

BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE



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Bhumika Women's Collective

Bhumika Women's Collective based in Hyderabad was started in 1994. It helps the women in distressed and vulnerable conditions, now spread across the country. Bhumika focuses on all women's issues including Domestic Violence. Bhumika Women's Collective is a co-ordinating partner of Oxfam India, anchoring the Civil Society Alliance at the Andhra Pradesh state level and also undertakes various research activities on women related issues and provides legal assistance and gives feedback to various related departments for supportive measures.

Vision: Promoting Violence Free Lives for Women in Andhra Pradesh.

Mission: Bhumika's focus is on Gender equality and Rights of women advocating a life of dignity and justice for female world. Support through Tele Helpline, advocacy with Department of Women and Child Development, Judiciary, State Legal Services Authority, Home Department and allocation and implementation of projects and laws related to women.

Objectives of Bhumika Women's Collective:

- To support women by providing counsel in health, legal and psychological issues
- To support research towards understanding the various aspects of women's issues
- To recover feminist history, literature and art by supporting projects based on empirical research
- To create a common forum for networking among academicians, activists and students from different fields by organizing discussions, seminars and workshops
- To study trends in mass media in relation to women's concerns by organizing film review discussions
- To build up a documentation center as a resource facility in pursuance of the above objectives
- To create awareness and educate women

Organizational Profile

Legal Status	: Registered under AP Societies (Act I of 1350 F)
Registration No.	: 78/95
Income Tax Registration No.	: F No.DIT(E)/HYD/12A/28(02)/07-08 (Under 12 (A))
Income Tax Exemption	: F No.DIT(E)/HYD/80G/28(02)/07-08

		(Under Section 80 G)
FCRA Registration No.	:	010230508
Permanent Account No.	:	AATB6590L
Registered Office Address	:	HIG-II, Block-8, Flat -1, Baghlingampally, Hyderabad – 500 044.
Auditors	:	K SUSHEELA &Co.,
Bankers	:	Canara Bank, Narayanaguda, Hyderabad

Broad Areas of Operation

Bhumika Helpline

Bhumika Helpline was started in 2006 which supports the women in distress through telephonic counseling and linkage building. Today “Bhumika” has become more popular for its toll free tele helpline **1800 425 2908** for women and in the process emerged as advocacy organization at the state level.

The main objectives of Helpline:

- To reach out to every woman in distress and in need of care and protection by responding to calls – for legal advice and guidance, rescue, missing cases, shelter/short stay home, protection from abuse and exploitation, counseling, emotional support and guidance.
- To enable them to gain confidence, self esteem and self worth.
- Empowering women with information regarding legal and medical assistance etc.
- Offer immediate services in cases of Domestic Violence and atrocities in the form of: Placement in institutions or referring to hospitals/ police stations /family courts, Protection Officers, Legal Services Authority, etc.
- Counseling on Phone line and maintaining confidentiality
- Referral to other services including medical, psychiatric, legal, educational and vocational
- Be a liaison between Police and Organizations working for women and children and act as a platform to facilitate the rehabilitation of women in need of care and protection.
- To document the work of the Helpline for wider publicity.

Civil Society Resource Facility (CSRF)

The research and advocacy issues are dealt by the unit of Bhumika Women's Collective, primarily known as Bhumika Civil Society Resource Facility (CSRF) was started in the year 2009 with the support of Oxfam India.

Objectives of CSRF:

- To advocate for effective implementation of Acts, Programmes and Schemes meant for women in need.
- To undertake research and studies on women issues
- Create a platform of various women's organizations, and other civil society Members
- Educate women on legal rights
- Create awareness about Gender discrimination, Women's rights etc by developing and disseminating brochures, pamphlets, handouts, posters etc.

Activities Undertaken

GENDER SENSITIZATION TRAINING AT JUDICIAL ACADEMY

The training was for 43 newly appointed Magistrates from all over A.P who have been given training by the AP Judicial Academy on various issues and one of the important topics is gender sensitization for which Bhumika has been invited on 26th June, 2012 for imparting training to them.

The resource persons were Ms. Padma & Ms. Uma Devi from APMSS. There has been introduction about the resource persons by Sri. Avadhani Garu, Additional Director, A.P Judicial Academy and after a brief introduction the training commenced with the presentation on the basic concepts on gender, roles and responsibilities and also emphasis was not understanding the term gender which is a social construct rather biological.

The participants were listening very keenly and after lunch break there has been a group exercise for the participants wherein three case studies were given followed by an open discussion on their perception about the cases. A film called *Bol* was also showcased which followed by discussion which started with a very negative note by the participants both male as well as female who think that the women who have been portrayed are from broken families and are independent which conveys a negative picture to them who said that this type of films portray women as great human beings and the rest of the society especially male as villain.

Nearly 30-40 percent of the participants were having the same thought and one of the participants quoted one personal experience stating that, whenever the couple argue on any matter then the wife only has to compromise as he will not have any communication with her which in turn forces the wife to start a talk. Secondly, another participant stated a case of love marriage wherein the husband encouraged the wife for pursuing higher education and after that she asked for divorce for which the participant said that due to education women are coming out and are fighting for their rights and if she has been illiterate then she would have not been asking for divorce.

One of the resource persons said that they have not come here to preach about feminism but have come to explain the different social issues which are in and around our surroundings and to look them with a sociological perception or with a gender lens. Few of the participants agreed on what the resource persons wanted to convey which in itself a boost as at least few were able to perceive the issues with a gender lens.

On a whole the training was interactive but mostly after the showcasing of the film which acted as a ice breaker for the participants to open up and vent out their expressions and it was very challenging session.

STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION ON ADVOCACY ON PWDV ACT, 2005

In order to gain a momentum around the implementation issues of PWDV Act, a half-day consultation meet has been organized on 21st September, 2012 by Bhumika Women's Collective supported by Oxfam India pertaining to the advocacy on PWDV Act, 2005. The meeting was aimed to bring out a Memorandum which was submitted to Minister Women and Child Development, Andhra Pradesh with inputs from all Civil society organizations and concerned stakeholders working on domestic violence issues.

In the first session, there was a discussion on the present status of the implementation of the PWDV Act, 2005 in the State. Ms. K. Satyavati has shared about Bhumika's interventions under the Act in getting home guards appointed to accompany the POs during the process of DV representation; GO for enhancement of Salaries to Counselors with Protection Officers, establishment of Metropolitan Magistrate Courts – III & IV.



Ms. Ranjana Das, Programme Officer – Gender, Oxfam India shared the **Highlights of DV Act implementation in Andhra Pradesh from Lawyer's Collective Report** in comparison to other states. She referred a New Delhi-based organization called Lawyer's Collective, which publishes an annual review and monitoring report on DV Act. This annual report is, as a rule, inclined towards the DV Act's interventions in the northern states of India, and only briefly touches upon the same in southern states. However, this year's report has lauded the state of Andhra Pradesh by claiming that the state seems to be progressing exceeding well in implementing the DV Act, since expenditure has risen above the 100% mark.

Words of some of the delegates in the consultation

"Dealing with Domestic Violence cases is not similar to dealing with routine cases, and hence, more responsibility and care have to be allotted towards these cases" – Smt. Nagarani, Judge from Narayankhed, Medak district.

"Judges are confined to three options of giving relief to the victim, which includes custody of children, return of ornaments and previous litigation. The woman victim has no understanding on the procedures, having no knowledge of the documents to be submitted and no guidance from legal and social counselors" – Mr. Mujib Kumar, Advocate, High Court of Andhra Pradesh.



"It was Advocate, Sri Venkateshwar Reddy from Legal Service Authority, under whose constant encouragement and professional guidance I could do justice as a Protection Officer and eventually filed the first DIR on 5th December, 2006 – Smt. Rajyalakshmi, Secretary, A.P Women's Commission.

"SAMJHAUTA, (Counseling Centre at Charminar) an initiative taken by the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, towards accelerating justice required for the victim" – Smt. Lakshmi Devi, Project Director, WCD, Hyderabad District

Later all the participants were divided into 5 groups to discuss and recommend on the issues related to all the Stakeholders under PWDV Act.

Recommendations to Women Development and Child Welfare Department for proper implementation of the PWDV Act:

- Appointment of separate and full time Protection Officers at District Level and availability of Protection Officer at mandal level for easy accessibility to women
- Requirement of efficient staff, adequate infrastructure and sufficient budget including salaries and travel costs to Counselors and Home guards
- Mandatory awareness programmes on the issue of domestic violence and PWDV Act. Extensive publicity through various mass media communications, like radio, television, pamphlets, hoardings and Internet, to create mass awareness.
- Formation of State/District/Mandal Level Network with GOs and NGOs representation and conduct periodical meetings to analyse the situation to take further action.

- Setting up of a District Convergence Committee with various stakeholders to monitor the situation and progress of DV cases.
- Convene District Level Convergence Meet quarterly by the District Collector to review the pending of DV cases.
- Impart periodical trainings to the concerned staff and higher authorities involved in DV Act implementation
- Sensitization and Capacity building of various stakeholders like judiciary, police, Protection Officers, Service Providers, Legal Services Authorities, PRIs, community based groups on gender based discrimination.
- Reference of DV cases only to notified and licensed Shelter Homes
- Service Providers/Shelter Homes should prioritize counseling and medical Facilities
- Strengthening of Indira Kranti Pathakam Social Action Committees & Federations of Andhra Pradesh Mahila Samatha Society through trainings. POs should notify the Social Action Committees / Federations at the mandal levels as Service Providers allocate certain amount for their minimum expenses.
- Setting up of Special Fast Track Courts for DV cases and appointment of Welfare Experts
- Setting up of at least five special courts in city like Hyderabad for DV cases
- Quick disposal of cases, timely serving of summons through home guards/police
- Effective preparation of DIRs with proper documentation for placing interim orders speedily
- To train and get the support of Panchayat Raj Members (PRI) – ward members / area sabha members /Sarpanches in filing DIR and make them responsible for periodical monitoring of DV cases filed at their level.
- Extensive utilization of Legal Services Authority (Free Legal Aid) at State and District levels. It may also be extended to Mandal level through Para Legal Volunteers and Nyayavignana Sadassulu. Rival of Grama Nyayalaya concept giving powers to address the DV cases with the support of Mahila Sanghams who take up the counseling and provide care and support to the victims.
- Provide Legal assistance for two purposes, viz., to facilitate survivors to get relief, and to assist the courts in passing interim orders and disposing the main case
- Provide every court with both social and legal in-house mediators



In conclusion, Ms. Satyavati thanked all the participants for contributing their valuable time and in supporting this representation. Further, a Core Group was formed to submit the representation to the Women and Child Welfare Department,

Chief Justice of the High Court and to Legal Services Authorities, following which the same would be put forward before the concerned minister.

PRESS MEET ON 498 (A) OF IPC

The Law Commission passed an order saying that, “there is no need to amend Section 498(A) of IPC, but it can be made compoundable at the ground needed that too, with the permission of the court”. A Press Meet was conducted on 9th October, 2012 at NSS, Hyderguda to highlight the role of media in publicizing the news in a sensitized way and generate awareness among the public to clarify that the Section 498(A) of IPC is not misused, and enable women to access the provisions under this particular section.

Ms. K. Satyavati, Ms. Sandhya-POW, Dr. Tripurana Venkata Ratnam -Women's Collective Network, Ms. Jameela Nishat -Shaheen, Ms. A.Padma -A.P. Mahila Samatha Society, Ms. Sumitra -ANKURAM, Ms. Naga Rani –APSA etc.,speakers shared about the position of women in utilizing the specific section of 498 (A) in their working areas, where the information levels of different sections of women – rural, slums and urban on the section 498 (A) and PWDV Act was covered. This was an achievement to Bhumika as it conducted state and national level agitations condemning the petition filed in the year, 2010.

MEETING WITH VOLUNTEERS AND ADVOCATES

Bhumika Women's Collective as a part of its activities organized a Volunteers and Advocates meet on 17th November, 2012 at CHAI, Secunderabad for which 43 members attended including the new volunteers. Two members from Australia, recommended by LSN Foundation attended to know Bhumika's activities. Ms.K.Satyavati narrated the purpose of the meeting and appreciated their voluntary support to Bhumika Helpline in her welcome note.



Each of them while sharing their experiences in extending their support to the women and girls in distress and also with Bhumika Helpline outlined their concerns to be addressed further.

Major concerns of the Volunteers:

- Active role of Police and Judiciary in implementation of the Acts related to women and girl children

- Generate awareness to all sections of people, particularly women and girls on the Acts and their provisions right from filing the case to getting final orders.
- Motivate children in Schools and Colleges on gender issues
- Publicise the Helpline number in SHG group meetings, so as to extend accessible support to women.
- Formation of Committees at 3 different levels – State, District & Mandal- to extend the reach of Helpline number
- Make the Govt. to take the responsibility of generating public awareness on DV Act through advertisement.
- Submission of representation to the Chief Secretary, WCD for popularising the Helpline Number for the sake of women in distress

In the afternoon session, detailed discussion was carried on the role and responsibilities of the Helpline volunteers. Most of them while sharing their experiences in their respective districts expressed that there is no transparency in the system and the Police and Judicial personnel do not have sensitivity on the women issues. They felt the need of outreaching of the Helpline Number as it is only one of its kind in the day by day increasing violence against women and promised to extend more support to them.

VOICES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

AN INITIATIVE DURING 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN 2012

A public hearing has been organized by Oxfam India, Bhumika Women's Collective on 5th December 2012 at Satyodayam Retreat House, Secunderabad in collaboration with A.P. State Women's Commission. There were attended around 120 members who included the survivors, their relatives, Assistant Director- WCD, representatives from Civil Society Organisations, Advocates, Volunteers, Writers, Media and Academicians.

The dignitaries were Justice P. Venkatarami Reddy, Former Chairperson, Law Commission of India, Justice R. Ramanujam, Former Lokayukta and Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Ms. K. Rajalakshmi, Secretary, A.P. State Women's Commission and Mr. Shaik Anwar, Regional Manager from Oxfam India.



The Chief dignitaries in their address appealed that, protecting women's rights is not just the government's prerogative but the collective responsibility of every citizen and it is high time that effective strategies are formulated for proper implementation of the Acts. They stressed upon the significance of professional counseling with proper follow-ups and eulogized the efforts and visibility of Bhumika and Oxfam in this endeavor. Highlighting the shortcomings of the DV Act, they said that POs are given additional charge of DV cases due to which justice is delayed and denied. The electronic media has played an active role in distorting facts, which impacted the course of justice negatively. In the present circumstances the educated women are treading a path of marriage with utmost caution, where men are left behind. All the participants appreciated Justice Venkatarami Reddy for his commendable achievement in getting approval for making 498 A, a non-bailable offence.



Case Hearings

All the selected 31 cases were divided into two panels with 3-4 jury members for each panel for proper hearing.

In the 1st panel, the Jury consists of

1. Sri S.Umapathi, IPS, former IG-CID, Home Department.
2. Ms.K.Rajyalakshmi, Secretary, A.P. Women's Commission
3. Ms.B.V.Seshaveni, Advocate, High Court of Andhra Pradesh
4. Ms.K.B.Lakshmi, Eminent Writer, Journalist and Academic Counselor in Dr.B.R. Ambedkar open University

And the 2nd panel consists of

1. Sri P.Vidya Sagar Reddy, Advocate, High Court of Andhra Pradesh
2. Dr.P.Madhavi, Human Rights Activist & One of the State Advisors' under Right to Food (Supreme Court)
3. Ms.Kuppili Padma, Writer, Free Lancer Journalist, and Creative Director in Media



In both the panels, the juries had tried their level best to encourage the victims to voice their pent-up feelings. In some cases, they were successful while in others, the victims were very much found to be prisoners of their past. In such cases, the juries have found it necessary to offer additional support.

SILENT PROTEST AGAINST ATROCITIES ON WOMEN

On 22nd December, 2012 in solidarity to Nirbhaya issue, a Silent Protest against



Atrocities on Women was organized by Bhumika Women's Collective with the support of Nirnaya at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, Hyderabad. Many Senior Activists & Feminists like Prof. Rama Melkote, Ms. Vasantha Kannabhiran, etc., Civil Society Organisations, Writers, Students, Advocates, School children, College Students, Muslim Women from Old city, a huge number of IT Professionals and the public voluntarily joined

and supported us in this event. The programme started with silent protest, covering the faces with a black cloth, then made a silent rally after which highlighted the demands for safety and protection of women. The whole event was live telecasted in HMTV, TV5, CVR News, and NDTV.

All the participants covering their faces with a black cloth held a silent protest against the attack followed by a silent rally towards cross roads of Indira Park, gave slogans against the atrocities on women and girls, demanding justice to the survivor. Later the Senior Activists sensitized the young men and women on gender aspects and their role in putting an end to violence against women and girls.

Major demands:

1. Stop Rape and atrocities on women and girls
2. Provide safety and protection to women and girls
3. Setting up of fast track courts to ensure speedy trials.
4. Immediately dispose of all pending cases involving crimes against women.



Harassment at the Workplace Bill 2012 and the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill 2012



5. Training and sensitization of police force and Judicial Personnel on crimes against women, including domestic violence, molestation and sexual assault.
6. The immediate passage of pending bills that seek to protect women, including the Protection of Women Against Sexual

7. Consultations with the Ministry of Human Resources to see how best to address the issue of sensitizing boys through the school curriculum.
8. Open Consultations at National-level involving civil society and other stakeholders on how best to tackle the growing misogyny and hostility against women as well as rising crimes against them.

REVIEW MEETING WITH MS. RANJANA DAS, PROGRAMME OFFICER (GENDER), OXFAM INDIA

A review meeting was held by Ms. Ranjana on 9th January, 2013 with all the staff members of Bhumika on the ongoing activities and future plans in view of the completion of the IPAP project by December, 2013.

The following activities were planned for the last quarter (January – March, 2013)

- Exposure Visit to understand on the working of Gender based Violence issues and Counseling
- Launch of the booklet - information on the Support Systems for Women in Andhra Pradesh
- Women's Day Celebrations on 8th March, 2013, to be organized with support of Oxfam India and in collaboration with A.P. Women's Commission
- Training in MNCs (DLF) to be planned before 20th January, 2013

- Counseling Training to the new Counselors for 3 weeks at TISS.

For the final year of IPAP project, Ms. Ranjana shared that the activities would be continued till September, 2013 and endline would be conducted during the last quarter. So, she suggested to focus on the following activities:

- Awareness campaigns in Colleges at Hyderabad
- Gender Sensitization trainings to Rakshak Police
- Gender Sensitization Trainings at Judicial Academy
- Preparation of a Training Tool kit, Posters, Pamphlets, Booklets with basic concepts on Gender and information on PWDV Act, 2005

On the whole the meeting was a best platform to share the success of activities through CSRF and Helpline and to brainstorm on way forward.

ONE BILLION RISING (OBR)

One Billion Rising is a campaign specifically aimed to WALK OUT, DANCE, RISE UP and DEMAND an end to gender based violence against women, initiated by the world renowned playwright, actor and activist Eve Ensler on **14th February 2013**. A rally was marched from Jala Vihar, Necklace Road and culminated in a mass gathering at People's plaza in solidarity with the cause. OBR was initiated by Asmita Resource Centre for



Women, where Bhumika Women's Collective and Oxfam India took part in the OBR Collective with 30 other organisations and corporate consultancies. Cards were printed on the theme of OBR and were used for dissemination.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Let us Celebrate Ourselves!!!

A daylong event was organized on 12th March, 2013 by Bhumika Women's Collective and IPAP partners on the occasion of International Women's Day which was supported by Oxfam India in collaboration with A.P. Women's Commission. The event took place at Tulja Bhavan, Kachiguda, Hyderabad.

The Speakers were Ms. K. Satyavati, Ms. Ranjana Das (Oxfam India), Ms. Shiva Kumari (SWARD), Ms. Rajya Lakshmi (AP Women's Commission). The Special Invitees were Ms. Shanthi (Sri Vidya's School for Children with Special Needs), Dr. Madhavi (Human Rights Activist), Ms. Seshaveni (Advocate), Ms. Sravanthi (Artist) & Mr. Kolli

Nageswar Rao (Disabled Rights Forum). The participants constituted of representatives from partners, Civil Society Organisations working for women, girls and disabled; A.P. Women's Commission, Writers, Advocates, Volunteers, Artists, Roda Mistry College of Social Work. Specially, the children from Sri Vidya's Centre for Special Children, Ankuram – Home for girls, Aman Vedika – Rainbow Home and APSA Home.

The programme was followed by the speeches of respective key speakers of the day.



The Chief invitees in their address encouraged all girls and women “Not to be silent”. Women and girls are always treated as second citizens and still discrimination prevails at homes in every aspect. They exclaimed that all boys and girls should come forward equally to understand things. Also suggested that focus should be more on children, as they are the future generation and should try to change the mindsets of the individuals. They laid stress on the awareness and sensitization programme through huge activities like Midnight march, Rallies on road interventions of Media.



They mourned on the negligence of women issues even in parliament. They also threw light on Statistical report of increased sexual assault and motivated women to come forward to fight for their minimum rights.

The Invitees also felt the utmost need of sensitizing men and women on gender issues as there are more child marriages and Domestic violence issues being recorded in Women's Commission. Also expressed the dire need of sensitizing auto drivers, personnel in Multi National Companies, Corporate offices, Navy, Army, hospitals on gender issues and pressurize Government. They also stressed on the role of the family in reducing gender inequalities and developing self respect and self protection skills among the girls.



An 11 year old girl Sahiti from Aman Vedika Home came forward to share her experiences in the family. She expressed that, there is a lot of discrimination in the family and questioned why the parents do not allow girl children to go to school and put many obstructions like – not to laugh big, not to go to school, not to play, not to go anywhere, not to talk louder, do not put questions. She stressed on the importance of girl's education and concluded with the quotation in Telugu **“Avaniiki Velugu Adapillalantaru” (Light to World is Girl /Women), but where is Light for the girl?**



The programme was then followed by the cultural activities of the children of Ankuram Home for girls, APSA Home, Sri Vidya's Centre for Special Children, Aman Vedika Rainbow Homes, and Kavali by Shaheen team (with a message to all women to come forward to raise their voice against violence and demand for their rights which received a great applaud from the audience. A few shortlisted organizations collaborated their support in arranging tentative stalls on this occasion:

On the whole, the event was wonderful and boosted up with the inspiring speeches of special invitees, colorful performances of the children with their skits and dances and with the attractive stalls depicting different themes.



ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING

Annual Review Meeting was conducted on 30th March, 2013 at Hotel Akshaya where Civil Society groups, writers, advocates, board members and volunteers of Helpline were the participants. Ms. K. Satyavati introduced the participants which was followed by a presentation made on the activities of Helpline and CSRF from the stage of initiation till the progress of our project. After presentation, there was reflection and open discussion in the following issues:



- Need to strengthen Support Centres for Women
- Need for continuation of Bhumika Helpline for the sake of survivors of violence
- Reach to vulnerable women with disabilities
- To form an association with Other Civil society groups and connect with Bhumika
- Role of Bhumika in Advocacy ensuring right policies and best legal procedures; gear up better implementation of PWDV Act, 2005



- Awareness generation on minimum moral values in family, society and sensitizing men and women in upbringing their children with good attitudes and gender sensitivity
- To take up frequent interactive sessions with students in schools, colleges on the issues of gender equality and sexual assaults
- Linking up of Alternative Redressal Forums of AP Mahila Samatha Society with Bhumika Helpline
- Bhumika to take lead of advocacy for educating each and every woman, Pressurising the systems to work
- Collaboration with other NGOs to work for improvised functioning of Helpline
- Expansion to districts in AP and reach to all the villages
- Creating forum to survivors of violence (beneficiaries of helpline) to share their experiences
- Suggesting remedies for suicidal tendencies
- Helpline toll free number should have wider publicity

Ms.Satyavati keeping in view of the suggestions, planned to collaborate and hold a state level meet with all the NGOs in AP working for women to work in collectiveness. Everyone congratulated Bhumika for its activities and particularly Helpline, which is able to reach many women and successful in addressing the violence issues. The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the participants for their valuable suggestions.

SUPPORT CENTRES FOR WOMEN

Bhumika Women's Collective is a State level co-ordinating partner of 5 Support Centres for Women in A.P run with the support of Oxfam India. We are very thankful to Shri. A. K. Khan, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad for passing orders in starting the Centres across Andhra Pradesh. These Centres are aimed at providing a multi-pronged support required for survivors and complainants of violence, to prevent and counter crime against women and engage with the youth, families and communities on the issue of violence against women. In this regard we would like to share the progress of these Support Centres in our report through a statistical presentation. There has been a tremendous impact upon the people especially women after these Centres have been established in the Women Police Stations. Women and their respective families have been approaching the Centres for counseling services which had created a greater impact. These Centres have curbed to some extent the registration of cases under the 498A section which has been misinterpreted and misused under the PWDV Act, 2005 and emphasized on filing DIRs, going for counseling etc. Hence the Support Centre has been a stepping stone in creating awareness about the Act and helped many women to reconcile and lead a life free of violence.

Name of the Support Centre	Organization	Place of Work	Date of Commencement
Support Centre for Women	Anantha Paryavarana Parirakshaka Samithi	Women Protection Cell, CID office, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad	23.06.2010
Support Centre for Women	Sarvodaya Youth Organisation	Women Police Station, Hanmakonda, Warangal	05.03.2010
Support Centre for Women	Krusha	Women Police Station, Mankammathota, Karimnagar	02.11.2009
Support Centre for Women	Anantha Paryavarana Parirakshaka Samithi	Women Police Station, Anantapur	06.07.2009
Support Centre for Women	Society for Women And Rural Development	Women Police Station C.C.S, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad	2004

No. of Cases dealt by the Women Support Centres in the year, 2012-13

Support Centre	APPS, WPC, Hyderabad	SWARD, CCS, Hyderabad	APPS, Anantapur	SYO	Krusha
No. of cases dealt	234	780	285	528	200

Documentation

Data gathered on the status of budget allocation in WCD under PWDV Act in the State, was submitted to Oxfam India to carry out lobbying for enhancement at central level. Further, we gathered information on district wise budget released and expenditure figures up to July, 2012.

Data gathered from WCD on the status of DV cases with Protection Officers of all the districts on 20th August – with total number of cases filed and pending till August, 2012 for further carrying out the advocacy activities.

Letter to the Chief Justice, High Court of Andhra Pradesh has been sent, requesting for the information on days allotted exclusively for dealing the PWDV cases in all the lower courts of Andhra Pradesh and the number of cases pending in District and lower courts. The information was received from the Chief Justice.

BOOKLET ON SUPPORT SYSTEMS TO WOMEN

A booklet with integrated information on different Support Systems for Women in the entire State of Andhra Pradesh was printed and distributed to the IPAP partners, CSOs and Police Stations.

ZONAL WISE INFORMATION ON SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Sri Mahesh Bhagawat, Additional Commissioner of Police (Special Branch), Hyderabad had requested for providing information on different **Support Systems for Women in Hyderabad city**. The zonal wise information was prepared and submitted which is being displayed on the Notice Boards of all the Police Stations in Hyderabad city.

Other Meetings & Workshops

Two day Conference on 'Reducing Gender Disparities across States in India: Opportunities and Challenges' held at ASCI from May 10th - 12th, 2012 and one of the highlights of the conference was that it served as a platform for state governments to share their experiences and learn from each other in improving the design and implementation of interventions to address the common challenges.

Inauguration of Samjhauta Pre- Litigation Counselling Centre at Charminar on 7th June 2012 which was inaugurated by the Collector and the PD, Hyderabad, Shaheen & Bhumika NGOs were present along with other members. The Collector requested the NGOs presence for effective functioning of the centre.

One Day Workshop on 8th June 2012 organized by Rajiv Vidya Mission for an Action Plan to work on the list of identified Trafficking areas in A.P and the steps to be taken in dealing with the issue and in trying to curb it through a proper rehabilitation plan with various stakeholders.

IPAP Annual Review meeting was held on 19th and 20th June, 2012 by Oxfam India. Ms. K. Satyavati and Ms. Mujeeba, Research Associate has attended the meeting.

Regional Review Meet on Women Helpline for Southern States was organized by The National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore on 25th & 26th June 2012. Ms. Kalpana, Helpline Counselor participated in the meeting.

DFID – IPAP Annual Review Meeting was organized by Oxfam India at their office on 29th June, 2012. The meeting was attended by Ms. K. Satyavati, Chief Functionary and Ms. Mujeeba, Research Associate.

One Day Regional Conference on HIV & AIDS Business Response to Prevention, Care, Support and Treatment under the Aegis of Project – Scaling up Care, Support & Treatment Services for HIV in India was organized by **Confederation** of Indian Industry & Indian Business Trust for HIV/AIDS on 7th September, 2012 at Hotel ITC Kakatiya. Ms. Saritha, Research Associate attended the conference.

Gender & Media Workshop was organised by Population First on 8th & 9th September at Bangalore to sensitize the media personnel on gender issues. Bhumika have nominated 6 journalists from different media in Andhra Pradesh for participation in the workshop.

Documentation Training

Documentation Training was organised by Bala Vikasa People Development Training Centre from 10-12 September, 2012 at Warangal which was attended by Ms. Saritha, Research Associate

Finance & Governance Workshop held by Oxfam India on 4th & 5th October, 2012, at Hotel Minerva Grand, Secunderabad. Ms. K. Satyavati & Ms. Prasanna, Accountant has participated in the workshop.

'Be I am a Girl' campaign on the celebration of International Girl Child Day was held on 11th October, 2012 by Plan India. The Chief dignitaries in the meeting were Ms. Sunitha Laxma Reddy, Minister, WCD, Sri S. Umamathi, IG-CID, and Ms. Kalpana Naik, SP, CID. Ms. K. Satyavati has participated in the campaign.

Regional Meeting on Child Marriages and Role of Civil Society was held on 17th and 18th of October 2012 at Urdu Ghar, Hyderabad by Shaheen, Asmitha and Council for Social Development in view of Combating Child Marriage: Eliminating Discrimination against the Girl Child.

State Level Consultation on RTE - "Grievance Redressal Mechanism under RTE" convened by AP Alliance for Child Rights in collaboration with SSA/RVM on 29th of October, 2012 at Conference Hall, RVM office was attended by Ms. Saritha, Research Associate.

Round Table Meet of Solidarity Group for Safe Shelters was convened at our office on 2nd November, 2012 and discussed on setting up of agenda for the Solidarity group in the struggle for protection of safe shelters.

Meeting with Principal Secretary, APWCD and Managing Director, NMEW

Ms. K. Satyavati and Mr. Shaik Anwar, Regional Manager, Oxfam India have attended the meeting with Ms. Neelam Sawhney, Principal Secretary, AP WCD and Ms. K.S. Ratna Prabha, MD, National Mission for Empowerment of Women on 12th November, 2012 at the chamber of Principal Secretary, WCD. Sri Chiranjeevi Chowdary, Commissioner, WCD and Ms. Swarnalatha, JD, WCD also attended the meeting. The meeting focused on Convergence issues for proper implementation of PWDV Act, 2005 and on the strengthening of Women Support Centres with the support of Police, Legal Services, Judiciary and Shelter Homes. Ms. Satyavati & Mr. Anwar shared in detail the activities of Bhumika CSRF, Helpline and Women Support Centres, with which officials were impressed and responded positively on the appeal for their support to foster convergence to deal with violence against women.

AP Coalition for Gender Justice Meeting was attended by Ms. Saritha, Research Associate at Aman Vedika on 21st November, 2012 to discuss on the planning activities of Campaign for Gender Justice in view of 16 days Activism against Gender Violence Campaign and One Billion Rising.

Candle Light Vigil Campaign held on 25th November, 2012 - Violence against Women Day organized by APCGJ in part of 16 days Activism against Gender Violence Campaign.

National Consultation on Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2012: A Step Forward or a Step Back

Ms.K.Satyavati participated in the National Consultation organised by Oxfam India on 27th November, 2012 at India Islamic Centre, New Delhi.

Launch of Declining Sex Ratio Campaign

Participated in Launching the Campaign against Declining Sex Ratio initiated by Action Aid on 10th December, 2012 at Haryana Bhavan, Secunderabad.

Felicitation to Sri S. Umapathi, former IG-CID Ms.K.Satyavati took part in felicitation of Sri S.Umapathi, former IG-CID on 12th December, 2012 at Laamakan and appreciated him for his active support in implementation of Domestic Violence Act and in institutionalising humane attitude towards the victims of trafficking.

Workshop for Perspective Building on Gender Issues organised by APCGJ with the support of Association for Rural and Urban Needy at Satyodayam on 19th December, 2012 was attended by Ms. Saritha, Research Associate.

Secretary, A.P. Women's Commission, Ms.Rajyalakshmi, has visited our office on 3rd January, 2013 and discussed on organizing of an event in solidarity to the incident of Delhi gang rape.

Round Table Meet held on 4th January, 2013 organised by AIDWA for suggesting possible amendments with reference to the public notice issued by the government of India regarding the formation of the committee under the chairmanship of Justice Verma to suggest possible amendments in the "criminal laws and other relevant laws for quicker trials and enhanced punishment of criminals accused of sexual assault of an extreme nature on women" and suggested preventive measures to ensure safety and security of women.

MIDNIGHT MARCH



Bhumika Women's Collective participated in Midnight March held on 5th January, 2013 organised by Hyderabad Women to confer the message to women that the night is ours and to men they need to respect women as fellow humans in the night too. One step in claiming the night is by walking collectively and convey a strong message that, **we want the night, we want it safe, we deserve to be respected at day and night.**

Seminar on Attrocities against Women Law and Reforms' held on 8th January, 2013 organised by Judicial Academy at Dr. MCR HRD Institute and discussed the issue, submitted the views to the Honourable Sri Justice Verma Committee and Government of A.P. and Ms. K. Satyavati has participated.

The Open Forum on *"Crime and Punishment: Fight against Sexual Violence"* was organised by The Hindu – Daily, in association with Villa Marie College on 11th January, 2013, wherein Ms. K. Satyavati was one of the guest speaker.

Andhra Yuvati Mandali College invited Ms. K. Satyavati as a Special Invitee had attended the Annual Day function of Andhra Yuvati Mandali College at Barkatpura on 1st February, 2013.

Workshop on Millenium Development Goals and the Post 2015 Development Agenda held by CII on 2nd February, 2013 was attended by Ms. K. Satyavati.

Workshop on Crimes against Women - On 4th February, 2013 Ms. K. Satyavati has participated in the Workshop convened by the Department of Women and Child Development. Discussions were held on prevention of Crimes against Women and a Concept Note on Prevention of Crimes against Women was prepared to submit to the Honourable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Oxfam International Meeting held by Oxfam International on 18th February, 2013 at New Delhi. Ms. K. Satyavati has participated in the meeting, where it was a platform to understand tools on how to capture the changes that we have been able to capture through our gender and violence project.

Workshop On Data Management held by Oxfam India in New Delhi on 19th & 20th February, 2013. Ms. K. Satyavati has participated in the workshop.

Two Day Gender Justice Learning Event held on 22nd & 23rd March, 2013 at New Delhi organised by Oxfam India. Ms. K. Satyavati took part in the event, where it was an opportunity to understand the DV Act implementation issues in the states of Orissa and in Andhra Pradesh.

TV9 Naveena Awards - Ms. K. Satyavati has attended the TV9 Naveena Awards function on 4th March, 2013, where the Sangham Women of AP Mahila Samatha Society were given the award for their "Samata Dandu", a committee at mandal level working for violence against women and girls. The idea of forming Dandu was delivered by Ms. K. Satyavati, resource person in one of their trainings in the previous year.

International Women's Day Celebration at Vundi

Ms.K.Satyavati as a special invitee, took part in the celebrations of International Women's Day held on 8th March, 2013 by Shiva Social Service Organisation, Vundi mandal, West Godavari district. She was felicitated by Sri V.V.Shiva Rama Raju, MLA and was presented "*Life Achievement Award*" for her work towards women in distress.

Disabled Rights Forum Celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March, 2013 held where they felicitated disabled women for their success in their careers. There was participation from Bhumika in the celebrations.

Shaheen Resource Centre for Women organised a meeting on 9th March, 2013 in connection with International Women's Day. Ms.K.Satyavati addressed the group on the issues of violence against women and girl children in the old city and shared about Helpline activities.

Meeting on Media, Women & Male Perspective - A joint meeting convened by Network of Women in Media and AP Press Academy on 10th March, 2013 at Press Academy. The minister for WCD, Smt. Sunitha Lakshma Reddy was the chief guest, Ms.K.Satyavati presided over the meeting, where many female journalists working in print and electronic media took part and discussed on the issues of male perspective in media and on women issues.

SWARD A meeting was initiated by SWARD on 19th March, 2013 at the office of AP Women's Commission with all the stakeholders under the PWDV Act to reflect and gear up the implementation of Act and support the survivor. A Committee was formed – AP Committee to support Survivors of Violence and Ms. K. Satyavati was selected as Convenor to the committee and all the stakeholders under the DV act as its members. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be on 8th April, 2013.

MEETING WITH US CONSULATES

Ms.K.Satyavati participated in a meeting on 20th March, 2013 convened by Oxfam India at their office with US consulates to discuss the issue of safety to foreign women in Hyderabad and the available support systems for women in Andhra Pradesh in view of the rape against a foreign women during the previous week. Ms.Satyavati and Ms.Ranjana informed about the different support systems including Bhumika Helpline and WPC at CID office.

STOCK TAKING EVENT ON PWDV ACT, 2005 was organised by Oxfam India in collaboration with partners at New Delhi on 21st March, 2013. Ms.K.Satyavati and Ms.Seshaveni, Panel Advocate of Bhumika Helpline participated in the event and presented the activities of Bhumika and CSRF around PWDV Act, 2005. The group was very much impressed on the activities of Bhumika and appreciated for conducting gender trainings to Judiciary and Police, as it is implemented only in Andhra Pradesh. Also discussed on Centrally Sponsored Scheme and its implementation issues at the state level.

MEETING WITH MS. ANJANA SINHA, IG-CID & OXFAM INDIA

On 26th March, 2013, Ms. K. Satyavati has attended a meeting with Ms. Anjana Sinha, IG-CID held by Oxfam India to discuss on the issues strengthening of Support Centre for Women at WPC. Also submitted consolidated reports of all the 5 support centres for women in AP.

Collective Reflections - AP Mahila Samatha Society, in successful completion of their 20 years journey conducted a two day event on "Collective Reflections" at NIMSE on 26th & 27th March, 2013, where they presented the progress of the programme since its inception in 1992 and the way of their successful working towards empowerment of Women through Education. We too took part in the celebration and congratulated the team for their success and planned for networking activities.

Convergence Meeting with Stakeholders – Mainstreaming Support Centres for Women

Participated in one day meeting on "Convergence Meeting with Stakeholders – Mainstreaming Support Centres for Women" organised by SWARD on 31st March, 2013. Ms. K. Satyavati has shared about the process of initiating Support Centres for Women in AP by Oxfam India, the objectives and highlighted the role of Support Centres in reducing violence against women. The whole discussions went round the necessity of mainstreaming support centres, where the participants felt of the need for gender sensitivity in dealing with violence issues at Support Centres.

RESOURCE FACILITY TO OTHER GROUPS

Training session for the Police Personnel on the "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" on May 10th 2012 at Central Detective Training Department which was very participative and interactive.

Gender Training to 43 newly appointed Magistrates at AP Judicial Academy on June 26th 2012 was undertaken which was very challenging as majority of the participants were thinking that educated and independent women raise their voice for their rights when compared with illiterate. Few were very stubborn and their thinking on the concept of gender sensitization was skewed.

Orientation Training to Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Counsellors (Rajiv Vidya Mission) on Counseling skills organised by Andhra Pradesh Mahila Samatha Society held in 3 different batches on 17th, 18th & 24th of August, 2012 at St. Anns' Generalate, Tarnaka, Secunderabad. Ms.Satyavati and the Counselors in the role of Resource Persons oriented the KGBV counsellors on the present situation of girls, impact on their health, education etc., issues & concerns of adolescent girl & need for counselling, make understand of the concept of counseling, different methods of counseling, need of counselors in the context of KGBVs, qualities, roles & responsibilities of counselors. The KGBV counselors in their feedback shared that they were feared of the term counseling and the training cleared all their confusion.

State Level Consultation on Assessing Effective Functioning of SAFE SHELTERS & CHALLENGES

A State Level Consultation was organized on 15th October, 2012 at Satyodayam, Secunderabad by ANKURAM. Ms.K.Satyavati, Chief Functionary and Ms.Sarithanjali, Research Associate participated along with the representatives from WCD, Research Institutions, Organizations working on women issues, NGOs running Shelter Homes – Swadhar, Short Stay, Ujwala, Counseling Centers and Homes for Children and homes for girl children.

The meeting focused on the discussion of the experiences in running shelter homes, best practices –key challenges while establishing and maintenance, strategies to be adopted for safe functioning of the shelter homes and the need for collaboration of all the NGOs and responsibility of NGOs in rescuing the survivors of violence. Ms.Satyavati shared the recommendations from the Studies on Shelter Homes undertaken by Bhumika Women's Collective. Recommendations were drafted to submit to the Commissioner, WCD.

The participants felt of a need to take this forward for proper functioning of the Shelter Homes through forming a State Level Forum – Solidarity group for Safe Shelters, conducting monthly meetings; Exposure visits with in the Homes. Solidarity group for Safe Shelters was formed with representatives from 11 Civil Society Organisations and Bhumika Women's Collective is one of the member organisation.

Workshop on Women Issues - On 5th November, 2012 Society for Social Audit Accountability and Transparency organised a Workshop on women issues at AMR-APARD, Rajendranagar to the women team members working in field as part of their Capacity Building activities. Ms.Satyavati was one of the Resource Person and brainstormed the staff on women health issues and Acts pertaining to women and children.

Orientation Programme for Grassroots level NGOs - A two day orientation programme for Women NGOs working at grassroot level on "*PROTECTION ISSUES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN*" from 15-16th November, 2012 at CHAI, Secunderabad was organized by Mahita. On 16th November, 2012 Ms. Satyavati as a Resource Person had addressed the participants on the issue of Women and Children in Media.

Chief Guest to School Annual Day Celebration - Ms.Satyavati as a Chief Guest took part in the School Annual Day celebrations of Sri Vidya High School at Armour, Nizamabad district on 21st November, 2012. She shared her experiences on working on women issues, discrimination against girls and shared about the activities of Bhumika Women's Collective- CSRF and Helpline. She had distributed prizes to the school children after which the School authority felicitated Ms.Satyavati for her commendable work on women issues.

Human Rights Day – One Billion Rising - Ms.K.Satyavati was a Special Guest in the meeting organized by Asmita on 10th December, 2012 on the occasion of International Human Rights Day in culmination of 16 Days Activism on Gender based Violence and commitment to the One Billion Rising Campaign. She shared about the Public Hearing –Voices of Domestic Violence Survivors and the problems of the survivors based on the received calls on Helpline.

Session on Sexual Harassment at Work Place

Ms. Satyavati took part in a Talk with Group D employees- part of series of activities of CASH on 21st December 2012 organized by the University of Hyderabad at their campus. As a Resource Person, she had oriented the group - Helpers and Drivers on Sexual Harassment at Workplace Bill, issues of violence against women and girls, work place code conduct and gender sensitivity.

Seminar on Empowerment of Dalit Bahujan Women

A Seminar on Empowerment of Dalit Bahujan Women, Challenges and Strategies was organized by Dalita Bahujana Mahila Samakhya, an associate body of Dalit Bahujan Front on 10th January 2013. Ms.K.Satyavati as a Special Invitee addressed the group on the issues of Domestic Violence.

Training to Personnel – Central Detective Institute

Ms.K.Satyavati, as a Resource Persons trained a batch of 40 Police Employees of Central Detective Training Institute on 29th January, 2013 at their training Centre at Ramanthapur. The issues dealt with were Bias / Discrimination faced by women at Work Place; Girl child & Women trafficking - the role of NGOs; Socio-Economic and psychological Status of Women in the past, present years and need for Gender Sensitization in Police. The training session was participatory and interactive.

Workshop on PWDV Act, 2005

Took part in State Level Workshop on PWDV Act, 2005 organised by Centre for World Solidarity on 30th January, 2013 at Satyodayam for "Reviewing the role of NGOs in Effective Implementation of DV Act", wherein the experiences from Studies on Support Systems for women were shared by Ms. K. Satyavati, who was one of the Speakers in the Workshop.

Asmita - International Women's Day

Attended a State level Meeting on Violence against Women organised by Asmita Resource Centre for Women on 5th March, 2013 on the occasion of International Women's Day and Ms. K. Satyavati was one of the speakers.

Workshop on Roles and Responsibilities

On 15th March, 2013 a workshop on "Roles and Responsibilities of team of APMSS" was organised by AP Mahila Samatha Society at Warangal. Ms.K.Satyavati brainstormed their team on the emerging issues of violence and the responsibility of the team members. She has also shared about the activities of Bhumika Helpline and CSRF.

OUTREACH - MEDIA

Telugu Vani a Europe based Live Radio interviewed Ms.Satyavati on the Helpline and its activities.

Live Talk Show on Vanitha TV on June 10th 2012 on the Helpline which increased the calls to the Helpline.

NRI Samay an online LIVE (USA) Radio interviewed Ms.Satyavati on the Bhumika Helpline and the activities of Collective and the interview was from 9:30 pm – 11:15 pm on 10th June 2012 and many calls were from London, California, New York etc.

Talk Show in Sakshi TV – Dheera (Achievers) on 29th August, 2012 on the Helpline paved the way for increase in the calls to our Helpline.

Visit to Urdu News Paper-Siasat office was made by Ms.K.Satyavati on 3rd September, 2012. She interacted with the Chief Editor and explained about the activities of Bhumika Women's Collective and Helpline and requested to popularise the help line number in old city.

Live Programme in Vanitha TV, a discussion on PC PNDT Act telecasted on 3rd September, 2012 from 4.30 PM to 8.30 PM, where Ms.K.Satyavati shared the recommendations from the workshop organised by Bhumika Women's Collective in the previous quarters.

Telugu Electronic Media, TV9 interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati on the serious issue of Girl Child Trafficking in Andhra Pradesh on 22nd August, 2012 at Bhumika Office which was telecasted on the same day.

Interview with Hans India News Paper

Hans India, an English Print Media interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati on 10th October, 2012, where she shared about the Bhumika Women's Collective CSRF & Helpline activities.

Eenadu Interview

The local regional Print Media, Eenadu interviewed Ms.Satyavati on 25th November, 2012 regarding prevailing support systems for Survivors of Domestic Violence in view of Violence against Women Day on 25th November, 2012. The helpline number was given in Vasundhara – Eenadu supplement, where it was a record of getting about 500 calls at helpline in a single day.

Talk Show on RVS TV

Ms.K.Satyavati was invited for a Talk Show on RVS TV on 30th November, 2012, where she shared about the achievements through Bhumika Women's Collective – CSRF and Helpline.

Sakshi TV Interview

On 7th December, 2012 Sakshi Electronic Media interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati and taken her experiences in working on the issue of Violence Against Women and highlights of the Public Hearing – Voices of Domestic Violence Survivors held on 5th December, 2012.

The Hindu Newspaper - Interview

On 12th December, 2012, print Media, The Hindu interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati on the event of Public Hearing, issue of Domestic Violence, information on Support systems, activities of Bhumika Women's Collective – Helpline and CSRF, which brought an increase in the calls to our Helpline.

The Hindu – Phone Line Interview

The Hindu Daily interviewed Ms.Satyavati over phone about the prevailing violence issues against girls and women in view of Bhumika Helpline and CSRF and the Support Systems and the status of clearing DV cases.

Vanitha TV Interview

Ms.K.Satyavati was interviewed on 18th January, 2013 by the electronic media, Vanitha TV on the issue of Atrocities against Women in view of Justice Verma Committee recommendations.

I News Interview

I News electronic media interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati on 21st January, 2013 on the issue of Sexual abuse on girls in connection with Girl Child Day.

Girl Child Day – Interview by TV5

On the occasion of Girl Child Day, Electronic Media TV5 interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati on 24th January, 2013 and took her opinions on the issues of sexual assaults on girl child and the process of curtailing.

Z News Interview on Women's Day – 6th March

On 6th March, 2013, Ms.K.Satyavati was interviewed by Z News, electronic media on the occasion of International Women's Day and took her opinions on the status of women in Andhra Pradesh.

TV10 Interview on International Women's Day

On 7th March, 2013, Ms.K.Satyavati was interviewed by TV10 channel, electronic media on the occasion of International Women's Day and took her opinions on the status of women in Andhra Pradesh.

Sakshi Newspaper Interview

On 18th March, 2013 Sakshi Newspaper, Print Media interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati on the issue of Anti Arrack Movement in view of the AP Mahila Samatha Society sangham women's successful efforts on anti arrack at Nalgonda district.

10 TV Interview on Female Infanticide

With the news of female infanticide in Anantapur and Kurnool districts, 10 TV, electronic media interviewed Ms.K.Satyavati on 25th March, 2013 and noted her views and recommendations in curtailing the practice of killing female infants.

VISITORS – STUDENTS PLACEMENTS – INTERNSHIP

Visit by Lawyer's Collective on June 15th 2012 to get a feedback on the implementation of PWDV Act, as they were preparing a report on the best practices of the Act interviewed the concerned people. One of them while interviewing Magistrates said that due to Gender training at AP Judicial Academy there had been a change in their perception while dealing with DV cases, which is a positive impact of the trainings that we have undertaken.

Ms.Ameera from Dubai visited Bhumika on 3rd September, 2012 and discussed a Model Short Stay Home for aggrieved women in Domestic violence. She was interested in funding Bhumika and discussed on the preparation of a Project Proposal for establishing a Model Short Stay Home. The process of preparation of proposal is in the initial stage.

Visit by Ms.Anjali, My choices on 6th September, 2012 and discussed on the concept of Bell Bajao, to work in collaboration of Bhumika Helpline.

Orientation to Students of Roda Mistry College of Social Work

On 3rd October, 2012, the 1st Year Students of Social Work from Roda Mistry College of Social Work visited the office of Bhumika Women's Collective. A total of 50 students in 2 batches were given orientation by Ms.K.Satyavati and Ms.Kalpana, Counselor on the functioning and activities of Bhumika Women's Collective –CSRF and Helpline. They were informed of the Acts related to women and girls, status of women, support systems under DV Act and the qualities of a Social Worker. The students were very much impressed by the Helpline and advocacy activities taken up so far and almost all of them enrolled as volunteers to support the survivors of violence and were keen to take part in future activities of Bhumika.

Concurrent Placement of Social Work Students

A batch of 5 students on Concurrent placement were placed with us for their field training from 2nd January to 30th March, 2013, who are doing their PG in Social Work from Roda Mistry College of Social Work, Hyderabad.

Internship of Ms. Swapna, Law Student, University of Delhi

Ms.Swapna doing her LLB in 1st year, University of Delhi was placed with Bhumika Women's Collective for 15 days for her Internship with the topic, "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN INDIA AND STATUS OF THESE CASES IN COURTS". She was referred by the Secretary, A.P. Women's Commission.

Orientation to Mr. Naveen, TISS student

Mr.B.Naveen, student of II year M.A (Rural Development) from TISS, Tuljapur referred by Centre for World Solidarity was oriented for one day, i.e., on 17th January, 2013 on the issues of Advocacy under CSRF. He was doing his project work on the issue of Domestic Violence and Advocacy on PWDV Act, 2005, hence shared the activities held so far and the reports.

Placement of Students for Project Work

A batch of 5 students doing II year M.A (Sociology) from University of Hyderabad was placed for their Project Work on Research Methods Class on "Institutional Responses to Domestic Violence in Hyderabad City". The project work was for 3 months and they were given orientation on 25th January, 2013 at our office. They observed the process of counselling in Bhumika Helpline and the reports on all the activities were shared to them.

Orientation to Students of Home Science College

On 4th March, 2013 a batch of 20 students of Home Science College (Food and Nutrition Department – 3rd Year) and 2 Faculty members were oriented on the functioning of Bhumika Women's Collective and activities of CSRF and Helpline. They were also provided with information on Acts, related to women and girls, status of women, support systems under DV Act and the qualities of a Social Worker.

Internship of Ms.Tusharika Kumbhar

MsTusharika, doing her PG from National Institute for Mentally Handicapped (referred by Ms. Ranjana Das, Programme Officer – Gender, Oxfam India) was placed with Bhumika Women's Collective for her internship from 5th March to 5th April. She was oriented about the activities of Helpline and CSRF. She visited Support Centres for Women at Hyderabad and IPAP partner organisations.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Letter to Special Chief Secretary of Jails & Fire Ms.Chaya Ratan, IAS was submitted regarding the startof a Counselling Centre at Special Prison for Women, Chanchalguda for the inmates to provide a professional psychological help for them to come out of depression and trauma. The permission was granted for starting the Centre and the letter was forwarded to the concerned Legal Services Department.

Letter to Chief Justice Sri.Madan Bhimarao Lokur about starting of four Mahila Courts in the twin cities to remove the problem of pendency of cases as well as for providing timely justice to the women. During the discussion the Hon'ble Chief Justice also said that they are planning to start a special Court for dealing the cases exclusively related to trafficking. The **DV Cases** will be dealt at **III & IV Metropolitan Magistrate Court**, cases pertaining to immoral trafficking will be dealt at the Court of Special JFCM, cases pertaining to 498 A will be dealt by XIII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court and XV Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court for speedy disposal and timely justice.

Meeting with Ms.Tejdeep Kaur, IPS was attended as they are planning to start a Sexual Harassment cell and in that Bhumika Women's Collective is going to be a part of the Cell for which Ms.Kaur wanted some inputs and there had been a detailed information given about the activities of Bhumika and about the Support Centres located in women Police Stations. An Order from the DGP office was released regarding the Constitution of Committee for the redressal of complaints pertaining to women employees of Chief Office and a committee was constituted in the DGP Office with senior most lady officer for the redressal of complaints of harassment pertaining to women personnel in the office for a period of 2 years. An eight member Redressal Committee for redressal of complaints/grievance related to gender harassment to the women staff.

Letters to all the Principal District Judges was sent to know the days which they had allotted exclusively for dealing the PWDV cases as, once the data is gathered it would be submitted to the Chief Justice so that a uniform pattern can be followed all over A.P in taking up DV cases exclusively.

Letter to Principal Secretary, WCD was sent to Ms.Nilam Sawhney, IAS regarding the written submission given to the Hon'ble Chief Justice as well as to Special Chief Secretary, Home Department so that she can pursue further for effective implementation which had been forwarded to the concerned Department regarding starting of four Mahila Courts.

Letter of Appreciation to all the Protection Officers for responding positively and immediately to the cases referred by the Helpline.

Appointment of Para Legal Volunteer was done by A.P State Legal Services Authority and she visits the office weekly twice and also visits the nearby communities to build rapport and to aware the people about the legal aid clinic.

G.O. Rt. No. 461, dated 22.08.2012 was issued by Smt.Chandana Khan, Special Chief Secretary to Government (PE) (FAC), Government of Andhra Pradesh setting up of **State Level Equity Working Groups (EWG)** with various officials, educationalists and reputed NGOs to better understand the aspects of exclusion in education and to develop strategies to ensure equity in School Education. Ms.K.Satyavati was one of the Members in the Equity Working Group from Civil Society Representatives. A clear mention of the roles and responsibilities of the EWG was also made in the GO.

Secretary, A.P. Women's Commission when posted a letter requesting a person for counseling a case at the Commission's office, as there was no sufficient staff to deal with the persons approaching the commission, one of our counsellors went to the office on 17th September, 2012. The Secretary requested for deputation of a Counsellor from Bhumika Women's Collective on a regular basis for counseling process. Ms.M.Kalpana (Vennela), helpline counselor was also sent to deal with some of the cases.

Member in District Monitoring Committee

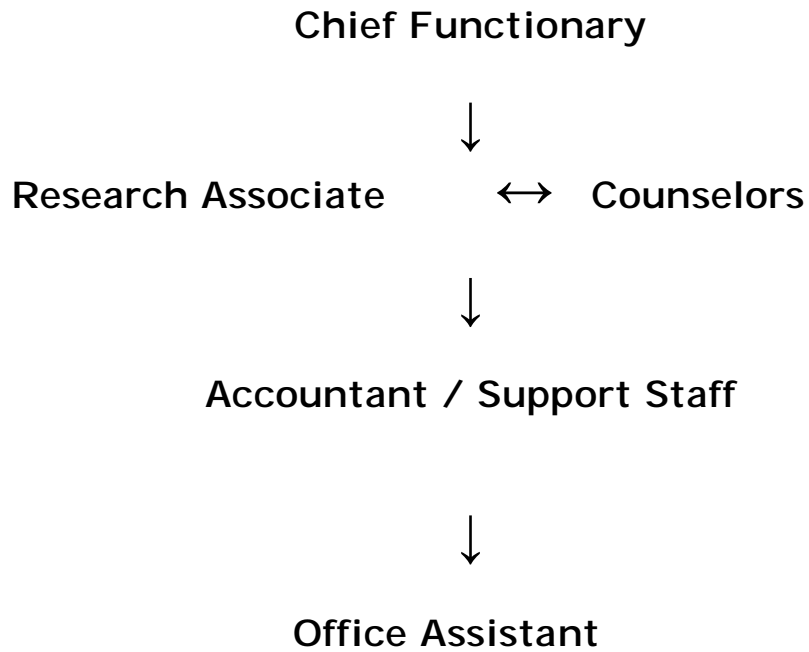
A District Monitoring Committee at District Level was constituted by Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad as the Authorized Officer to exercise powers under the various provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995 (Central Act No.7 of the Act, 1897) in the City of Hyderabad to regulate the Cable Television Networks. With the instructions of the Government the authorized officer has set up the District Monitoring Committee at District level for implementation of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995. Ms.K.Satyavati was appointed as one of the member in the Committee and proceedings were issued. A meeting was convened by the Commissioner of Police at their office on 21st January, 2013, where Ms. Satyavati attended and discussed on the role of the committee.

LAADLI PROGRAM (WORKING WITH MEDIA ON WOMEN & GIRL CHILD ISSUES)

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, sponsored by UNFPA. As part of South region, Bhumika Women's Collective got selected to take this program forward since 2010 and was successful. This year also, Bhumika conducted Laadli Media Award activities and selected winners from different Media for which Ms. K. Satyavati acted as State Co-ordinator.

GOVERNANCE

Organisation Structure



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President - Ms.R.Santha Sundari**
Writer, Award winner of National Human Rights Commission
- Vice President – Dr.P.Madhavi**
Professor, Dept. of Economics, Kasturba P.G. College, Osmania University, Hyderabad; Human Rights Activist & One of the State Advisors' under Right to Food (Supreme Court)
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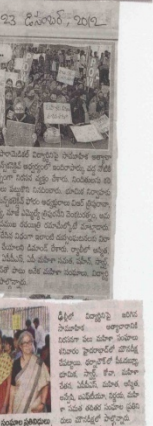


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City Adds Its Voice to Nationwide Rape Protests

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AUDITORS REPORT 2012-13

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H No.2-73/1, SHIVA SAI PRAMUKHA NILAYAM, FLAT No.102, ROAD No.9, SAI NAGAR, CHAITANYAPURI, HYDERABAD
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Form 10B
(See Rule 17B)

Audit report under section 12A (b) of the Income - Tax Act, 1961, in the case of charitable or religious trusts.

We have examined the Balance Sheet of M/s BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE, HIG - 2, B-8,F -1,BAGH LINGAMPALLY, Hyderabad - 44, as at 31-03-2013, Income & Expenditure statement and Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended as on that date, which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said Trust or Institution.

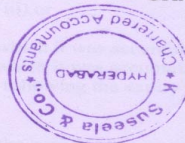
We have obtained all the information and explanation, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the Audit. In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the above named trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of Audit subject to the comments given below.

Depreciation is not provided for in accounts as the Association is carrying only charitable activities of donor agencies and the cost is charged to respective projects.

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:

- i) In the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31-03-2013
- ii) In the case of Income and Expenditure statement of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended as on that date.

for K SUSEELA & Co.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



K. Suseela
(K.SUSEELA)
PARTNER

Hyderabad,
14.06.2013.

BALANCE SHEET 2012-13

BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE
HIG - 2, BLOCK - 8, F - 1, BAGH LINGAMPALLY,
HYDERABAD - 500 044.

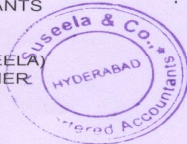
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2013.(CONSOLIDATED)

PARTICULARS	SCH. No.	AMOUNT in Rs.	AMOUNT in Rs.
<u>PROJECT FUNDS & LIABILITIES</u>			
PROJECT FUNDS :			
Opening Balance		525,759.97	
Add : Excess of Income over		43,411.00	569,170.97
Expenditure			
CORPUS FUND : FURNITURE			21,175.00
MEMBERS CONTRIBUTION			386,000.00
ADVANCE FROM MEMBERS			100,000.00
TOTAL			1,076,345.97
<u>ASSETS & ADVANCES</u>			
FIXED ASSETS :			
FURNITURE			93,152.11
COMPUTERS			370.29
VIDEO CAMERA			21,240.74
INTEREST RECEIVABLE			49,915.33
TDS RECEIVABLE			18,203.00
CLOSING CASH & BANK BALANCES	3		893,464.50
TOTAL			1,076,345.97

As per our report of even date
for K SUSEELA & Co.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

for BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

K. Suseela
(K. SUSEELA)
PARTNER



K. Satyavathi
SECRETARY

HYDERABAD,
14.06.2013.

BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE
HIG-2 BLOCK-8, F-1, BAGH LINGAMPALLY,
HYDERABAD-500 044

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2013 (CONSOLIDATED)

EXPENDITURE		SCH No.	AMOUNT in Rs.	INCOME		SCH No.	AMOUNT in Rs.
To Expenditure during the year		2	2,348,018.00	By Income during the year		1	2,334,985.00
To Excess of income over expenditure			43,411.00	By Membership fee			200.00
				By Interest from bank A/c			56,244.00
				By Excess of expenditure over income			
TOTAL			2,391,429.00	TOTAL			2,391,429.00

As per our report of even date
for K SUSEELA & Co.,
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for BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

HYDERABAD,
14.08.2013



K. Suseela
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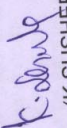
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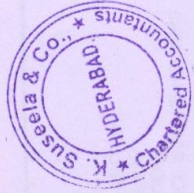


BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE
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HYDERABAD - 500 044.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2013 (CONSOLIDATED)

RECEIPTS	SCH No.	AMOUNT in Rs.	PAYMENTS	SCH No.	AMOUNT in Rs.
To Opening Cash & Bank balances	3	754,664.50	By Expenditure during the year	2	2,348,018.00
To Receipts during the year	1	2,334,985.00	By Other Advances		4,611.00
To Interest from FDR	1	56,244.00			
To Member ship fee		200.00			
To Advance from members		100,000.00	By Closing Cash and Bank Balances	3	893,464.50
TOTAL		3,246,093.50	TOTAL		3,246,093.50

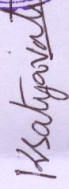
As per our report of even date
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(K.SUSHEELA)
PARTNER



HYDERABAD,
14.06.2013.

for BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE




SECRETARY

BHUMIKA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2013(CONSOLIDATED)

SCHEDULE - 1 : RECEIPTS

PARTICULARS	Opening balance as at 01.04.2012	Receipts during the year	Interest during the year	TOTAL
FOREIGN FUNDS :				
OXFAM INDIA TRUST	2,018.00	2,147,982.00	-	2,150,000.00
NIRNAYA	-	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
INDIAN FUNDS :				
Project Administration Fund :				
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS	442,311.64	127,003.00	-	569,314.64
INTEREST FROM BANK	81,430.33	-	56,244.00	137,674.33
MEMBERS CONTRIBUTION	386,000.00	-	-	386,000.00
TOTAL	911,759.97	2,334,985.00	56,244.00	3,302,988.97

SCHEDULE - 2 : PAYMENTS

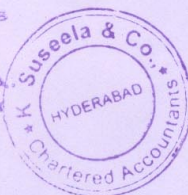
PARTICULARS	EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
FOREIGN FUNDS :		
OXFAM TRUST : (HELP LINE)		
HELPLINE RUNNING COST	63,509.00	
SUPPORT TO SURVIVERS	10,060.00	
JOURNAL & NEWS PAPERS, NEWS LETTER	75,720.00	
COORDINATOR & ASSOCIATES SALARY	786,912.00	
MEETING WITH GOVT. STAKE HOLDERS	21,481.00	
NETWORK TO STRENGTHEN ALLIANCE & STAKE HOLDERS	19,910.00	
PROFESSIONAL FEE	15,000.00	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	54,497.00	
OFFICE RENT	107,232.00	
STATIONARY & POSTAGE	39,084.00	
TRAVEL	36,036.00	
CAPACITY BUILDING TO STAFF	20,000.00	
REVIEW MEETING	25,000.00	
HELPLINE TRAVEL	23,960.00	
ACCOUNTING CHARGES	68,988.00	
ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL	13,067.00	
ANALYSIS & DOCUMENTATION	20,000.00	
COUNCELLERS SALARY	382,128.00	
OFFICE ASSISTANT SALARY	42,000.00	
REPAIRS & MAINTANANCE	7,170.00	
ISSUE BASED WORKSHOP	20,530.00	
SUPPORT TO STAFF	76,232.00	
BANK CHARGES	337.00	
STAFF HEALTH INSURANCE	20,078.00	
KERALA PROJECT EXPENSES	211,327.00	2,160,258.00
NIRNAYA : MEETING EXPENCES	60,000.00	60,000.00
INDIAN FUNDS:		
STAFF SALARIES	127,760.00	127,760.00
TOTAL		2,348,018.00

SCHEDULE - 3 : CASH AND BANK BALANCES :

PARTICULARS	AS AT 1.04.2011	AS AT 31.03.2012
CASH ON HAND	1,130.50	19,793.50
CANARA BANK, NARAYAGUDA Br. HYD.	2,018.00	70,512.00
STATE BANK OF HYDERABAD, HYD.	51,516.00	103,159.00
FIXED DEPOSITS	700,000.00	700,000.00
TOTAL	754,664.50	893,464.50

For K. Suseela & Co.
Chartered Accountants

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(M.No. 204521) Partner



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