

## **IBHARATIYA MUSLIM MAHILA ANDOLAN (BMMA)**

### **ANNUAL REPORT – 2015**

#### **Major Achievement of 2015:**

- Letter to NALSA, Supreme Court, PMO for reforms in Muslim family law.
- Darul Uloom Niswan was registered as a centre for learning and theology. The first batch of women qazi training was held in Mumbai attended by 30 Muslim women across the country.
- 75 young boys and 150 young girls trained on 'Rights of Women in Islam'
- Hum se Pucho Helpline – launched for addressing young women's questions related to sexual and reproductive health
- Resource Centre-cum-Library opened in Golibar
- Release of study of 100 case studies of oral divorce: No More, Talaak !
- Release of national survey, Seeking Justice Within Family'. This national study of 4710 Muslim women highlighted the demand of Muslim women to end multiple discriminatory practices within the Muslim law.
- 138 cases registered in Mumbai Aurton Ki Shariah Adalat
- 6000 signatures against the beef ban submitted in the CM's office.
- Mobilizing 80 individuals for 5th February prog to denounce the exclusion of secular and socialist from the constitution. Organized a dharna at the Azad maidan to protest against the talk by some BJP ministers to change the Constitution
- 700 new BMMA members
- Public hearing and press conference with Jan Swasthya Abhiyan to present cases of denial and negligence related to health services in private and public hospitals. Presentations were done before the National Human Rights Commission.
- Haji Ali petition hearings and follow up

#### **ISSUES:**

##### **1. RATION**

- Meeting in Bharatnagar attended by 16 women to discuss insufficient supply of ration. Visited ration shop after the visit the women started getting the ration
- Meeting of Ann Hakk Parishad. Discussed the issue of APL and BPL cards. A case was filed in High Court to ensure that the really poor get the BPL card. The follow up action was discussed in this meeting. It was decided that a morcha will be organised to ration office.
- Morcha to Bandra East ration office to protest against improper supply of kerosene at reduced rate in which 55 women participated.
- Met PDS minister, Mr. Bapat of the Food and Civil Supply Department after the morcha with demands

- Meeting in Bharatnagar to discuss APL and BPL cards. In another meeting information on PAN card and other entitlements. Total 3 meetings were conducted.
- Anna Hakk Parishad meeting in Don Bosco. This is a monthly meeting of all organizations working on PDS
- Visited 8 ration shops in Lal Mitti over 2 days. Checked complaint book, each shop has 1300 cards but very few get ration. Gave these complaints to ration office
- Visited Don Bosco for ration meeting with Nirmala Kahar. The meeting was organised by Anna Hakka Parishad and also attended ration morcha
- Ration cards were made for two women in Golibar by Suraiyya Sheikh. Tamiza visited the ration shop in Bharat Nagar with four other women

## **2. SECURITY**

- List of 17 women and men were given to BKC police station for their membership into Mahila Dakshata Samiti which will look into cases of violence against women and other cases of neglect in hospitals
- Through Mohalla Committee Movement Trust one BMMA representative is sitting in Nirmal Nagar Police station for cases filed by women. Training on 498A was held as part of this initiative so that women counsellors are well equipped to handle it.
- Organised Cricket match at Vakola police station for peace.
- Attended Republic day celebration in Nirmal Nagar police station and Ambewadi beat office.
- A dharna was organized along with Ann Hakk Parishad, Kabeera Group and Shramik Muktivadi Sanghatana to condemn the Shiv Sena leader who said that the Constitution must be amended to do away with the words 'secular' and 'Socialist'. 54 people participated in the dharna. A submission was done the next day to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- Meeting by Mohalla Committee Movement Trust to discuss cricket match between police and public and Mohalla committee.
- Aattended Police Movement Trust and Dakshata Samiti meeting at Nirmalnagar, BKC, Shivajinagar, Vakola, and Indranagar and helped to solve one case in Vakola.
- Organised press conference on Dadri hatyankand and the topic was FROM BABRI TO DADRI STOP PLAYING WITH LIVES AND RIGHTS OF MINORITIES.

## **3. EDUCATION**

- Visited the corporator for the follow up of the repairs of BMC school in Behrampada school
- Visited Awami School to complain against one teacher who has been harassing students
- 15 children received scholarship for education

## **4. HEALTH**

- Health camp was organized in Golibar, Ambewadi, Shastri colony and Masjid galli, Sahlani School, Kherwadi, Khar East and Navpada. Camp was on heart and bypass surgery, angiography, 2D, ECG.
- Eye check-up camp was also organized.
- Participated in the Jan Swasthya Abhiyaan press conference.
- Public hearing and press conference with Jan Swasthya Abhiyan to present cases of denial and negligence related to health services in private and public hospitals. Presentations were done before the National Human Rights Commission.
- 2 trainings in Golibar on anaemia. Total 51 girls were present and one FGD was held on case study of Bhabha Hospital regarding its health facilities, total 15 women were present.
- Total 4 sessions on anaemia and body literacy.
- Training on sexual abuse and women's rights
- Attended health budget meeting and training organized by JSA at Sion

## **5. CODIFICATION**

### **Presentations**

- Presentation of the draft at the 'Sir Syed Memorial Lecture' organized by students of TISS. The topic was 'Muslim Women and Larger Feminist Struggles in India'. The topic for presentation was 'Reclaiming Spaces for Dignity and Justice'.
- Presentation of the draft at the TISS in a seminar organized by 'Challenges of Indian Women's Rights'.
- Discussion about BMMA and the draft at the Induction programme organized by Ashoka.
- Presentation of BMMA's work in the Mumbai University's NSS Unit with about 150 students.
- Presentation on BMMA and Muslim Family Law draft at a seminar in Delhi organized by Institute of Objective Studies
- Interview for Doordarshan on legal rights of Muslim women
- Presentation of BMMA and draft law at IIT. LEGAL RIGHTS AND LEGAL PLURALISM -A Muslim Women's Perspective-International Conference of the Commission on Legal Pluralism
- Discussed BMMA and Draft with international participants of Common Purpose
- Presentation on BMMA and Draft for refresher course of Mumbai University's Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Social Exclusion
- Discussion on draft with NC members and new BMMA members from Hyderabad and Delhi
- Session with Muslim women associated with Maharashtra Mahila Parishad in Mumbra. Gave information about quran/hadis and rights of women in the Quran.
- Discussed BMMA and Draft with international participants of Common Purpose
- Spoke to members of the British High Commission on BMMA and draft law.

## **Draft**

- Amended the draft, made PPTs of the draft in English and Hindi along with annexures
- Finalised the second edition of the Quranic verses in English and hindi
- Sent draft to Akshara, MSD, Amir Edrisy, Progressive Interactions, Shaheen Kadri, Yasmin Syed and MAVA for endorsements
- Sent draft to 12 other individuals for their endorsement
- Discussion of the draft over two meetings with the core team members
- Online examination of DUN participants
- Letters to NCM, SCM, NHRC, PM, and other ministers for codification
- Worked on amendment to DMMA as prepared by Husein Dalwai
- Letter to National Legal Services Authority on BMMA draft
- Met the secretary and member of Women's Commission to discuss the draft law and other activities.
- Draft endorsed by AJ Jawed, Kasim Sait, Gulam Mohiyuddin, Shabana Khan.
- Draft endorsed by Ashana Trust, Mahila Shakti Mandal, Samjhauta Mahila Mandal, Garima Mahila Mandal, Jan Seva Mahila Mandal

## **Training**

- First module of Women Qazis training attended by 10 women leaders of BMMA.
- Darul Uloom Niswan was registered as a centre for learning and theology. The first batch of women qazi training was held in Mumbai attended by 30 Muslim women across the country.
- 5 sessions with Udaan boys in Bharatnagar on 'Rights of Women in Islam'. In all 75 boys were trained from Pipeline, Golibar, Bharatnagar, Navpada, Patel Nagar.
- 5 sessions on BMMA's Muslim Family Law with 150 girls
- Training of Area and District Leaders on Constitutional Rights.
- Training and test of Mumbai BMMA team on BMMA and Muslim Family Act
- Training with senior officers of Nirmal nagar police station on BMMA and Muslim Family Law.
- Session on codified Muslim law was taken in Navpada. 16 women attended the training.
- Discussion of the draft over two meetings with the core team members, 5 sessions with Udaan, discussion of the draft with the Young Urban Women team comprising members from Chennai, Hyderabad and Mumbai.

## **Research and Publication**

- Release of national survey, Seeking Justice Within Family'. This national study of 4710 Muslim women highlighted the demand of Muslim women to end multiple discriminatory practices within the Muslim law. Released in Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi

- Nikahnama of BMMA published in 3 languages,
- The Hindi and English version of the second edition of the Verses of Quran was printed.
- Compilation of 100 case studies from across the state was released during the annual convention of BMMA in Delhi. 'No More-Talaak, Talaak, Talaak !
- Compilation of good judgments of ASA-Mumbai and Dindigul
- Coordination with LifeSketchMedia for making a movie on BMMA's work on Muslim law reform.

## **6. AURATON KI SHARIAH ADALAT**

138 cases registered with the Mumbai ASA

## **7. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- 5 public hearing was done, in Bandra Reclamation, Navpada, Bharatnagar and Kalina. To highlight the problems faced by women and their demands from the local corporators.
- International Women's Day celebration at the Sarvodaya Compound. Rally of 145 women from Bandra to Khar. Street play on gender based violence performed by Sehr Group girls. Performance by the Kabeera Group.
- Press conference to address police harassment of Muslim youth organized along with Police Reforms Watch.
- Press conference to highlight high fees of private schools
- Dharna to protest against the beef ban. Help Dr. Qudsia from TISS to do a study on the impact of the ban on the poor.
- Mobilizing 80 individuals for 5th February prog to denounce the exclusion of secular and socialist from the constitution. Organized a dharna at the Azad maidan to protest against the talk by some BJP ministers to change the Constitution

## **GROUPS:**

### **SEHR**

- Organised a Protest by Sehr group 'Girls Against the Killing of School Children in Peshawar' in a rally in collaboration with Committee for Right to Housing. The rally started from Kherwadi road to Colgate garden. It went through Kherwadi road, Hanuman Mandir and 18 Gate to AK Marg to Colgate ground. Ten girls participated in the rally.
- Gender Training of Girls: Discrimination between boys and girls, was explained through stories. We made them explain how we assume gender roles. Girls also shared how discrimination is faced in the house and how they undertook unpaid care work which has economic value. Around 14 girls participated in this training.
- Gender training in Navpada - this session was conducted by Ruksar Siddiqui. 16 Young girls were benefitted by this training
- Girls participated in the International Women's Day programme and did a street play.

- Safety Walk and community audit done in Bharatnagar
- Meeting held at Naupada, regarding scholarships. 20 girls attended the meeting
- Meeting held at Bandra Reclamation to give orientation about BMMA. 14 girls attended the meeting
- In the month of September, 3 trainings with girls were organised on the issue of gender discrimination. 79 girls were present
- Session on Menstruation Myth and Prejudices, was conducted by TISS students total 50 girls present.
- Conducted a meeting with girls at Nalasupara on group formation.

## **UDAAN**

- The rally 'Girls Against the Killing of School Children in Peshawar' was conducted. 53 boys and 63 girls were present.
- Children went to MAVA film screening at Khetwadi. These 6 Children saw a film on female feticide.
- Udaan and Sehr members watched 'I am Kalaam'. 40 students attended the film screening.
- MAVA played games on gender. A student volunteer also played games with them and also made clay articles. A street play was done by MAVA on harassment of girls in Navpada. 25 students attended the meeting.
- 112 children participated in the events organized by Magic Bus
- Theatre Workshop in Bharat Nagar with 19 boys
- A meeting with boys in Golibar was conducted by Mohammad Khan. 25 boys attended the meeting
- Session on finger painting. 12 boys participated
- Session on codification. 7 boys participated
- Two Magic Bus sessions with Bharatnagar children. 13 children participated in the session on 7<sup>th</sup> March. 14 children participated in the session on 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Session on Group Formation attended by 4 boys
- Held one meeting at Golibar held by Mohammad Khan. 25 children were present.
- 5 theatre workshops were organised by Mohammad Khan at Golibar and Bharat Nagar.
- 3 sessions held with boys on Muslim Personal Law at Bharat Nagar, Navpada, and Bandra Reclamation
- Meeting with LRP children's parents about fees.
- A training on Child Rights was conducted - 40 children were present.
- In the month of November, Informed girls and boys about the Beti Zindabad Campaign over the phone and co-conducted the essay-writing and poster-making competitions

## **DOMESTIC WORKERS**

- Gender training was held with women doing domestic work Navpada and Bharatnagar. 27 domestic workers attended the meeting in Bharatnagar. 17 domestic workers attended meeting in Navpada.

- Meeting with domestic workers in Golibar. Discussion on gender and codification. Also gave information about entitlements and other benefits of the Domestic Workers Board. 12 women participated in the session.

## **LEADERS OF BMMA**

- Conducted Training on Leadership of BMMA core team members in Uran. Visited a Dargah to prove that one more Dargah allows women to enter the sanctum. 16 women attended the meeting.
- Community Counsellor Course' called Sahyogini organized by Akshara, Stree Mukti Sanghatana and TISS was attended by 3 Leaders.
- Training on Unpaid Care Work organized by Action Aid. 5 women participated in the workshop.
- Training on 'What is the Constitution' just before the 'Save Constitution Dharna'. 27 women participated in the session
- Area Leaders training on Muslim Law draft. 45 women were present in the meeting.
- Hum Se Pucho Helpline training on how to help women and girls facing sexual and reproductive health problems This meeting was attended by 12 women.
- Meeting by Rangoonwala Foundation to understand issues of health budgeting and health care in India
- Training on how women can work closely with the police and understand their rights.
- All staff and area leaders attended the training on Health and Communication

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (MUMBAI)**

### **Education**

- Called children's parents and visited Bharat Nagar for parents meeting of school and college students. Took parents to Marine Lines and Grant Road for fees
- Went for educational scholarship in Colaba Agar with one girl. Visited Allana Trust in Churchgate and talked to Raees Sir about scholarship, meeting with Pasha Sir. Parents' meeting was conducted in our office.
- Letter of BMC School to Bharati. Met Patankar Sir and he gave her a cheque of Rs. 5000/- for education, took 3 meetings with girls and parents about fees
- Meeting with girls in Navpada, Golibar, Pipeline and Bharat Nagar of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard girls. Organised four meetings with girls in Dharavi.
- In Golibar to discuss scholarships with some girls and went there twice again to collect their documents. Went to Patel Nagar and J.J. Colony to tell the girls about scholarships. One of the girls received a cheque of Rs.1600/- from Sri Bhanwari Sanstha.

## **BHARAT NAGAR**

- Provided loan to 15 women from FRB bank for self-business.
- 3 trainings with magic bus were attended by 30 children.
- Helped 2 children for school fees.
- 3 women were sent for Polio group training.

- Filled 42 domestic worker survey forms.
- Took 20 women to MLA's office for cleaning, gave a letter to BMC office for drainage cleaning.
- Attended a meeting of Mohalla committee movement trust.
- Sent 2 girls for job and resolved one case.
- Formed a group of 10 women and provided loan to them.
- Sent 4 girls to Mehendi and Tailoring class.
- Gave a letter to MHADA office for water pipeline.
- Took 7 girls to BMMA meeting. Topic was Muslim Personal Law. She took 7 girls to Gulshan Nursery for Core Group committee.
- Provided ration, clothes and household things with the help of Parivartan Sanstha to 5 women.
- Coordinated with MLA's office to construct a new road.
- Went to ward office to talk to authorities for water taps and was accompanied by 15 women
- Took a group of children of Magic bus to play which consisted of 29 boys and 29 girls, held Morcha for water went to Tripti Bala savant, worked for closing the open drain gutters.
- Collected 40-50 electricity bills to protest against increased electricity bill
- Took 15 children for playing football under Magic bus's initiative for children
- Organised one film screening 'Jazba' and discussion at plot no.7 with 25 girls
- Took 15 to 20 women to corporater's office for area cleaning.
- Sent 3 girls to YUVA Parivartan for beautician course
- Sent 17 boys for theatre workshop and 7 girls for film screening organised by Magic Bus.
- Held a meeting at Bharat Nagar Plot no. 7 with some girls. A safety walk was held in City Park, Gulshan Nursery. A core group meeting was also held.
- Children's Day was celebrated in Balwadi in which 110 children from Mumbaikar Sports Foundation participated. Distributed gifts and toys among the kids and had a question hour as well.

## **KALINA**

- In the month of July, 4 meetings were conducted in Kalina. Visited school for 2 girls' admissions in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> std. and visited Vakola police station for case of Yaqub with 5 women.
- Visited St. Teresa School for school leaving certificate and visited Air India Model School for fees.
- Visited ration office for making new card of a widow.
- Visited Vakola police station for giving invitation of Eid Milan, gave advice in 2 cases and provided fees for one girl.
- In the month of August, attended Mohallah Committee Meeting at Nehru Centre and filled 15 application forms of new ration card.
- Registered two cases in Aurton ki Shariah Adalat and gave them advice.
- In the month of September, applied 4 children in Jai Modi Trust at Churchgate for scholarship
- Visited Bandra west for case, took 6 women in the office for meeting. Attended Aurton ki Sharia Adalat at Golibar Selani Education Society and boys' meeting with MAVA
- In the month of October, 3 meetings were conducted on Aurton ki Sharia Adalat and visited Bhakti Ram Trust twice for scholarship of 6 women. Out of 6 forms 4 got confirmed and 2 got rejected due to document issues.
- Went to Andheri five times to obtain and submit income certificates and affidavits.
- Went to the Ration Office thrice and got ration cards and affidavits made.



- Went to the Nagar Sevak twice with a letter to and got voter ID cards made.
- Attended Mohalla Committee Movement Trust meeting at Nehru Centre.

## **PIPELINE**

- Organised women's meeting at Pipeline regarding jewellery making. 30 women were present.
- Visited Garibnagar for girls group meeting
- Organised Domestic Workers Meeting at Navpada, 20 women were present. Distributed domestic worker ID card.
- Provided school fees for three children.
- Conducted 2 meetings with domestic worker 27 women were present
- 2 monthly meeting with girls at Pipeline, total 30 girls were present.
- For FGD Bhabha Hospital case studies conducted 10 women's interview for case study
- Made a new girls group at Navpada.
- Total 27 Pan Cards were made.
- Morcha at BMC office for water.
- Collected 60 rupees from 41 domestic workers for renewal of their cards.
- Took 11 girls for Advocacy Skill Training
- Provided loan from Vandana Foundation to 5 people.
- Took 60 women for Priya Dutt meeting for cleaning of drainage and garbed.
- Meeting with men on safety and security
- Muskaan Group meeting was held in which 17 girls took part.
- Domestic workers' forms were discussed with the girls.
- A Safety Walk was conducted with 9 girls at Navpada Bridge, Peetal Chawl and Budhan ki Chawl, Tabela and Bandra Terminus, took area photo as well.
- Went to H-Ward for a toilet-related agenda with 9 girls
- Made a visit to Tamanna Group. Spoke to 20 women from Shama Group about domestic work and told them about the forms and filled them up.
- A film screening and discussion was held with 20 people. Nausheen's case was also discussed.
- Visited Nagarsevika Priyatma Sagar at her office.
- Went to Delhi for six days (Nov 3-8) to attend BMMA's Annual function.
- Went to Vandana Foundation thrice and spoke about loans.

## **NAVPADA**

- Visited ration shop for distribution of ration
- Supported Vandana Foundation for loan amount
- Cleaned railway line and roads with the help of residents
- Conducted meeting with boys 8 boys present
- Filled 10 in-take forms and provided Rs. 600 to a lady
- Provided financial help for repair of house also provided food grains and cloth for the children

- Provided loan for 2 people from Vandana foundation of Rs. 10,000/- and helped to provide ration
- Conducted a meeting with boys and girls at Pipeline for taking a feedback of the session on MPL
- Helped to make Income Certificate of 3 people
- Helped 2 children for admission in Purshottam
- Provided loan to 10 people from FRB bank
- Provided loan to 5 people from Aajeevan Sanstha
- Provided home based work to 25 people
- Attended 2 meetings with Action Aid with staff and area leaders
- Vandana Foundation provided loan for 400 people
- Loan from FRB Bank was provided to three groups of 5 people each of Rs. 75000/-
- Provided work to three women of fixing of buttons
- Took 6 boys to a meeting to discuss safety and security of the citizens
- Public Hearing under the Bandra Terminus Bridge for addressing local issues.
- Held group meetings twice, first with 8 women, second with 11. Aadhar Card was discussed in the meetings
- Procured loans for five people of 10,000 from Ujjwal Bank and made groups accordingly. Procured loans for 30 people from Bandhan Bank out of which three people got 10,000 each
- Held a meeting at Pipeline which was attended by 10 children

## **BEHRAM NAGAR**

- In the month of September, some women were taken to BMC office for Water.
- Drainage pipe was cleaned
- Applied for ration card in 10 shops and spoke to the officer about ration. Gave a letter to Corporator for new ration cards
- In the month of October drainage and garbage were cleaned

## **LAL MITTI (BANDRA RECLAMATION)**

- Pan Card Camp at Bharatnagar
- Attended meeting with girls where 8 girls were present
- Visited ward office to give a letter for cleaning the garbage
- Attended boys training on MPL with 7 boys
- Organised Women's Training on MPL at Nargis Dutt nagar. 12 women were present

## **GOLIBAR**

- Toilets and bathrooms were cleaned
- A women was helped by taking to the hospital
- 13 children attended Mohammad Khan training
- Visited Santacruz School for admission of 2 children

- Conducted a meeting with women in Hanuman Tekri, 30 women were present
- Filled 20 domestic workers form
- Checked domestic workers survey forms of four areas
- Started Mehendi course and 32 girls were joined at the Golibar Centre
- Filled domestic worker survey forms at Bandra Reclamation
- Sent 2 girls for beautician course
- Took children for Mohammad Khan Training total 50 children present
- Organised domestic workers' meeting where 50 women were present and talked about Bachat Gat
- Conducted a meeting of 15 women and gave orientation about BMMA
- Held a meeting with domestic workers at Navpada, 15 women were present
- A meeting with girls on livelihood was conducted by Zarina Khan from Don Bosco,
- Meeting for scholarship and Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University course admission
- Meeting held at Navpada with girls, 21 girls were present they were given orientation about BMMA
- Held a Gender Training at Golibar, 32 girls were present.
- Training with boys on MPL
- Gender Training with girls at Pipeline was conducted where 30 girls were present.
- Attended meeting with 30 women on Bachat Gat
- Sent 10 boys for Mohammed Khan Training
- Applied for scholarships of 5 children
- Conducted a session of 32 girls on Menstruation myths and prejudices.
- Filled a form of case study for V N Desai
- Survey of Chanewali Gali for clearing the garbage
- Survey of ICDS centre to know about meals and study of ICDS centre
- Letter to Nagar Sevika for cleaning the area and garbage and also visited BMC office with girls
- Made one new Bachat Gat of 10 women
- Made list of 20 girls for beautician course with the help of Don Bosco
- Sent 5 girls from Golibar to Basic Gender Training
- Registered SHG group in BMC ward office
- Conducted a safety walk in all of Golibar with Suraiya
- Film screening and discussion and a survey were also held
- Attended the Jan-Sunwai in Navpada
- Conducted a training session on menstruation
- Got three girls to the police meeting at the BMMA office
- Got three boys to the training on Muslim Law
- Went to the Labour Commission Office
- Training on Muslim Law was imparted to two groups of boys and girls respectively; the boys' group was named Tipu Sultan and the girls' group was named Pari.

- Nasim Sheikh went to the Nagar Sevak's office for construction and maintenance of the roads and clearing of garbage, went to operate the helpline launched in Golibar, participated in the Beti Zindabad Rally from Kherwadi to Mahila Aayog MHADA Office along with two women.
- Film screening and discussion on discrimination. 50 girls attended the screening and discussion.
- Resolved a dispute of home-based workers.
- Got a woman employed at V.N. Desai Hospital as caretaker of a patient.
- Got another woman employed as a domestic-worker in Aman Building.
- Held a meeting at Mohalla Committee

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (MAHARASHTRA)**

### **DAUND (PUNE):**

- Registered 12 cases and resolved 11
- Helped a woman to get a sum of Rs 1 lakh 30 thousand as maintenance after divorce
- In one case helped a lady to get her jewellery and utensils, worth rupees 17 lakh 5 thousand back.
- Took a meeting of 70 women and talk on how to join BMMA
- Made one new Bachat Gat of 20 women and provided loan form bank to them.
- Noorjehan Tamboli registered 3 cases, one for maintenance, second for second marriage, and third is torture by in laws

### **HADAPSAR (PUNE)**

- 11 cases of women reported. Follow up done.
- Attended Shanti Daan meeting, the meeting is on peace and Karyakarta of the area, 20 women were present.
- One meeting of Bachat Gat and topic is how to join more women's in the Bachat Gat.
- Visited municipality school because an incident of teacher hitting a student was reported.
- Conducted a 'Shanti dal' meeting of 70 people in Gandhi Bhawan.
- Meeting for 'Bachat Gat' was conducted which was attended by 15 women. Discussion on picnic took place and the money was distributed among members.
- Ganpati programme was conducted in which games such as cycling race, lemon-spoon race, musical chair were played. Rituals such as applying turmeric and Kumkum were performed, gifts were distributed and food was served. The festival was celebrated for eleven days and 'mahaprasad' was distributed.
- In the month of October, Farida attended a rally on Shanti Dal, attended a meeting in Sangli, provided information on BMMA in 3 to 4 areas and registered 2 cases

### **OSMANABAD:**

- Organised Eid Milan 30 to 35 women were present
- Registered two cases
- Helped a lady to get help under Sanjay Niradhar Yojna

- Helped to supply water purifying machine in less price
- Made 2 new ration cards
- Made 3 new SHG groups and made 80 new members of BMMA
- Cleanliness protest and water protest will continue in 5 villages
- Filled 100 forms of Rozgaar Bekaari Bhatta Yojna and opened bank account under this scheme and they get Rs. 30,000/-
- Under Jan-Dhan Yojna open bank accounts of 35 people and they get some amount
- Registered one case of Khula
- Filled 4 new application forms of Income Certificate
- Filled 7 forms of 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> students, under Alp Sankhiyaank.
- 500 signatures were done on MPL draft
- Provided loan to a lady with the help of Bachat Gat
- Distributed trees to 16 children
- Held one meeting at Kalamgaon on Bachat Gat 25 women were present, the topic was loan and work
- In the month of October, 200 forms were applied for bandh kaam gar
- Applied for 2 senior citizens Pension
- Applied 2 BPL cards
- Applied for loan of Rs. 5 lakh in Bank of India

#### **SHOLAPUR:**

- Attend 4 meetings at Police station
- Registered 7 cases and resolved 3 cases and rest are pending
- Attend 2 Shantata committee meetings 150 women were present
- Organised Eid Milan programme
- Registered 3 cases and one is resolved two in going on
- Approved 4 Sanjay Niradhaar Cards
- 2 meetings held on Shantata committee, total 200 women were present

#### **NASIK:**

- Distributed Rs. 15000/- to 10 women
- Filed letter in Nagar Parishad for toilets
- Filled 10 application forms of new ration card
- Arranged small meeting in community about BMMA
- Registered 10 cases. And 4 are resolved and 6 are going on
- In 2 cases, one woman got 50 thousand and second got 75 thousand.
- Organised flag hoisting.
- Attend three days training at Mumbai
- Organised Eid Milan programme with Aadhar Sanstha, 12 women were present.
- Organised preparation of Phenyle liquid programme where 15 women were present.

- In Wadadgaon, Dishad Khan made 3 new Bachat Gat and the names of the Bachat Gat are Sai Shraddha, Pavanghat, Jyotiba Phule. Total 30 women participated and they got 100 rupees in their accounts
- She made total 10 Bachat Gats.
- Filled 4 forms of personal loan of 1 lakh rupees.
- With the help of corporator started 2 classes of beautician and cooking
- In the month of September, filled 2 applications for pension, for parlour course
- Sent 100 girls to attend Shantata Committee Meeting at police station
- Applied 5 people for new ration card
- Applied for 5 new Pan Cards
- In the month of October, 8 cases were registered. Out of which 1 case got resolved, 2 cases were sent in police station and 5 are pending
- Mahila Nagri Sanstha's function was attended
- A morcha of 40 women was conducted in Mahanagar Palika and nagar sevak's house
- In the month of November, Bharti Shetty went to Nasik and made groups of boys and girls with Suraiya and held meetings with them and trained them about the Muslim Law
- Went to Wadar Gaon to Dilshad's place and gave her a gift from BMMA and took her report.
- Filled Nagar Palika forms for 10 households on the issue of toilets. One household got 12,000 and another got 10,000 and five other forms have been sent which are yet to be accepted.
- Got ration cards made for five people.
- Government forms had been released by the Nagar Sevak, filled those forms up for Medical Maharashtra University of Health Science for nursing training; some of this work is pending.
- Khatun Sheikh held a meeting with 30 boys and girls and discussed the draft.

#### **YAVATMAL:**

- 16 case registered and 3 resolved , rest are pending
- Visit Vaishali village for case
- Send one case to court
- Meeting with for Kumbh Mewada with 20 different NGOs
- Help one lady to get maintenance after divorce, sum of rupees of 21 thousand
- Made new SHG group and gave orientation about BMMA
- Filled 10 application forms of Gharkul Yojna
- Made 20 new ration cards and BPL cards
- Conducted a meeting of 20 women and talk about BMMA
- In the month of September, filled 15 forms and issued identity card of domestic workers and filled 10 other forms for women
- 5 children were admitted in 'Balwadi'
- Students of class 8, 9 and 10 are provided a scholarship under which 7 forms have been filled.
- These students belong to minority community, a meeting was conducted in BMMA which was attended by 20 members. The agenda for the meeting was 'Bachat gat'. How loans will be granted was discussed

- On 4<sup>th</sup> of September, participated in a ‘marcha’ on closing liquor shops
- Got ten official documents/cards made for domestic workers.
- Submitted applications at the Tehsildar’s Office for 15 people for ration cards and BPL cards, the ration cards have been received.
- Held a BMMA meeting each month where the topic was that Muslim women have a 15% minority reservation but they haven’t received it yet so a protest was held and an RTI filed.
- Obtained loans worth 15000 each for 15 people from a savings bank.

#### **PATAS:**

- Organised a meeting with women on the topic of BMMA membership and Bachat Gat. 12 women were present.
- Meeting held with domestic workers and talk about their union

#### **KHEDGAON:**

- Made a new Mahila Mandal of 20 women and gave orientation about BMMA
- Registered one case of Khula
- Made one new ration card and 2 BPL cards
- Helped 2 people to get 40 thousand from Bachat Gat
- Visited different villages and met Sarpanch for clean water
- Made one new Bachat Gat of 15 women
- In the month of October, made 2 new SHG of 15 women
- Made 2 new BPL ration card
- Made three Adhaar cards
- Conducted meeting in new area, and gave information about BMMA and registered one case.

#### **SHOLAPUR:**

- Held 2 meetings of women, 22 women were present they spoke about restarting of Mahila bachat gat.
- Registered 4 cases, 1 resolve, 3 are going on
- Visited Aurangabad for case
- Attended three days training at Mumbai
- Attended Shantata committee meeting

#### **SHARIAT ADALAT REPORT 2015**

<b>Areas where litigants come from</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Mumbai	133

Thane	0
Pune	0
Others (outside Mumbai)	5
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Most litigants have come from Mumbai and very few from other districts of Maharashtra and two from Uttar Pradesh.

<b>Person who filed the case</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Wife	104
Husband	25
Others [MIL, BIL, SIL]	9
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Most cases were filed by the woman against her husband while a few included disputes involved the in-laws and some were filed by the husband against wife and very few were filed by other members of the family. One case was filed by a woman against her landlord.

<b>Age of the litigant</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
15-20	6
21-30	73
31- 40	35
41-50	7
51- 60	7
61+	10
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Most women filing cases belong to the age group of 21-30, most men also fall within the same age group.

<b>Education level of the litigant</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Illiterate	13
Till 5 <sup>th</sup> Std	12
5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> Std	39



10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Std	42
Graduation (12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> )/ MBBS/ Others	16
Post graduation	1
Not known	15
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Out of those who approached the Mandal, most women and men fell in the 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> education brackets. In a striking observation, many wives were more educated than their husbands.

<b>Age at marriage of women (in years)</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
15 or less	9
16-18	27
19-22	32
23-26	21
27-30	8
31-35	7
36-40	5
40+	0
Not applicable (men)	29
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Most female litigants were married between the ages of 19 and 22 closely followed by the 16-18 age group.

<b>Occupation of women</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Housewife	73
Domestic worker	8
Teacher	4
Others	7
Home-based worker	1
Social worker	1

Beggar	1
Caterer	1
Bar worker	1
Other formal sector	4
Other informal sector	2
Not known	6
Not applicable (men)	29
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

An overwhelming majority of the women were housewives while a few were domestic-workers, home-based workers and teachers.

<b>Income of women (in rupees)</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
NIL	73
Less than 2,000	4
2,000- 4,000	8
4,000- 6,000	3
6,000- 8,000	1
8,000- 10,000	3
More than 10,000	6
Not known/ NA	11
Not applicable (men)	29
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

The data on occupational status coupled with the income of women shows the impoverished state of women with almost 80% of women having no income at all.

<b>Religion of women</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Islam	97

Hinduism	12
Not applicable (men)	29
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Of the women who approached the Mandal, about 89% practiced Islam and the rest practiced Hinduism.

<b>Mehr amount (in rupees)</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Not known	6
Less than 786	4
786	30
Less than 2,000	16
Less than 4,000	9
Less than 6,000	12
Less than 8,000	3
Less than 10,000	0
More than 10,000	17
Not applicable (Hindu women)	12
Not applicable (men)	29
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

About 30% of the women claimed to have received Rs.786 as Mehr. Most of the women received more than that figure and 17.5% of them received Rs. 10,000 or more. However, a few of them were never given the Mehr promised.

<b>Dowry amount (in rupees)</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
No dowry	10
Not known	49
Less than 25,000	14
25,000- 50,000	23
50,000- 1,00,000	18

1,00,000- 1,50,000	8
1,50,000- 2,00,000	10
2,00,000- 2,50,000	0
2,50,000- 3,00,000	2
3,00,000- 4,00,000	2
4,00,000- 5,00,000	1
5,00,000- 8,00,000	0
8,00,000- 10,00,000	0
More than 10,00,000	1
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Dowry was highly prevalent with only 8% of the women reporting to have not given any dowry; it must be noted that no information was available in 35% of the cases.

<b>Profile of children of litigants</b>	<b>Number of children of litigants</b>
No children/ Data not available	9
Children whose age is less than 18 and goes to school	44
Children whose age is more than 18 and goes to college	2
Children who work	2
<b>Total number of children of litigants</b>	<b>57</b>

The children of most couples fall in the age group below 18 and majority of them go to school.

<b>Number of oral divorce cases</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Oral divorce	2
Divorce over other medium like messages	1
Not applicable (Hindus and property cases)	23

Not applicable (No oral divorce)	112
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

<b>Status of Cases</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Settlement (Reconciled)	48
Khula	3
Fasq	2
Talaq	7
Talaq-e-mubara	1
Resolved property disputes	4
Pending*	55
Taken to court**	10
Referred to Mahila Aayog	2
Referred to other branches	2
Referred to Qazi	1
Taken to Police Station	2
Case withdrawn	1
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

47% of the cases have been resolved and around 40% of them are pending. Most of the others have either been withdrawn and taken to court or been referred to other branches of the Mandal and to the Mahila Aayog. The maximum number of resolved cases involves reconciliation. In some of the pending cases, maintenance is being paid to the women even as the case is on.

\*Includes 12 cases filed for safety.

\*\*Taken to court by the litigants but follow-up with Shariat Adalat is on in most cases.

<b>Resolution period</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
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Within 1 month	41
Within 2 months	13
Within 3 months	5
Within 4 months	4
More than 4 months	2
Not applicable	73
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

63 % percent of the resolved cases were resolved within a month of the case being registered. Most of the others were resolved within two months.

<b>Age of men (in years)</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
15-20	0
21-25	1
26-30	16
31-36	6
37-40	4
41-50	2
Not applicable (women)	109
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Most men who approached the Mandal belonged to the age group 26-30 years.

<b>Education level of the men</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Illiterate	3
Till 5 <sup>th</sup> Std	7
Till 9 <sup>th</sup> Std	6
10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Std	9

Graduation (12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> )	4
Post-graduation	0
Not applicable (women)	109
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

About 31% of the men have attained education between 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> standard while there were only 13% men had pursued graduation and beyond.

<b>Age at marriage of men (in years)</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
15-20	3
21-25	14
26-30	9
31-36	3
37-50	0
Not applicable (women)	109
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

While almost 50% married between age group 21 and 25 years, the next pool came from the 26-30 age group.

<b>Occupation of men</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Unemployed	4
Employed at someone's place	2
Government job	0
Driver	8

Office	2
Self employed	3
Professor	0
Company	1
Others	9
Not applicable (women)	109
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Many of the men did odd jobs in the unorganized sector, some of them were tailors, drivers and salespersons, none of them was in a government job and one of them was a doctor.

<b>Income of men (in rupees)</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
NIL	4
2,000- 5,000	3
5,000- 7,000	3
7,000- 10,000	4
10,000- 12,000	5
12,000- 15,000	3
15,000- 20,000	2
More than 20,000	5
Not applicable (women)	109
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Most of the men earned somewhere between Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 12,000 or more than Rs.20,000 while four were without any earnings.



<b>Number of times the man has married</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Only once	24
Twice	5
More than twice	0
Not applicable (women)	109
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Unlike popular perception, almost 83% of the men who had approached the Mandal had married only once.

<b>Referred by</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Mandal member	84
Area leader	23
Khatoon Sheikh	9
Relatives	1
Internet	3
Self	12
Others	6
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Only 9% of the cases came on their own, most of the others were referred by Mandal members, area leaders, relatives and Khatoon Sheikh.

<b>Religion of men</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Muslim	26
Hindu	3
Not applicable (women)	109
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

90% of the men practiced Islam while 10% were Hindus.

<b>Nature of cases</b>	<b>Number of litigants</b>
Husband- Wife disputes	103

Disputes with in-laws	16
Property disputes	9
Others	10
<b>Total number of litigants</b>	<b>138</b>

Almost 75% of the cases were disputes between husband and wife and other disputes included disputes with in-laws and property disputes.