BGVS Activity report
April 2017 - March 2018

National Level Meetings & State Conferences Held

- 7th Executive Committee Meeting - 5th July 2017, Ranchi
- 8th Executive Committee Meeting - 23rd February 2017, New Delhi
- 9th Executive Committee Meeting - 29th November, 2017, Bhopal
- 10th Executive Committee Meeting – 10th February, 2018, Bhubaneswar
- KSSP State Conference-29-30 April 2017

National Level Programs

SDHD- Rights based Campaign

Many states have taken forward the activities of rights based campaign. States like Jharkhand, Karnataka, Assam have conducted state level workshops. States like Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal, Assam has taken forward the activities to district, block and Panchayat level and are conducting continuous dialogues. GVS Jharkhand conducted cycle rallies across 8 districts namely, Dhanbad, Bokharo, Palamu, Latehar, Ramgrah, Kaderma, Dhumka, and Godda. Hundreds of activists participated in the series of rallies that started on NetajiJayanti (Jan 23) and concluded on Gandhiji’s Martyrdom day (Jan 30). SDHD Programs were conducted in Tribal areas of Dehradun and Almoda of Uttarakhand. Nearly 200 people participated in these. 3 district level workshops on SDHD were held in in Bihar

Bal Vigyan Melas in Tribal Areas

Projects for conducting Bal Vigyan Melas among tribal children, with support from Vigyan Prasar has been going on in States like Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Himachal Rajasthan, Odisha, Telingana and Andhra Pradesh. Two resource person training workshops were conducted at regional level. Each of the states conducted state level Resource Person. Existing school teachers, Graduates and B Ed students were included in these trainings to ensure that the students continue to benefit from these melas. All these trainings were conducted aiming to improve the science teaching in the classroom, through Hands on activities and Role-plays on various concepts that are part of the curriculum.

Resource person workshop for the Hindi speaking states was held between 3-7 July, in Ranchi. 35 Participants from 4 States – Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan attended the training. The training included address by Pedagogic Experts, Address on Scientific Methods, Motivational Activities and Technical Sessions on Environment & Microscopy, Sound, Air & Air Pressure, Particle Nature of Matter & Chemistry, Flotation and density, Optics, Photosynthesis and Circulation, and Electricity
Resource person workshop for the Non-Hindi speaking states was held between 8-12 July, in Hyderabad. 60 Resource Persons from 4 states – Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa attended the workshop. Sessions where held on Nutrition and Health, Astronomy, Chemistry, Opportunities for tribal children, Miracle show, Health and Hygiene, Air and Air Pressure, Particle Nature of Matter, Photosynthesis and Circulation and digestive system.

Bal Vigyan melas were conducted among tribal children in schools these states. These melas have been effective in generating some curiosity among children and has helped to give them a glimpse of joyful learning experience. Sustained efforts are required to nurture scientific curiosity among these children.

The whole process has helped to improve pedagogic practices among teachers, who have been part of our organization. In addition, we have been able to establish some network among teachers, especially in northern states.

Youth Programs

A national workshop to develop leadership for tomorrow was conducted in Rohtak, Haryana on the 1st and 2nd of April. 55 Participants from 15 states participated in the program. The delegates participated in Group discussions on conceptual ideas, Cultural activities, Screening of short films followed by discussions, Expert speak on Scientific Temper and they prepared state specific action plans for the next 3 months. The workshop decided to hold a Youth Meet, with 10 delegates, including 5 females from each state.

Following this, many states have conducted various state level activities and this has seen the involvement of more youth. A Youvasamithi is formed in Delhi, and various activities are happening in Campuses.

A Regional Youth Meet was held in Dehradun on the 13th and 14th of July 2017. Nearly 40 participants from 4 states – Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Haryana participated in the meet. The meet discussed the socio-economic condition of the youth, had experience sharing sessions, a cultural session, and action plans were prepared. The meet aimed to keep the motivation of youth going, after the Rohtak meet and before the Bhopal meet.

A National Youth Workshop was held in Bhopal, adding on to the experience of Bhopal Jan Utsav. A Field visit was held on the 29th of Nov, followed by a two day workshop on 30 Nov-1 Dec. 72 Participants from 13 States took part in the workshop during which sessions were conducted on Socio-Economic changes and the challenges for youth, Process of Perception and Value formation: Changes and Challenges, Role of youth in Social Change and Gender equality. In the workshop laced with icebreakers, songs, and cultural activities the participants shared the experiences of activities in their states, and also made an Action Plan for the next few months. Youth Week was celebrated in Balasore, Orissa and Youth day was celebrated in Andhra Pradesh.

Foundation Day

BGVS Foundation Day was celebrated in 76 districts, 100 blocks and about 200 Panchayats across the country. The celebrations were held with the intention to re-establish the emotional connect that various activists of BGVS. The celebrations included various programs where the senior activists of BGVS recalled their experiences of the initial days of BGVS. The activists of BGVS were enthusiastic and owned up the program at various levels.

Promotion of Scientific Temper
A call to March for science, on 9th August, was given by ‘Breakthrough Science Society’. BGVS Units across the country, along with AIPSN organised and participated in various programs including Protest Marches and Seminars across the country. The march called attention to the reduction in funding for research projects, the anti-scientific environment prevailing in the country, and the spread of pseudo-science.

Super-Blue-Blood Moon - Programs were conducted in various states generating interest in children and adults on the astronomical phenomenon. Activities included pre-event awareness sessions, demo sessions, observation through telescope. Countering the superstitions around eclipse, cake cutting and food distribution was held at many places.

SRC Closure

The current government at the centre has decided to shut down the State Resource Centres which has played a major role in improving literacy in our country. BGVS, as the pioneering organization that worked on literacy, wrote to the President, the Prime minister and The Minister of Human Resource Development, protesting the closure of the State Resource Centres. The SRCs are continuing the struggle to propagate literacy.

Opposition on the murder of Gauri Lankesh

Various state units of BGVS organised and participated in the programs protesting the murder of Gauri Lankesh.

Jan Utsavs

A three day National level Jan Utsav was conducted in Bhopal. The Bhopal Jan Utsav - a festival of diversity, reason and resistance was conducted from November 26-28. Organised by various progressive organisations, collectives and movements, the festival brought together activists from diverse movements, cultural activists and science. The festival was conceived as a response to the systematic assault on people’s lives mounted by religious sectarian forces and neoliberal economic policies. Sessions held include Voices of resistance, Reason and scientific temper, Our lives our struggles, Science education and research, Education policy and exclusion, Gender and oppression, Science & technology and self reliance, youth forum and cultural resistance. Nearly 600 Persons from across the country participated in the Utsav.

A three day Program, Haryana Jan Utsav was conducted in Rohtak, Haryana. The program included corners on Social Justice, Agriculture, Health, Youth, Scientific Temper and Science Popularization. Various cultural programs like Dramas, Songs, Poetry reading with visualization, and Gazal Night were held. Apart from Haryana, delegates from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh participated in the Utsav.
**State Level Activities**

**Andhra Pradesh**

**Education**
- Chekumuki Science Sambaralu: This is the flagship program of the JVV, which is being conducted every year in a grand scale. Approximately 5 lakh students and 10000 teachers have been participated this year in this program. The entire event took place at four levels; school, mandal, district and state. School level test was conducted simultaneously across the state in 5000 schools on November 7th. Chekumuki state level science fest, an extravaganza to celebrate science, was organised in Kurnool on January 6th to 8th, 2018.
- Summer camps: On the name of “Joyful Summer”, we are conducting approx. 100+ summer camps to the students on the month of May every year. Nearly 10000 students are attending every year in all over AP

**Bihar**

**SDHD Campaign**
- District Level Seminars: Organized in 18 districts namely Begusarai, Gaya, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Samastipur, Madhepura, Saharsa and other districts. A
- Block Level Seminars: - Organized at 45 blocks. Janwachan programme was not possible to take up in want of supply of books on SabkadeshHamaradesh
- 50 set resource books for campaigning through Janwachan under SabkaDeshHamarakadesh Programme were received and distributed in different Zones in October 2017; from that 13 set of books were sold.
- On 22 December, 2017, Foundation Day of BGVS was organized at the district as well as block levels.

**Samata & Gender Justice**

- After the National Level Samta Programme, state level Seminar of Samta Bihar was organized at Patna and Rohtas.

**Haryana**

**Sabka Desh Hamara Desh**
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**Youth**
- One day state level meet for youth was held in April, 2017.
Awards & Recognitions

- Awards of Appreciation for Best Achievements in Shakshar Bharat Programme: Two GPs of Dhanbad and Two GPs of Latehar were awarded by National Literacy Mission, Government of India, New Delhi for their remarkable achievements under Shakshar Bharat Programme.

Education

- Science Teacher’s and Activist’s Training for organizing Children’s science festival: A four days science teachers and GVSJ’s local activists was organized at Zila School, Dumka from May 13, 2017 to May 16, 2017; total participation was 88 (71 males and 17 females). Mrs. Anshumala, Dr. Irfana, Ms. Joyeeta were the Resource Persons who facilitated conducting training on various themes related to Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Astronomy.

- Children’s Science Festival: Vigyan Prasar (an autonomous Institution of the Government of India under the Ministry of Science and Technology) sponsored Children’s Science Festival was organized in 10 schools from three blocks of Dumka district in which 1200 tribal children took part. The trained teachers and local activists managed conducting the training under the supervision of the Executive Members of GVSJ.

- Regional Workshop of Science Teachers at Ranchi: Vigyan Prasar (an autonomous Institution of the Government of India under the Ministry of Science and Technology) sponsored 5 Day Regional Workshop of Science Teachers was organized from July 3, 2017 to July 7, 2017; where 70 teachers (54 males and 16 females) from 5 states (Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand) took part.

- On behalf of GVSJ, the General Secretary of GVSJ Mr. Hemant Kumar Jayaswal took part in the state level Convention on Teacher organized by GVS Uttarakhand on 13-17 August 2017.

Youth Empowerment

- Training Programme for Youth Empowerment: A self-supported two day training programme for youth empowerment was organized at ATMA auditorium at Dumka on 19-20 May, 2017; where 37 delegates (27 males and 10 females) from 10 districts (Dhanbad, Dumka, Sahibganj, Godda, Bokaro, Jamtara, Palamu, Chatra, Kodarma and Ranchi) of Jharkhand took part actively. During the Training various types of entertaining programmes were organized.

Sabka Desh Hamara Desh

- State Level Workshop: A two day state level Workshop on “SabkaDeshHamaraDesh” was organized at Ranti Sati Dharmalsala at Jhumritilaya (Koderma) to enhance the theoretical knowledge base of the leading volunteer members of the GVS representing from different districts. Thirty eight (38) participants (30 males and 8 females) representing eight (8) districts of Jharkhand (Dhanbad, Palamu, Giridih, Koderma, Bokaro, Chatra, Ramgarh and East Singhbhum) took part in the Workshop. The participants meticulously read the AIPSN documented four
booklets on four different issues like health, education, right to food and nationalism and thereafter discussed on those issues elaborately to get themselves sensitized so that they could take those issues before the common masses to join hands with the efforts made by BGVS and GVSJ towards cementing national integration through “SabkaDeshHamaraDesh” programme. The Workshop unanimously decided to conduct such Workshop at the district and block levels.

- **District Level Workshop:** Towards fulfilling the commitment made in the above mentioned State level Workshop, the Dhanbad District unit of GVSJ organized a two day district level Workshop organized at Baradaha Gram Panchayat Office premises on 11-12 November, 2017. The Workshop was attended by thirty seven (37) participants (28 males and 9 females) representing six blocks (like Dhanbad, Baliapur, Topchanchi, Nirsha, Jharia and Govindpur) of Dhanbad district.

- **One person participated in the Regional Meetings on SabkaDeshHamaraDesh organized by AIPSN in Kolkata 30.04. 2017 and 01.05.2017.**

- **Eight members of GVSJ took part in the Eastern Regional Workshop on SabkaDeshHamaraDesh organized by West Bengal Vigyan Manch in Kolkata on 24-25 June, 2017.**

- **2 Persons took part in the Workshop on SabkaDeshHamaraDesh on 10-12 August organized by AIPSN.**

- **On behalf of GVSJ, one person participated in the Regional Workshop on SabkaDeshHamaraDesh held in Kolkata on November 1, 2017.**

- **Fifty members of GVSJ took part in the state level workshop on SabkaDeshHamaraDesh at the RanisatiDharmsala premises, Jhumritilaiya.**

### Scientific temper and constitutional values

- **March for Science in Ranchi:** On August 9, few members of GVSJ took part in the India March for Science in Ranchi under the leadership of Mr. Asim Sircar, President of GVSJ. The delegates of the said event submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Jharkhand demanding promotion of scientific temper in schools and colleges.

- **Meeting on Community Cohesion:** GVSJ took part in the one day meeting on Community Cohesion organized on August 28, 2017 in Ranchi organized by AmanBiradari.

- **AmanYatra and Meeting:** Under SajhaKadam program, Aman Yatra was organized in three different locations on 01.09.2017, 04.09.2017 and 06.09.2017 in Giridih town where 300 people participated; the rally finally culminated with mass meeting.

- **Protest March against Murder of GouriLankesh:** Protest marches were organized in five districts viz., Dhanbad, Bokao, Kodarma, East Singhbhum and Dumka against the murder of GouriLankesh in different dates in September 2017.

### Other

- **Condolence Meeting:** To pay tribute to one of our most dedicated and self-less woman workers Mrs. Geeta Devi of Latehar, a condolence meeting was organized on Sep 20, 2017 at the state Head Office premises of Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Jharkhand. The meeting was attended by 22 participants. All the participants highlighted Mrs. Geeta Devi’s contributions in leading social movements in her area and empowering women as an ex-state coordinator of Samta wing.

- **Convention on People’s Health Charter:** GVSJ took part in the Convention on People’s Health Charter organized by Jan SwasthAbhiyan at SDC, Ranchi on August 27, 2017.

- **Participation in International Conference:** Dr Madan Sarkar, EC Member of GVSJ represented BGVS in the Second World Congress of Comparative Economics (2nd WCCE), that took place in
St. Petersburg, Russia, on June 15-17, 2017, and presented two research papers
GLOBALIZATION OF INDIAN ECONOMY: THE INEVITABLE CULMINATION OF NEHRUVIAN MODEL
OF INDIA’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Karnataka

Environment

- BGVS Karnataka organized Round table discussions on “Impact of Patala Ganga project” envisaged by Government of Karnataka in May 2017. State Government had proposed to undertake Patala Ganga project, which is underground water exploration project, aiming to drill 8-10km depth and pump out aquifer water. This was done in association with Multi-National Company which had assured to charge nothing if there is no water after drilling. BGVS invited Water experts, Geologists and Ecologists for the Round table discussions in which it was felt that it is an unscientific approach without assessing the impact of such a project.

Immediately our district units organized a campaign against this in association with various organizations in about 8 districts. BGVS also exhorted the Government that if the project is not withdrawn and broader consultation is not done, it will build a protest in all the places where this project has been planned.

This resulted in mounting the pressure on the State Government. Finally, State Government declared that it would re-examine the project with experts.

Health

- BGVS organized session Food security and malnutrition at Raichur in April 2017 in which large number of malnutrition and hunger were reported. Various experts including Dr. GopalaDabade participated in this. About 70 people participated.

SabkaDeshHamaraDesh

- As part of SDHD, BGVS organized 3 days ‘State Level Rights-based Workshop’ at Vidhurashwatha, Gowribidanur on June 10-12, 2017. About 40 participants from 12 districts were present. The workshop was inaugurated by former Advocate General Prof. Ravi Varma Kumar. Session on Right to Education, Food Security and Right to Water were taken respectively by Dr. Savita Suresh (NIAS), Dr SharadaDabade and Dr. Sharath Chandra Lele.

JanardhanKesaragadde presented on globalization and its impact on these fundamental rights of the people.

Organizational

- On June 12th, 2017 Annual General Body Meeting of the BGVS Karnataka was organized. In the meeting, last one year activities were taken stock and an action plan for the next one year was discussed in detail and finalized. In this meeting, EC members whoever have not been able to attend the BGVS EC meeting for the last one year were dropped from BGVS EC

Kerala

Organisational Education

- In a period when democratic values and scientific thinking is under threat the interventions of scientific movements in every realms of society is of crucial importance. KSSP frame all activities
bearing this idea in mind.

- After the 54th Annual conference, KSSP mainly focused on conducting unit conventions so that the academic content of the conference and the basic ideas discussed there would reach to every member.
- Two days zonal level camps in three centers were organised for organisational education giving emphasis to scientific temper.
- Following this meghalaparikshath school is also conducted.

**Environment**

- Campaign on water security - The solgan is ‘Welcoming the Monsoon’. The main activities undertaken are cleaning of wells and ponds, making rain pits, recharging wells etc. The programme is conducted with the co operation of clubs, libraries, other organisations and local bodies. The recharging of wells is a joint venture of IRTC and KSSP.
- In continuation to the water security campaign, measures are being taken for ensuring the quality of water and the water is being tested in labs.
- Various programmes for school students on world environment day based on the slogan connecting people to nature.
- Photography competition to youngsters in connection with world environment.
- Two day camp for the selected participants of photography competition in the Parambikulam forest reserve
- State level class on Global Warming and climate change in the Cochin University.
- Protests and study in different areas based on enviromental issues such as river polution destruction of hills, polution of wells and water bodies (Kottakkunnun in Palakkad, Manakkamala in Ernakulam, pollution of wells in Kannur through polluted water from EzimalaNavika Academy......)
  - Taking note of the widespread decline of the eco system due to encroachments and environmental degradation, the convention constituted a Peoples Commission to provide an assessment of the situation particularly focusing on encroachments and other environmental issue and to provide recommendations as to what needs to be done to restore the ecology, helping to improve the livelihood of people who have been traditionally dependent on the Backwater.
  - The report of peoples commission on Vembanad Ecosystem was released on 30th September in Alappuzha. Inaguration by Dr.PrabhatPatnaik, release of the report by Dr. Thomas Isaac, the report being received by the Hon. Minister J. Mercikuttiyamma.

**Education**

- Two day state level workshop for planning the future programmes to be undertaken in the field of education. The following papers are presented in the workshop- Changes in the field of public education, the changing perspective of education in the context of New Education Policy, the crisis of public education, a retrospection of curriculum reformation, scholastic society and education Following this there was district level workshop in the context of making 140 schools in the State to the level of international schools by the Government. Our focus is on ensuring the quality of education
- Plans to prepare a document on Higher Education and also coudct a study on Self Financing colleges.
- Conducted a seminar for the protection of mother tongue since the majority are after English and English medium completely ignoring mother tongue. The papers presented in the seminar include, Why mother tongue, linguistics, other languages, medium of education, the cultural implications of neglecting mother tongue. -The future programme is to wage a fight for medium of education to be the mother tongue.
Training for Anganvadi Resource Teachers

In collaboration with Social Justice Department, 593 Resource Teachers were given training at IRTC. The training is given in three phases and the first phase is over. These resources teachers will train all the Anganvadi teachers by the end of March.

Vijnanotsavam –

- This year there is a drastic change in the way in which Vijnanotsavam is conducted. For KSSP this year’s Vijnanotsavam is for developing an alternative for the teaching learning process and evaluation considering the Multiple Intelligences of students, the very basis of New Curriculum in Kerala. The theme of Vijnanotsavam is ‘Science is life’ based on the 150th birth anniversary of Marie Curie.
- Students are asked to present the science content through skits, poster making, project presentation and creative writing in the form of stories, essays etc. - There won’t be any question paper and children can formulate the activities through extra reading for which KSSP has prepared special issues of SasthraKeralam and Eureka. A booklet is also distributed to all schools incorporating the activities and the grading indicators for evaluation.
- The best performers from each area is selected to the next level - panchayath, Meghala, District and State. In each level maximum input will be given to students with the help of experts in each field.

Balavedi - Balavedi also organises activities in connection with the 150th birth anniversary of Marie Curie with a view to promoting the methodology of science and scientific thinking.

Health

- Conducted camps for promoting primary health care.
- A carton of medicine was sent to the flood affected areas of Assam.
- Distributed pamphlets and conducted awareness programmes at the time of the spread of fever
- Protest against the hike in fees of the self financing Medical Collages –
- Conducted State level class on anti-Scientific and practices related to the treatment of Cancer.
- Press statement was issued demanding the Centre and the standing committee studying the proposed National Medical Commission Bill to remove the unscientific clauses in the Bill which allows practitioners of AYUSH systems of medicine to practise modern medicine after undergoing a short-term bridge course. Such measures will have long-term consequences on public health and lead to deterioration in the quality of medical education.
- Also pointed out that it was unacceptable that the members on the proposed National Medical Commission, which will replace the Medical Council of India, will have government-nominated members rather than elected representatives

Gender

- Submitted a detailed memorandum to the State Planning Board on Women component plan and same is included in the handbook of LSG planning.
- Conducted State level workshop in 3 zones for making the selected panchayaths gender friendly as a pilot programme. Apart from the KSSP members peoples representatives including the presidents of local bodies, ADS, CDS chairpersons, anganvadi workers, women activists etc participated in the workshop. The main topics discussed are
  - The politics of de-centralisation and gender friendly approach
  - The history of gender status
  - Biology of Gender
  - Indentifying gender discrimination fortified by religion, media, tradition and market
The possibilities of local bodies to create awareness to build up resistance against gender discrimination.

The formation of gender resource centre (GRC) and gender resource group (GRG).

Formation of adhoccommity and training for the members of the commity.

- Conducts gender equality gatherings (ThulyathaSangamam) in all possible units.

**Development**

- Padayathra for development dialogue - Conducted state level Vikasanapadanashibiram in August. Following this there was Padayathra and development dialogue addressing about 15,000 people, discussing the local issues they face in their respective areas.

**Media workshop**

- Conducted in media seminar for increasing the skills of the members in IT field and also for uploading audios and videos in youtube and websites. Two youths from Telangana also participated in the workshop.

**Yuvasamithi**

- Engineering Innovators meet was conducted on 26,27, and 28th of August 2017 by the engineering students group under Kerala SatrasahithyaParishath with the support of Energy Management Centre (EMC), ANERT and ICFOSS. The event was organized at IRTC, Palakkad, the home ground for many innovative projects in the fields of renewable energy and sustainable development inspired by KSSP. Engineering Innovators Meet was organized as an endeavour aiming to promote engineering projects with a social significance. And the programme became a platform for aspiring engineers with an innovative mind to come together and learn through interaction with experts in the field, and to provide an interface where institutions in the field of engineering are introduced to the ideas generated by the young minds.

- Thennindianyuvasangamam- youths from 3 states- Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Pondichery participated in this activity exchange programme.

- After district level yuvasangamam 3 days get together of yuvasamithi members in the state level in September

- Kerala padanam - How people in kerala live and how they think? Started the work of the second phase of keralapadanam through which we can understand the changes that have occurred in Kerala during the last ten years

**Publication**

- History of Science and Technology by RVG Menon- 6000 copies were sold as pre publication. The book is widely accepted by people and the release was done in all districts.

- Our language and our Culture- pre publication 5000 copies

- Palmphlets books are also published whenever there is immediate need.

- Published a book on Demonetisation and GST.

- Magazine Circulation Campaign

  - Published special issues of Eureka and Sasthrakeralam - the Marie Curie edition. Eureka- 92000, Sasthrakeralam- 41500

  - Magazine campaign is going on and this years target is one lakh copies - Eureka can be red online through magzer.com

**Art and culture**

- Janotsavam: In a period when the democratic values and freedom of expression and life are under threat our cultural activities should be a tool for exposing anti humanistic activities and psuedo science. The KSSP has been involving in a series of cultural activities since 1980 and its Performance Journeys called Kala Jatha is seen as a path breaking model for awareness building. –
This year we have planned local cultural festivals called Jan Utsav (Peoples Festival) throughout Kerala, from Jan-26th - The Republic day to Feb-28th - National Science day by bringing cultural activists and artists to common platform. This is an attempt to encourage cultural unity among people and to strengthen respect to Constitution of India. The slogan for Jan Utsav is We, the People - Don’t be frightened to question.

KSSP is totally committed to national integration, democracy, scientific temper, secularism and humanism.

Scientific Temper and constitutional values

- Conducted southern region workshop for equipping the members of southern regions in the science dialogue for SDHD campaign Protest against
- Gouri Lankeshassassination - Protest meetings in all districts against the brutal murder of Gouri Lankesh, the noted journalist, writer, activist, and the champion of secularism and communal harmony joining hands with other progressive forces.
- Legislative Assmebly March - Conducted a Niyama Sabha March when the Government cut short the distance from the residential areas to the quarries to 50 metres from 100 metres.
- Scientific Temper Week and Kerala Rally for Science - In commemoration of the birth anniversary of Marie Curie and Dr. C.V. Raman on November 7th and the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru on November 14th KSSP together with KCSTSE celebrated 8 days as Scientific Temper Week. There was also the co-operation of the State Library Council, Kudumbasree Mission, Child Welfare Department and the Education Department for these activities.
  - Two types of Posters were printed and distributed to Schools and to the Libraries and general public.
  - Classes mainly based on Cosmos and life, Global Warming and Climate change, Vaccination etc, Seminars, Exhibitions and debates were organized in all the 14 districts. About 5,000 classes are taken in schools, colleges, libraries and kudumbasree units.
  - People from all realms of life - Dist. Collectors, Scientists, Researchers, Teachers, Students, Peoples Representatives participated in the Rally for Science on 14th.
  - The Rally and the public function thereafter was able to catch the attention of whole Kerala.
  - Our aim is to make Scientific Consciousness as the common sense of people so as to wage the battle for antiscientific and anti-humanistic activities

Madhya Pradesh

Child Rights & Education

- The meeting with the VCPC members was held at Papdelpanchayat of Rajgarh district on April 14-15, 2017 in two batches. 148 VCPC members were part of the capacity building meeting. Among the participants were anganwadi worker, asha worker, school teachers, pandit, SMC members, panch members, youth group members, sarpanch, secretary etc. The issue on which the VCPC orientation held was early child marriage. April was the month when a mass marriage took place i.e. on “Akhha Teej”. Participants were oriented on ill-effects of early child marriage. It was informed to all that the early marriage took place when a girl is below 18 years and the boy below 21 years.
Two days camp organized from April 11-13 in Rajgarh district. More than 450 Children and adolescents from 31 villages of 06 clusters – Rampuriya, Bhumariya, Dhand, Barkheda, Richadiya and Papdel attended the program. Camp started with introduction of all the children. Song “likhoPadhoaagebadho” is sung to aware children about importance of education. Objective of the camp was to empower the children and adolescent to prevent and respond to violations against themselves. Various fun activities like songs, drawing, poetry etc. were also enjoyed by children in camp.

Child Line of MPBGVS district katni organized a 10 days capacity building of team members on designing child rights sessions for children and community and the ways of generating mass awareness on the issue of children from 02nd – 12th June. Mr. SatishDhoulakhandi and Mr.AgrimSundriyal of BGVS Uttarakhand developed the capacity of team members and volunteers. Two theatre play, songs were developed in these days and performed at Katni Railway station on last day.

A daylong Children Parliament or BalSansad was organized on 12th June to celebrate anti child labor day in Nasrullaganj of Sehore and Khilchipur block of Rajgarh district.

Three days ToT of Youth on DastakAbhiyan and Soacial Audit was organized at BGVS Bhopal on 18th – 21st June 2017. The training was intended to orient youth on the issues of children and capacity building on social audit of RTE. Also they were oriented on the DastakAbhiyan – a campaign for visiting door to door to generate awareness on the issues of children in khilchipur block of Rajgarh, Madhya Pradesh.

A program for distribution of Bags, books, stationary items to 210 children of marginalized groups from Saddam colony, sarvhaera colony and LachoreTappar School was organized on 30th June 2017 at BVM School in nasrullaganj of sehore. More than 100 community members contributed around Rs. 50,000 to help these children.

MPBGVS is implementing Human Rights Education in Bal cabinets of 225 elementary schools of 05 districts of Madhya Pradesh since 2015 on volunteer basis. Training of school teachers, Trainers and volunteers were organized in Bhopal on 11 – 15 Oct. 2017 and 21 – 22 March 2018 for the selected 05 districts namely Sehore, Bhind, Morena, katni and Jhabua. Several visits by Amnesty Team members were done in schools to review the implementation of program.

SMC training was held in two phases, First phase for 3 days and second phase for 2 days. The training was held as per the module provided by the UNICEF. First phase of training took place from 3-5 September at Barkheda, Papdel and Rampuriya& 7-9 September 2017 at Bhumariya, Dhand and Richadiya.

Another phase of two days training of SMC took place from 4 - 5 November at Barkheda, Papdel and Rampuriya& 8 - 9 November 2017 at Bhumariya, Dhand and Richadiya.

A day long Public Hearing on the issues of Child Rights was organized by MPBGVS in Khilchipur of Rajgarh. People from different blocks of rajgarh district participated in the public Hearing. Around 540 participants attended the hearing

SMC MahaSammelan and Federation Formation took place on 30th December 2017 at Papdel. Objective of the sammelan was to strengthen the understanding of the SMC in school management, experiences sharing of the success of the work done by the SMC and capacity building of the SMC to come forward and ensure the child rights.

Youth Activities

3 days training on perspective development was organized at BGVS office Bhopal. 35 Participants who participated were members of YuvaManch, SMC, and VCPC. In the training
they were oriented on the issues of youth nowadays, Major factors responsible for today’s sorry affairs, Constitution, constitutional values and Democracy, Gender and social justice etc.

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- A paricharcha on Our Society and constitution was organized on 14th April in patrani of Dewas district as a part of SDHD campaign. Other district also observed Ambedkar jayanti.

Health

- A lecture on “The Contemporary Challenges of Health for All and Health Insurance as alternate” was organized by BGVS and other organizations to commemorate our beloved friend, People science and Health Right Activist dr. Ajay Khare on 04th March 2018 at MahadeviVerma Hall, Hindi Bhavan, Bhopal.