AP Text Book Press and underneath K. Satyavathi, Chief Functionary, Bhumika Women's Collective has signed on the banner.



National Consultation on Drafting Civil Society responses on Petition for Amendment of 498A on December 23rd 2010 at New Delhi where all the NGOs at national level have expressed their opinions as well as their anguish on quashing the petition submitted by Dr. Anupama Singh as, it lacks any substantive claims, rather relies only on frivolous assertions. In addition, it was also discussed that the Committee should severely take a note of the extremely derogatory and degrading language used in the petition regarding women. Until the time comes when women are not victims of this demonstrated patriarchy, a gender neutral law cannot exist. It is the responsibility of the State to ensure that all its citizens, especially the most historically marginalized, are provided the protection deserved to live a life of dignity and respect.

Two days State Level Workshop on Counselling Skills & PWDV Act, 2005



The resource persons were Dr. Kiranmayi, Clinical Psychologist and Counselor who has very enriching experience in the field of counseling wherein, she spoke very extensively about the importance of counseling wherein it has been emphasized that it should not be taken as problem solving mechanism but should be dealt as a tool for self actualization and

self realization for the client or victim. The major aspect of counseling is to listen very carefully with eyes and ears openly which helps in building a professional relationship among the counselor and counselee. It also helps in venting out the emotions, pain, agony the victim is having within themselves so that he / she can then listen to the counselor very carefully and keenly.

Post lunch Sri. Sitaram Avadhani, Senior Faculty, A.P. Judicial Academy interacted with all the participants and explained about how the Government thinks of woman. He emphasized on few important points related to the Act wherein, he said that the methodology under this Act contains Protection Officers, Service Providers and there is no role for an advocate as this Act is self contained, self explanatory and satisfactory in nature and hence it is one and only Act which does not give any imprisonment. On the other hand it is the only Act which emphasizes on enhancing of women's dignity by making her stay with her children, providing maintenance to her. It is the only Act which helps in building the family.

Ms. Sucharita from Centre for World Solidarity (CWS) shared the study they have done in A.P. on domestic violence which is still under draft. Their team has visited all the districts and approached Protection Officers, Magistrates and Service Providers who have a very major role to play under this Act. The statistics which the resource person has shared among them reveals a different picture as in reality the figures are totally different so there is lot of discrepancy because the numbers participants revealed is the actual data and the data which the resource person has revealed is collected from the Magistrates and Protection Officers of the respective districts.

To conclude a decision has been taken unanimously of forming an **Association** where Bhumika Women's Collective has been selected as a State Level Convener and 7 members were selected at regional level as Conveners instantaneously that would continuously have a dialogue among each other. The following members who have few districts under their jurisdiction are:



With this positive note the Two Day State Level Workshop ended with flying colors.



Report on the Protection of Women against Sexual Harassment at Workplace Bill A meeting on the protection of women against Sexual Harassment at Workplace has been organized on 29th January 2011, at Hotel Akshaya, Himayatnagar by Bhumika Women's Collective supported by Oxfam. Around 65 representatives

from various fields have made their presence felt by contributing their valuable experiences. Mr. Mujib Kumar, Advocate explained about the bill by defining certain salient aspects. After this, Ms. Satyavathi called upon Ms. Uma, Chairperson, INTUC, Women's Wing (Railways), to share her experiences concerning workplace harassment in South Central Railway. Ms. K. Manjari, Secretary, AP Working Journalist Federation, and requested her to voice her experiences. Sandhya and said that she does not need any introduction, as her name is well renowned as a women activist. After this, Ms. Prashanti, State Director of APMSS, was called to summarize the suggestions and recommendations that had been put forward, in addition to enunciating her own views.

Workshop on Social Exclusion



A three day workshop on Social Exclusion was organized at ni-msme, Yousufguda, Hyderabad from 24th-26th February 2011, by Bhumika Women's Collective, supported by Oxfam. The primary aim of the workshop was to develop a common understanding among the partner organizations who are engaged in working with socially excluded groups such as women, dalits, differently abled, and minorities in the context of human rights.

Review Meeting



On March 23rd 2011 was at Hotel Akshaya on March 23rd 2011 followed by celebration of 5 years completion of Bhumika Helpline. Few Volunteers, Advocates were felicitated by Smt. Sunitha Laxma Reddy.V, Minister for Indira Kranthi Patham, Pensions, Self Help Groups & Women Development, Child Welfare & Disabled Welfare, Juvenile Welfare who congratulated the entire team for their commendable efforts.

Meeting with the Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority



On 26th March 2011 at the office premise of Bhumika Women's Collective from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm with Dr. K. Narasimha Rao, Incharge Secretary, Principal Senior Civil Judge RR District Mr. Bhavani Prasad, Secretary, City Civil Court, Nyaya Seva Sadan, APSLSA Metropolitan Legal Services Authority, Hyderabad and Mr. Chandra Sekhar Prasad, Incharge Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, RR District with an agenda to discuss the issues pertaining to Protection of Women from Domestic Violence (PWDV) Act, 2005 and about Legal Assistance. It was suggested that regular awareness campaigns on legal aid system needs to be done on a large scale, legal literacy camps needs to be organized, legal aid should be available at nearest place to the victim, registered mediation centres need to be formed in each district with proper infrastructure.

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

Inauguration of the solo exhibition called *Pink and Beyond* at Beyond Coffee, Hyderabad of Ms. Aparna Malladi a Filmmaker who makes women oriented films. She got inspired with 'Gulabi Gang', Uttar Pradesh which protects the powerless from those who abuse their power. They retaliate against violence of brutal husbands, they crack down on those who abandon their families. They fight corruption and they force reluctant police officers to register cases for underprivileged people on 12th January 2011 at 6:00 pm and the money she gathers from selling out the paintings she donates the amount to the Gang.

Roundtable Discussion organized by the Gender Studies Area, Centre for Human Development, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) on "Skilling Poor Women for the Informal Sector in India: A New Model" by Prof. M.S. Ramanujam, Sr. Fellow, Shri Ram Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, New Delhi on 28th February 2011 where Ms. Satyavathi has been part of the discussion. Study benchmarked best practices in training women and has suggested a comprehensive training strategy to enable women to access decent work through pre-vocational training and post training help.

Participation in Dharna at Indira Park on extending solidarity to the Kakaraplli poor people who have been killed under police firing on 1st March 2011.



Participation in Naveena Mela at Lalita Kala Thoranam on 5th March 2011 on the eve of 5 years completion of Naveena Program by TV9 where 40 NGOs have participated to display the work everyone has been doing. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. Aruna D.K Minister for Information & Public Relations, Cinematography, A.P. Film, TV & Theatre Development Corporation along with Sri. T.V Parthasardhi, Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Hyderabad.

Press Meet at Basheerbagh Press Club organized by Deccan Development Society (DDS) on 8th March 2011 on the eve of 100 years of International Women's Day Celebration to introduce the distinguished media community to Kumari Masanagari Mayuri a ten year old village kid, a child prodigy, a unique accomplisher who hails from Dalit community and documented two films namely **Dhanwarlo O' Avva and My Farm – My Classroom** which have been screened at International Film Festival.

Invitation from Ladies Club, Anantapur on the eve of International Women's Day on 8th March 2011 where Ms. Satyavati has been the Speaker who spoke about the issues pertaining to women and the way Bhumika Women's Collective has been undertaking the work.

Invitation from Central Crime Station (CCS), Basheerbagh on the eve of International Women's Day where Sri. A.K. Khan, Commissioner of Police have acknowledged all the women police personnel for the work they have been doing along with the staff from the Support Centre who were felicitated by the Commissioner with momentous.

News Television (NT) Awards 2011 for which Ms. Kondaveeti Satyavati has been one of the Jury member for judging the NT Awards which was based on three criteria: Concept, Journalism and Execution. The awards would be given to those channels which show campaigns on social, environment awareness and social development campaigns. To reward the best of Television News produced between the periods 1st January – 31st December 2010.



Visit to Sri Vidhya Centre for the Special Children is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to impart holistic education that increases competence and independence to Children with intellectual and related developmental disabilities. The prime focus of is to train and equip children with significant and chronic learning disabilities to become as independent as possible and enable them to integrate into the wider community. It was started by Mrs. Shanthi Venkat in the year 1999, an experienced Special Educator and a group of parents joined forces to form a special school for children with disorders who require specialized education programs.

Workshop on Strategies to Address Violence against Women and Girls on 29th March 2011 at St. Ann's Generalate, Secunderabad by Andhra Mahila Samatha Society (APMSS) with an emphasis to work on the strategies and the focus was on four institutions which are Family, Community, Workplace and State with different categories of analysis like Rules, Practice, People, Resources and Power. The emphasis was on working on the category of Practice which will help in bringing a change in other categories.

IPAP Partners Meet at Lucknow from 28th – 29th 2011 with all the partners at the national level to share the learning's about the violence pertaining among dalits and marginalized. So all the partners shared their experiences and the session was a good learning experience.
