BGVS Activity report 2015-2016

National Level Meetings

- 9th General Council meeting - 25 - 27 April 2015, Nasik
- 1st Executive Committee Meeting - 22 May, 2015, Bangalore
- 2nd Executive Committee Meeting -28 July 2015, Mandi (H.P)
- 3rd Executive Committee Meeting - 6 December, 2015 at Thrissur, Kerala
- 4th Executive Committee Meeting - 12 – 13 March, 2016, Rohtak, Haryana
- Mandi Rereat 29 July – 1 August 2015 – Mandi, Himachal Pradesh
- State Secretaries Meeting - 14 – 15 March, 2016, Rohtak, Haryana
- Gyan Vigyan Samithi Assam, Silver Jubilee Celebration - 3 – 4 October, 2015, Guwahati
- Bihar State Conference- 10 – 12 August 2015, Nawada
- Maharashtra State Conference, 15 – 17 August, 2015, Pune
- Himachal Pradesh State Conference - 11 – 13 September, 2015, Bilaspur
- Assam State Conference, 26-27 March, Bishnupur, Darrang
- 25 years of literacy, 7 December, Eranakulam Kerala
- 25 years of literacy, Haryana, 13 March, Rothak

1. Mandi Rereat

During the 3 day meet, where 13 state units participated, an appraisal was done on the present situation of the organization nationally and in each state, current position of our programs, our strengths and challenges and current socio-political situation of the country. Detailed discussions were held on the Ideology of BGVS, what should be the identity of our organization considering that we work in a range of fields now, the difference between old and new generation and the challenges it creates, challenge of documentation, importance of science movement and the need to take it to farmers, need for convergence with other organizations - governmental and non-
governmental, preparation of base for future, details of the one year campaign planned, ways of strengthening the organization and state level interaction and communication with an eye on creating a roadmap for future.

2. **State Secretaries Meet, Rohtak**

Eleven states had participated in the two-day meeting, where each state presented reports on the activities done and the challenges faced. An evaluative study on the ‘Access to Quality Elementary Education for Children from Excluded Communities of 5 Blocks in North India’ was presented by Dr Madan Sarkar, mentioning the areas where we can improve and what could be our future steps. The need and the plans on how to carry out Jan Samwad, Jan Siksha Sabhas, Campaign on occasion of 25 years of literacy struggle were explained. Dr M P Parameshwaran and K K Krishnakumar shared their vision, stating the need for social revolution, mass connect and involvement, importance of emphasis on panchayats, need to ensure youth participation and grooming and greater involvement of women in leadership.

A detailed action plan was prepared, with timelines for activities aiming to complete Samvads by March 2017. A two-day State Executive committee meeting which will identify partner organization, discuss national level campaign, identify pilot districts and panchayats discuss on fund collection; and meetings explaining the needs and aim of Jan siksha sabha with various organizations is to be held in April. This is to be followed up by meetings at district level and Panchayat level in May at the pilots selected. Dialogues are to be held in Pilot Panchayats in the month of June. Review meetings are to be held at state and district levels where the experience in of the pilot panchayats are to be analysed and further action plan is prepared and additional panchayats are to be identified. This is to be shared and discussed at two-day regional level meets in September. In October a meeting of the state EC and resource persons is to be held to have a detailed discussion on the national level campaign. District level meetings are to be held in November, where identification of panchayats and details of the meetings at block and Panchayat are to be worked out. Dialogues at the Panchayat level are to be conducted between December 2016 and March 2017.
National Level Programs

1. **Jan Siksha Samvads (Education Dialogues)**
   3 Days National Workshop on Jan Shiksha Sabha was held in Bhubaneswar, Orissa from 28th – 30th December, 2015 in which 26 activists from 7 states (Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan) participated. Prof. Anita Rampal, Ms. Asha Mishra, Dr Kashinath Chatterjee, Shri Pramod Gouri and Ms. Komal Srivastava attended the workshop as Resource Persons. Jan Siksha sabhas are held in Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana. During discussion it emerged that we need to do in-depth preparation for the dialogues, prepare simple material for the same, along with follow ups post samvad.

2. **Samata**
   SAMATA has diversified its activities to running educational programmes, libraries, addressing the issues of women and violence, and livelihood intervention. Two National workshops will be organized and Regional meetings may also be held for discussion of the perspective in the present context. State Level Workshops will be held in Jharkhand, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh in the month of June, 2016.

3. **Citizen Education**
   While organising 25 years of Literacy campaigns across the states workshop for future vision in Citizen Education will be organised. Efforts are undergoing to establish functional linkages with Sakshar Bharat programme where our organisational presence is strong. Workshops to chalk out future strategy and vision need to be organised. It was decided to combine this with the campaign on 25 years of literacy.

4. **Publication and Jan Vachan Andolan (JVA)**
   Publication sub Committee will meet in the month of April 2016. We have published 112 books. We received Rs.28 Lakhs from the sale of books in Bihar. Sri Pramod Gouri will co-ordinate the Jan Vachan Program. We need to look at organizing a workshop for the writers of the new books. Bihar BGVS is planning district-wise campaign for Jan Vachan, which is expected to boost further sale of books.

5. **Nation-wide Campaign**
   The socio-economic and cultural scenario that has emerged in our country poses a big challenge for those who are making efforts to evolve a society based on scientific, secular and critical thinking. Considering this, a nation-wide campaign is planned with a spirit of
attracting youths, women and dalits. Use of various forms and multimedia, especially films, posters, PPTs, recordings and clippings of those who are speaking on the present scenario can be used. Campaign strategy note has been finalised after consulting different state units and activists at different levels. Draft note was circulated during two days meeting for state secretaries, held on 14-15 March, 2016 at Rohtak

6. 25 Years of Literacy Campaign
This occasion need to be celebrated in every state by inviting all the volunteers who were involved in the campaigns. These volunteers may be given opportunity to share their experiences and suggestions for the movement to be carried forward. Some state units have planned to organise six months long campaign to meet the Literacy activists to establish a dialogue with them and bring them back in organisational fold. Meetings were organised in Eranakulam, Kerala and in Haryana to celebrate 25 years of Literacy campaign. In Dhanbad district of Jharkhand, a big district level program was organised and subsequent programs were held in 100 Gram Panchayats

Projects

1. Access to quality Elementary Education for Children from Excluded Communities of 5 Blocks in North India
Under the ambit of ‘Phir School Chalein Abhiyan’ a survey was conducted and 15000 children were identified and 12000 have been mainstreamed while 6615 are coming to the centres and are being taught by the volunteer teachers. Research Study of programme is going on. Dr. Madan Sarcar has been appointed as a Consultant for doing this work. He has visited all blocks under the project, and has presented his report. He has mentioned that BGVS has been able to productively use the spirit of volunteerism in the villages, BGVS centers have been successful in providing bridge education for OoSC, but the quality of education in government schools has not improved much. A 3 day follow up capacity building workshop was held in Saharasa, Bihar where training on Smokeless choola and Soap making was given. Considering the effectiveness and outcomes of this project, we need to look at the possibilities of replicating similar initiatives in other regions of the Hindi speaking belt and other backward regions.
2. **Building sustainable Institutions to Ensure Social Justice to the Marginalized Communities in Sehore (Madhya Pradesh)**

Social Justice Project aims at Legal Literacy and empowerment through information of important laws. This has been running successfully in the 85 Panchayats of 5 Blocks of the District Sehore. Information is being provided through workshops, seminars and conventions etc. People’s Rights committees are formed in the villages. The project is to be concluded in the month of September of this year.

3. **Science Education in schools of Tripura**

We have an opportunity of implementing quality improvement programme in schools of Tripura. It is to done with the help of Tata Trust. Dr.K.N.Chatterjee and Asha Mishra are guiding the programme. Below are the activities done so far.

- Gyan Vigyan Learning Centres have been set up. The Gyan Vigyan Learning Centres are expected to enable Students of Xth to study in these centres daily for 2 hours, improve reading and writing skills of the and Provide joy of learning experiences.
- 4 Days Training Workshop January 18 – 21, 2016: 18 science teachers of secondary school and 14 volunteers had participated, to develop greater understanding on the pedagogy of science teaching.
- Three days science festival conducted on 19 – 21 February, 2016, One day science festival conducted on February 29, 2016 on eve of science day. 200 Students and 34 teachers from 34 Senior Basic Schools, participated in the festival.
- Base Line Survey Workshop of Senior Basic School completed on 1 – 3 March, 2016. 40 teachers with 40 volunteers attended the workshop.
- Base Line Survey completed in 40 S.B. Schools.
- A total of 25 centers in seven clusters are running.
Other Activities

1. Social Media
The need to make use of the social media properly and effectively was acknowledged. O.P.Bhuroita is entrusted to prepare a note regarding this with the support of Mr.Pawan. Whatsapp groups have been created for communication within BGVS, with separate group for youth. A news blog for BGVS is created and is being piloted.

Major State Level Activities

1. Assam
- Pre-school teacher’s training was held from 15 – 23rd July, 2015 and from 10th to 18th December, 2015. It is a regular activity of GVSA. The samiti is organizing pre-school teacher training twice in a year in the month of June & December.
- World Environment Day was observed on 5th June 2015 - Essay writing, Quiz competitions, extempore speech, Drawing Competition were held to create awareness among the students and general public
- Observed the Silver Jubilee with two days programme at Silpgram, Guwahati on 3-4 October, 2015
- State level Book Reading on 20th December, 2015 at different parts of Assam, for students and neo-literate. Total 500 competitors participated
- State Level Children Science Festival – 5 days with participation 400 students in programs like Science picnic, Songs and drama, Origami, Math, Science, Imagination and creativity, Environment, Science Exhibition, Yoga Practice and Cultural Programs

2. Bihar
- State Conference of Gyan Vigyan Samiti Bihar held at Nawada on 10 – 12 August 2015. Total 160 delegates participated from 20 Districts of Bihar
- Book selling is going on in various districts.
- State EC meetings were held on 07-05-2015, 02-07-2015, 13-11-2015 and 05.02.2016

3. Haryana
• State level Education Core Group Meeting held on 4th May 2015
• Workshop on Social concerns of Education was held on 2 – 4 June, 2015
• Teachers Day Celebrated on 5th September 2015 at DRDA Hall
• Meeting with teachers was held on 2nd October at State Resource Centre for preparation of District Education Assembly
• Open platform in the activities of Child Line
• Seminar on Child Rights and Media was held on December 10, 2015
• Education Assemblies were held on 25th December 2015 in Rohtak, 03 January in Hisar, 13 February in Bhiwani, Panipat and Titana Wazirpur
• Republic Day Celebration was organised by Child Line Rohtak on 26 January
• Education Dialogue was held in Kiwana with the help of Sports Committee
• Books Promotion Exhibition organised at 5 different places, in which total sale were of Rs. 38,233/-.
• Jeevanshala is hosted in Hathwala of Village Samalkha
• Dr. Surajbhan’s family donated 2000 books to BGVS Haryana
• Review of child protection institutes

4. Himachal Pradesh

• State Committee meeting concluded on 12th July 2015
• State Conference of Gyan Vigyan Samiti Himachal Pradesh held at Kisan Bhawan Bilaspur on 11 – 13 September, 2015. Total 188 delegates participated from 11 Districts. 135 delegates were males and 53 were females
• Workshop on the planning for Public Hearing on Health Rights by NHRC and Jan Swasthya Abhiyan was held on 29 October 2015
• International Women Day 2016 celebrated across 700 grama panchayats
• HGVS Samata activists meeting held at SRC office hall Sanjauli Shimla on February 28, 2016

5. Jarkhand

• Anda Abhiyan in Anganwadi - Right to Food Campaign organized in 4 Districts in 450 Anganwari Centers
• BGVS participated in Jan Adhikar Jatha which is organised on 20th October – 5th November, 2015
• Kaam Mango Abhiyan organised in Giridih, Bokaro and Koderma
• Membership drive was held
• Participated actively in Yojna Banao Abhiyan of Jharkhand government
• Hosted Jan Adhikar Yatra in Giridih, Dhanbad.
• PAHARIA JAN JATI CONFERENCE was held in District Sahibganj which is attended by more than 1000 Paharias
• 1736 Women Self Help Groups are formed and a Total number of 1078 Women Self Help Groups are Linked with Banks
• 90 Women Self Help Group members got agarbatti making training and 50 Started Production.
• 120 Women Self Help Group members got Mashoom Production training under MEDP from NABARD and 80 started Production
• International Women Day Celebration was held in 4 Districts namely Giridih, Koderma, Dumka and Dhanbad on 8th March 2016.
• National Science day was celebrated on 28 February, 2016 at JHARKHAND PUBLIC SCHOOL, INDARWA, KODERMA with the participation of 100 Students
• Jantantra Bachao, Desh Bachao Abhiyan has been started with Peoples March on 28-02-16 in which 300 people attended

6. Karnataka

• KRVP and BGVS jointly organized the 15th AIPSC in Bangalore from May 22nd to 25th of 2015. Dr. Hamid Ansari inaugurated the event and Bharat Ratna Prof. CNR Rao was our chief patron.
• Teacher festival was organised at Ramdurga in Belgaum district in which 1000 teachers participated
• Campaign against female foeticide was organized by BGVS and other women's groups with programs across the state.
• Kannada Sahitya Parishad, as a part of its centenary celebration held women's literary conference in Belgaum
• Prabha N of the BGVS and the Samatha is playing a prominent part in Ugrappa committee of the Government of Karnataka, which is looking to amendments to the existing laws to protect women and children from atrocities
• A meeting of Karnataka Sahitya Parishad was held in Bellary, which was dedicated entirely to women and was attended by Anganwadi workers, mid day meal workers, school teachers, lecturers, housewives
• The BGVS Karnataka held meetings across the state, protesting the murder of Dr Kalburgi. Family members of Dr. Narendra Dabholkar, Comrade Govind Pansare and Dr. M.M. Kalburgi participated in some of these meetings.
• BGVS Karnataka took active role in the Campaign for Anti Superstition Bill and the campaign lead to a two thousand strong rally in Bangalore on 16.11.2015
• BGVS is playing an active role in the Platform for popularising the Indian Constitution, formed by 20 organizations. BGVS mobilised people for the first meeting on 26.11.2015

7. Madhya Pradesh

• MPBGVS Secretariat Meeting was held on 22 June 2015
• Block Level Jan Samvad organised from 9 – 22 August 2015 at various blocks. Discussion were held about implementation of RTE and POCSO, MNREGA and Panchayati Raj Act
• Campaign for Gram Sabha’s were held from 10 – 15 August 2015, which communicated the necessity and motivated villagers to attend the regular Gram Sabha’s organised during the Independence Day.
• Kala Jatha highlighting various social issues and laws regarding them was organised from 9 – 22 August 2015 at various blocks
• 10 day Material Development Workshop was held from 19 – 28 August 2015 in which a draft of primers on Right to Information, Panchayati Raj and Person with Disability Act were prepared.
• Jan Adhikar Yatras were organised from 21 September – 8 October 2015 in 55 Panchayats of Sehore District under which Kala Jatha was performed at 60 points to sensitize the villagers about the various Law’s. In all Yatras around 1 lakh people participated

8. Maharashtra

• 7th State Conference of Gyan Vigyan Samiti Maharashtra held at Onkar Mangal Garden office, Dr. Vinod Raina Complex, Someshwar Nagar – Pune on 15 – 17 August 2015

9. Odisha

• Regional Workshop on Scientific Temper was organized in Which 32 delegates from W.B, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha participated
• State Level workshop on Access to Medicine was organized with 47 delegate from Different Districts
• Kala-jatha for women’s literacy in Raygada ,Nabarangapur and Koraput
• Community Mobilization and Sensitization Campaigns on RTE through Kala-Jatha” in 161 School-Points
• SMC Sharing Meeting was organized at State level in which 32 Delegate from 4 Districts’ participated and Shared their experiences on 1.05.15

• Audio-Visual documentations of the “Best Practices”, “Success Stories” and Interviews of the Members of the Panchayat Standing Committees, SMCs’ Members, Members of School Cabinets and of Teachers, Community Members pertaining to adherence to different norms in RTE was done in few districts

• Final Proposal on “Demonstration of WASH and Hand Washing in 50 Schools in Two Blocks of Ganjam District”, was submitted to UNICEF-Odisha. Post agreement, Block level orientations of HMs and SMCs have completed in Chhatrapur and Sheragard Blocks of Ganjam District.

• Documentary Film was shot by the crew of NTV Delhi as assigned by UNICEF-Odisha, in order to capture the successful interventions by BGVS-Odisha in implementing the project of UNICEF

• Project proposal on Science Communication Activities for 100 pilot schools in 04 districts in Odisha was submitted for the approval of UNICEF-Odisha

• Project Proposal on Empowering Panchayat Standing Committees has been submitted for the perusal and approval of UNICEF-Odisha.

• A ‘Concept Note’ had been submitted to OPEPA with the title of “Micro Realization of RTE” for the piloting at least in one Block of each District; and encompassing at least 30 Blocks in 30 districts with the concepts of A. WASH in Schools Programs in Odisha, B. Empowering the Panchayat Standing Committees, and C. Science Communication Activities in Schools

• A two-day workshop of Civil Society Organizations on Right to Free Medicines was organised with a joint effort of JAN SWASTHYA ABHIYAN and PRAYAS at Red Cross Conference Hall in Bhubaneswar

• Micro planning project balasore: State level TOT, Field Coordinators orientation, Field level Piloting, Field coordinators trainings, Cluster level trainings were organised. Social process started and is continuing

10. Rajasthan

• Workshop on Child Rights Protection on December 19, 2015 with the cooperation of Child Rights Protection Munch Jaipur.

• Two days planning for survey work for Homeless People and for Night survey work on 23 – 24 December, 2015 with the participation of 48 People with the cooperation of PUCL, BGVS and other partner organisations.

• Homeless Survey in Jaipur City on December 8 – 9, 2015 with 39 persons participation.
- Organised protest against Police Harassment on the occasion of Human Rights Day on December 10, 2015.
- Quick School Toilet Survey for High Court on January 11 and 12, 2016 with the participation of 13 people.
- Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti Rajasthan has been running Mahila Salah Evam Suraksha Kendra (MSSK) in Baran District to combat violence against women.
- BGVS Raj started Hunar Enterprise to promote economic empowerment amongst women in the slums of Jaipur. The main objective was to empower women through skill development, economic activity and build a brand for themselves.
- Research work done in District Hospital of Baran District,, 3 CHC, 6 PHC, 12 Villages with 300 interviews. Free medicines and Janani Shishu Suraksha Yojana were researched.
- Two Computer Trainings were held in two resettlement colonies with the help of Polytechnic College Jaipur, 40 Adolescent Girls trained in the both trainings.
- May Day and Forest Visit, Women's panchayats conference, Saharia Community workers meeting were held under Fear of Hunger Reduction Program.

11. TamilNadu

- Two campaign booklets one on New Educational policy and Education is our Right in association with The Tamil Hindu was published.
- Card campaign to stop signing GATS agreement done with 1000s of cards posted.
- National Children Science Congress- Around 28 District level congresses and one State level congress conducted and participated in National Congress at Haryana.
- To promote Thulir and Jantar Mantar Science Magazines, state wide Science Awareness and Talent test was conducted with a fee for which one yr magazine will be sent. Around 28,000 Thulir and 5,000 JM subscriptions mobilized.
- A state wide Massive campaign commemorating National Science Day is being celebrated with children’s rally in all districts with Raman Masks.
- Campaign against Shall Gas Extraction and Hospital Waste Incinerators were the taken for study and awareness in different places particularly in East
Districts and Viruthunagar. Accountancy Literacy was imparted to the women in Pudukkottai District through CESTADS with the assistance of NABARD.

- Man made Flood Havoc destroyed life and properties of the people and the future environment in Chennai, Cuddalore, Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur and Pondicherry. Relief materials worth of 1 crore were distributed. Immediately after the flood Chennai District campaigned for health and now conducting Support centre for the children.

- Neer Vazhi (Through Water Route): A broad platform with nearly 25 organizations and individuals was formed with a slogan of “Let us Rescue Chennai “. A two day programme with parallel sessions participating 300 people and a convention with nearly 1000 people conducted and a “Chennai Charter” was released.

12. Tripura

- As a part of Science popularization / awareness programme, a programme against superstition prevailing in tribal society pertaining to witchcraft had been conducted in sixteen tribal dominated blocks.

- 18 seminars on protection of Civil Right Act 1955 and Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe (Prevention of atrocities) Act 1989 were organized

- A four day workshop on the theme, Joy of learning, was organized in an EMR (Ekalavya Model Residential) School in Khumlung – Head quarter of the Tribal Autonomous District Council. 65 students of Class VI to VIII and two teachers for each corner took part in this programme.

- Science Festival organised on 14 November and 18 November, 2015

13. Uttarakhand

- State level Workshop on Free Drugs Scheme organized on 4-5 June 2015

- Children Writing Workshop was organized from 7-11 June in Bageshwar by Baal Prahari and BGVS.

- Seminar on National Children’s Literature in Bageshwar from 12 – 14 June 2015 by Baal Prahari and BGVS

- Children Science Environment program was held in Almora District from 22 – 28 June with the cooperation of Baal Prahari and BGVS.

- Science and Thought of science lecture organized in Almora District on 10 June by Baal Prahari and BGVS
• People’s Dialogue on 21st July and Seminar on Religious Blindness & Superstition. A ‘Play – Hum Jaan Gaye’ against superstition written and directed by Sh. Ganjender Verma presented

• In context of International Light Year 2015, Essay competition and Poster Design activities were organized in 20 Primary schools of Dehradun on the topic of ‘Importance of light in our life’ from 5 – 20 August 2015. Also a two-day workshop was organised on 8-9 January, 2016. Total 57 delegates from 10 Districts of Uttarakhand participated

• Facilitation Ceremony for Literacy Activists, leaders associated with People’s Science Movement on the occasion of 25th Years completion

• State Convener Committee meeting was organised on 19 September 2015 under Jan Swasthya Abhiyan in which Regional Convener Shri Satnam Singh was also present. 25 people participated from different organizations in the meeting.

• A Library was inaugurated in Sherpur Panchayat of District Haridwar and seminar on ‘Role of Youth in Social Changes’ was organised on 17 October 2015

• Children’s competitions were organised by Baal Prahari and Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti on the occasion of Children’s Day in Arya Girls Inter College, District Almora.

• A meeting was held in Dehradun by Doon Science Forum and Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti, in which discussion was held to promote scientific approaches in society.

14. Kerala

• Paddy field and Wetland protection: The state government decided to amend the paddy field and wetland conservation act 2008. KSSP has taken a stand against any kind of amendment of the existing act which may cause further deterioration to the remaining wet land. Against this policy decision of the state govt. KSSP has undertaken statewide campaigns. For mass awareness we have conducted padayatras and samvad or dialogue with people to describe the ill effects of the govt. decision

• Expert meet on Vizhinjam Sea Port: The state government has recently signed an agreement regarding the construction of the Vizhinjam Sea Port project (near Thiruvananthapuram) with Adani group. An expert committee constituted by KSSP met Thiruvananthapuram to analyze the DPR. After analyzing the project report the experts unanimously decided to raise serious concerns regarding the Project. Main concerns are regarding Environmental destruction in the sea and the surrounding area, Displacement of 3300 families and financial viability.
• Global warming: In connection with the Paris convention on Climate Change
two regional workshops have been conducted at Calicut and Kottayam for
training of resource persons for conducting classes among college students.
District level Green Assembly was conducted in three districts. and we
participated in the Climate march through the Western Ghats area

• Conducted workshop for training resource persons with special emphasis on
transforming the panchayats into Women and Child friendly Panchayaths.
Subjects including the need for women’s reservation, the need and
relevance of Women friendly development projects, difficulties faced in
formulating and implementing the women development projects, existing
scope and success stories were discussed in depth

• For developing gender awareness within the organization we have started
one year long Gender school as a part of organization education.

• KSSP consciously planned to develop a resource team for supporting the
LSGs.

• Successfully intervened in HSS level NSS camps with modules of Gender,
Scientific Temper etc.

• An in-depth workshop for our middle level activists on scientific temper has
been conducted at IRTC. Dr. TVV, Dr. Ramankutty, Dr. KN Ganesh and Dr. KP
Aravindan took lead role

• Letters and memorandums sent to Home minister and MLA’s demanding
enactment of Anti superstition bill

• Conducted a series of (8days lecture series) lecture by eminent academicians
on various subject like Scientific Temper-Secularism-Democracy, Historic view
of DD Kosambi, Indian Philosophy and Devi Prasad Chathoopadhyaya, Social
Functions of Science, Philosophy of Budha and Jaina, Gandhiji-a model of
internal criticism, Sree Narayana Guru and Kerala renaissance, Marxist
Ideology. The seminar series is well attended.

• Conducted the mass education campaign Kalajatha. The danger of
environmental depletion through illicit intervention in Western Ghats and the
need for protecting Western Ghats and how communal elements trying to
trespass the social milieu of Kerala are the two themes for this year’s
kalajatha.

15. Uttar Pradesh
• Samaan shiksha jan abhiyaan manch. A forum of 16 organisations and renowned educationists and academicians was formed.

• Women Enterpreunarship training and opening of 100 Silai schools in 100 villages of 5 districts. Training of women are complete roughly 2000 women learn in these schools

Challenges

1. Finance. We have been struggling to find funds to carry out the good work. We do not have many projects running and this places constrains on us

2. We need to place more emphasis and build collective leadership throughout the states

3. We have not yet been able to hold a state conference in Uttar Pradesh.

Opportunities

1. Self sustenance model in which the organization has been working in nearly 50 districts across the country, like Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, Sehore in Madhya Pradesh, Dorrang in Assam and Dhanbad in Jarkhand are quite promising, and we need to try and learn from them