

BGVS Activity report

April 2016- March 2017

National Level Meetings & State Conferences Held

- 5th Executive Committee Meeting - 28th August 2016, New Delhi
- 6th Executive Committee Meeting -23rd February 2017, New Delhi
- Available Executive Committee Meeting - 1st April 2017, Rohtak, Haryana
- 53rd annual conference of KSSP 27-29 May 2016, Kollam, Kerala
- State conference of BGVS Rajasthan, 19th June 2016, Jaipur
- State Conference of BGVS Karnataka, May 2016
- State Conference, Jharkhand, Ranchi on 3-5 December, 2016
- State General Council, Assam - 25th & 26th March, 2017
- State conference, of Haryana, Rothak, 20-11-2016

National Level Programs

Sabka Desh Hamara Desh Campaign

AIPSN SDHD Cadre Camp : AIPSN Cadre camp was held at Panchmari, Madhya Pradesh from the 21st to 24th of July 2016 and was attended by 117 delegates from 19 states across the country. BGVS EC Members as well as representatives from BGVS State units participated in the camp. A national level campaign, going on for a year, propagating scientific temper and the perils of neo-liberalism, is started from the 7th of November. BGVS campaign on education will also be part of this.

National Level Workshop conducted by BGVS for SDHD-SAHA: Forty one delegates representing 12 states participated in the three day workshop for Hindi Speaking States held in HRDC Bhavan Ranchi on 25th-27th November 2016. It was decided at the workshop that a rights based campaign will be carried out in **8620 panchayats, 562 blocks and 143 districts**, across the Hindi speaking states creating awareness on five people's rights - Education, Health, Food, Work and Land

Many states have taken forward the activities of rights based campaign. During the last 4 months states like Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Assam have conducted state level workshops and States like Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal, Assam has taken forward the activities to district, block and Panchayat level and are conducting continuous dialogues

Youth Programs

A youth Exchange program was conducted in Mayyil in Kannur district of Kerala from the 26th – 29th January 2017. 117 representatives from Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Pondyicherry, Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana participated in the Exchange Program. In addition nearly 100 Young men and women from Kerala participated in the meeting. The program decided to conduct a brainstorming workshop of representatives from each state, with two male and two female participants below 30

A national workshop to develop leadership for tomorrow was conducted in Rohtak, Haryana on the 1st and 2nd of April 2017. 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

Jan Vachan Abhiyan & Book Selling in Bihar

As a step, to help the neo-literates, we need to cultivate a culture of book reading. Towards this end 'Jan Vachan Abhiyan' (Book Reading Campaign) is carried out in Bihar. Considering the occasion of 100 years of Gandhiji's Champaran struggle, A 'Pustak Dastak Abhiyan' starting on Gandhi Jayanti (2nd Oct) and going on till Jawaharlal Nehru's Birthday (14th Nov) was organised. A mobile book shop from NBT, with BGVS books, travelled through all the panchayats during this period. On 14th November, programs were organised in all the panchayats, to propagate the idea of book reading.

Jan Vachan Workshop was held in Manpur, Gaya on 13-14 November 2016. From the national Center KK Krishna Kumar, Jai Somanathan and Kashinath Chatterjee participated in the workshop. Delegates from 19 districts participated in the workshop. Jan Vachan & Library movement will be carried out in 17 districts, 183 blocks and 2337 Panchayats.

We got the opportunity to deliver books to Lok Siksha Kendras in all 8439 panchayats in Bihar. We have sent book to 20 districts. Books worth Rs. 72 Lakhs were sold the campaign has been going on strong and the sale of books is going forward. In Jharkhand we got order from palamu-district saksharata Samiti of rupees 4 lakhs. BGVS Books Exhibition on Gandhiji was held on April 5-6 in Bihar during the Champaran Shadbati.

Jan Siksha Sabha

A workshop on Jan Siksha sabha was held on the 28th and 29th of May, at GVSA Office Assam. RTE & Education, Health, Right to work, Right to food security were discussed and it was decided that in 12 GPs of 9 district Jan Siksha Sabhas will be held and discussion will be held on Education and Health. Jan Siksha sabhas were held in all the 12GPs that were planned.

25 years of literacy Campaign

In 4 districts of Bihar(Madhepura, Mujarpur, Madhubani, Vaishali) and 2 districts of Jharkhand (Dhanbad, Palam) we have started meeting with literacy activists.

Samatha and Social Justice Workshop:, Hampi

A total of 60 persons, from across 17 states participated in the Samatha and social justice workshop held in Hampi on June 9th -12th 2016. It was decided at the workshop to hold State level workshops in all states.

Visit by BGVS National Level Activists to Southern States

BGVS team from Delhi comprising Dr K N Chatterjee and Mr Jai Somanathan visited the southern states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh and Telingana. They got a firsthand observation of the activities happening in these states. They noticed that every state is doing specific programs with common thrust on Promoting Scientific Temper. Few of the activities including MALAR (Kanyakumari district, TN) Human Chain to highlight the issues that led to the suicide of Rohit Vemmula (Virudhunagar district, TN) and Cleanliness campaign in Challapalli (Krishna district, AP) were found to be quite inspiring. Similar programs, to promote scientific temper needs to be given more thrust in Northern states. Volunteer exchange programs, in which the women and youth from Hindi belt and Non-Hindi belt participate, need to be planned and organized, to allow cultural interaction and sharing of experience and activities.

Programs in alliance with other organizations

- Alliance for Early Childhood Development. A Concept paper for the alliance has been circulated to all partners for consultation.
- BGVS continues its partnership with the Right to food campaign. The sixth national convention on Right to Food was held in Ranchi, from the 23rd to 25th of September 2016. A total of 1890 delegates from various organizations and 17 states participated in the convention. BGVS participation in 6th Right to Food National convention saw 700 activists attending massive rally and 160 delegates from 6 states (Assam, HP, Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, Jharkhand) attending 3 days convention, These delegates attended 30 plus parallel session on different issues related to Food, work, health and nutrition. A book exhibition was also organized.
- BGVS Participated in Peoples parliament for development, held in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, organised by AIBOC. 30 Participants from various states had participated. Following this, BGVS participated in different programs organised by AIBOC. People's parliament highlights the perils of destroying public sector and look at options for alternative development.
- One day Seminar and consultation on New Education Policy was held in JNU in collaboration with National Coalition for Education.
- SAMATA Workshop: A samata workshop was organized on 26.03.17 at Orssa State center of BGVS in which 30 participant from Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand participated in the workshop. A detail stock taking of samata program was made, after discussion a plan of action plan was made for the respective states for activate the samata activities of the state.

Projects

Bal Mela in Tribal Areas

Projects for conducting Bal Vigyan Melas, with support from Vigyan Prasar was taken up in States like Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Himachal and Rajasthan.

A 4 day national workshop for the National level resource group of 'Bal Melas in Tribal Areas' was held at New Delhi from 16-11-2016 to 19-11-2016. 23 Participants from various states attended the workshop, conducted by the team lead by Anshumala Gupta

Teacher/Resource Person training workshops were organised in Jharkhand, Himachal and Rajasthan. Emphasis was given in the teacher training workshops, to improve the science teaching in the classroom, through Hands on activities and Role-plays on various concepts that are part of the curriculum. Melas were conducted in 11 Schools.

Back to School Program

A video of the back to school program was made by a group of Students. They visited the districts of Madhepura and Saharsha in Bihar for the purpose. Dr Madan Sarkar submitted a report on the program as an external auditor.

Social Justice Project, Sehore

Programs like Van Bachao, Van Badao Campaign on the eve of world Environment Day was held. Though the project officially winds up in August, we plan to train resource persons who can be further trainers. A 'Spread Law' program is also planned. The BGVS Kalajatha Team performed at the World book fair in New Delhi, being invited by UNDP.

Science Education Project, Tripura

Trainings including 3 Day training of Secondary school science teachers: June 28-30, 2016, 3 day training of Primary school teacher of science: July 2-4, 2016, 7 Day training of Master resource Persons & Exposure visit: July 25-August 2, 2016, Bhopal were held. So far 33 Learning centers are opened, and science festivals were conducted in 40 schools and more than 20 door to door campaigns were organized. The results of the baseline assessment were consolidated and shared. A review meeting was held with the Tata Trusts and with the Government of Tripura and the initial feedback is positive, though some concerns were raised by the government. A resource group is developing in Kolkatta, as a result of activities in Tripura – Dr Avijit Majumdar, Dr Asim Choudary, Dr Nandita Choudary, Ms Sheila Mujumdar, Mr Ashit Choudary

Major State Level Activities

1. Assam

GVS Assam is working in 18 districts out of 35 districts of Assam, covering 42 Blocks and 165 Panchayats in Assam. We have 400 life member and 2000 general members.

Pre Primary Teachers Training:

- GVSA has been profoundly involved in imparting teachers training in different institutions across the state since 1996. Two pre-primary teachers 9-day training programme was carried out by GVSA in Assam Jatiya Vidyalaya, Noonmati, Guwahati, from 14th - 22nd July, 2016 and from 13th - 21st December, 2016. In addition to this, another training was held in the Nagaon District from 26th-30th December, 2016. The participants paid Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand) as training fee to the samiti.
- A meeting was organised at for a thorough discussion and scrutiny of the handbooks published that were distributed during the teachers training programmes. A discussion on further changes to be incorporated was also taken under consideration.

Children's Activities

- Book Reading Competition, 2016: To encourage the spirit of learning, book reading competitions were organised on the 6th of November, 2016 among children from 6th to 10th standard. A total of 726 children across 21 centres participated. Prizes, books and certificates were distributed to the winners. The participants paid Rs. 100/- (One Hundred) as participation fees
- A team of qualified personals imparted training in the areas of science, mathematics, innovation, origami, art and music and environment at training programme organised for the resource persons A handbook published by Gyan Vigyan Samiti and edited by Sri Munin Kakati called 'Shikshar Ananda Utsav Hathputhi' was inaugurated
- The 15th Children's Science festival, 2016 was held from 20th-23rd December, 2016 at Pathsala. Nearly 400 children and 35 resource persons. In addition to 7 different corners, various book stalls, cultural events, yoga sessions, discussions and exhibitions also formed a part of the festival. The concluding day witnessed a Roadshow and price Distributions
- A 4 days district level Children Science Festival was held on 2- 5 February, 2017 at Goalpara district. Total 450 Children were participated in the festival. GVS Assam provided only academic support of the programme. The local samiti mobilized the resource.

Campaigns:

- GVSA organized Jan Shiksha Sabha on 28th & 29th May, 2016 at the office premises of GVSA. Mr. H. Kr. Nath, General Secretary, GVSA explained the details of the Jan Shiksha Sabha in the Training. The contents of the training were a) RTE & Education b) Health c)

Right to Work and d) Right to food security act. 25 participants from 9 districts of Assam were participated in the training

- Jan Shikshan Abhyan: The focus of the abhiyan in Assam was four fold - Right to education, right to health, right to food and right to work. The main objective was to bring about people's participation and involvement of local organisations into a common platform. This programme was started across 12 Panchayats as a pilot programme.
- A state level workshop was also held at Guwahati in Bamunimaidan. Agriculture, farmer issues and aspects of food security were discussed at a programme
- On the 12th of July, 2016, a meeting was organised at Ambari which included members representing various panchayats and blocks where aspects such as creating awareness, health, social development and also the future agenda was discussed.
- The plans and programmes of the Jan Siksha Abhiyan were comprehensively discussed by the different zila samitis of Kamrup, Darrang, Golaghat, Lahowal, Raha, Sipajhar, Moirabari, Barpeta and Goalpara and the activities were taken forward
- 26th March, 2017: A seminar was organized on Sabka Desh Hamara Desh.

Publications & Sale of Books:

- Gyan Vigyan 'Barta', the neo-literate newspaper, one of the earliest of its kind, first published in 1990 still continues to be published. At present Sri Munin Kakati is the honorary editor of Barta. The newspaper now publishes columns not only featuring content for neo-literates but also for students, children and women.
- The various publications by GVSA for the current year are detailed as follows:
 - Shikshar Ananda Utsav Hathputhi (A handbook)
 - Purno Xoisob Xikhaar Abhibhabok aru Xikhoyitirir Hathputhi. (Reprint)
 - Chitra Okar Koushal (Reprint)
 - A 5-year Comprehensive Annual volume (2009-2014)
- GVSA installed various stalls for the sale of books and publications by the organisation for children at the Children's Science Conference, 2016 held at Nityananda High School in Barpeta District. Books were also distributed among the winners to encourage the spirit of learning and intellectual maturity from an early age.

Krishi Karmashala: A one-day workshop on agriculture was held as a part of the Children's Science Festival on the 21st of December, 2016 at Nityananda Pathshala, under the Bojali block of the Barpeta District. The issues faced by farmers and problems were discussed along with plans to address them.

Energy/Fuel Conservation Cycle Xubhajatra: A cycle 'xubhajatra' and awareness session was organised by Gyan Vigyan Samiti on the 14th of February in Sipajhar and Mirza under the collaboration of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India and 'Science for India's Development' Initiative. The objective of this programme was to identify methods and ways of conservation of energy by switching over to energy efficient means of transport.

Summary of other activities by the District/Block level committees:

- World Environment Day – 5th June, 2016: Sipajhar, Moirabari, Kamrup(Rural), Goalpara, Raha, Golaghat. Activities: Conducted awareness camps for conservation and protection of environment.
- The National Science Day was held in two districts of Sipajhar and Golaghat on the 28th of February, 2016. In line with the theme of the day, various programmes were organised for students which included art competitions, open quizzes, etc.
- International Women’s Day, 6th March, 2016: Goalpara.
- GVSA Foundation Day, 28th July, 2016: Sipajhar, Moirabari, Kamrup(Rural), Goalpara, Raha, Golaghat, Lahowal, Darrang districts.
- 25th & 26th March, 2017: General Council Meeting of GVSA was held at Guwahati. Along with outlining the day-to-day activities of the organisation, the action plan and agenda for the current year and the year ahead were discussed by members of the district committees, blocks as well as members of the Panchayat committees.

Membership Registration: Currently there are around 286 life members in GVSA. The membership registration fees for both life and general members are deposited timely in the organisations’ account.

2. Bihar

- Siksha Divas Celebration: Bihar Government celebrates the birthday of our freedom fighter Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad as Siksha Divas. K K Krishnakumar was the Chief Guest at the function this year.
- Jan Vachan & Book Selling: Meetings were held in various districts and blocks to promote Jan Vachan and Book selling.
- Anti Arrack Human Chain: An anti arrack human chain comprising of 3 crore people was organized by Bihar government. BGVS spearheaded the campaign in 22 districts, prepared and distributed leaflets. BGVS Volunteers in lakhs participated in the human chain
- Seminar at Patna Book Fair: BGVS Bihar organized a seminar at Patna Book Fair. Theme of the seminar was ‘ASER ka Asar’ –Impact of the ASER report from Pratham. The seminar critically analyzed the ASER report and questioned the agenda behind the report

3. Haryana

- A peoples Education assembly was conducted at Rothak, Haryana on the 21st of August, 2016 by Haryana Gyan Vigyan Samithi, Haryana Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh and Retired Karmachari Sangh. Many organizations representing youth, women, Dalits, trade unions and farmers participated in the Assembly and expressed solidarity. The meeting was attended by nearly 1000 persons. A declaration on People’s Right to Education was presented by Dr Pramod Gouri, BGVS Secretary, and was unanimously passed by the Assembly. A Jan Siksha Adhikar Manch was formed.
- State conference was held at Rothak in Haryana on 20-11-2016. 140 delegates from 12 districts of Haryana participated in the conference.

- On 11-12th February, a cadre workshop was held on 'Sabka Desh, Humara Desh' campaign. A three day workshop for 13 states was held on Leadership Development among Youth in the month of March.
- One day state level meet for youth was held in April, 2017.
- One day meet of advisory committee of SDHD was held in April, 2017. The committee consists of retired IAS officers, Vice Chancellors, Professors, Doctors, Lawyers, Teachers, and Activists.
- Two day workshop for 40 selected young women and men who will lead the young entrants to GVM in various districts of Haryana was held in May.
- On June 4th, State level Mushaira (Gazal Singing) was held and a book was released as a publication of HGVS. 400 copies have been sold so far.
- State level conference of HVM, another outfit of GVM was held on June 20th. 100 sets of books in English published by AIPSN for SDHD have been sold during last 6 months.
- 4 executive committee meetings and 8 secretariat meetings of HGVS have been organised during the last 6 months period.

4. Himachal Pradesh

- A Padayatra covering 5 districts- Mandi, Chamba, Shimla, Sholan, Shimuhur – was conducted, highlighting five basic rights of the people.

Participation in Exhibitions:

The organization also participated in India International Science Festival (IISF) and Unnat Bharat exhibition at New Delhi from 9-12 Dec, 2016 and displayed its activities in the exhibition on this occasion.

Sabka Desh Hamara Desh:

Formed a district level organizing committee in November 2016, in which writers, scientists, social scientists and intellectuals participated and distributed literature and booklets and further involved with HGVS Mandi unit in taking this programme at mass level in Mandi district.

5. Jarkhand

MNREGA & Right to Work

- A three days orientation cum exposure training programme of PRI Members on Effective Implementation of MGNREGS was organized at Kodarma on July 26-28 2016. About 57 PRI Members took part in the Training, First day was devoted to theoretical discussions and debated and field visit was organized in next two days. The whole programme was conducted under the Chairmanship of expert resource person Mr. T Gangadharan Ex-General Secretary of AIPSN.
- CFT Project Execution: Second year's programme activities of the three year CFT project sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of Jharkhand, were successfully executed during the reporting year. The CFT project aimed at facilitating the

rural development programmes under MNREGS in 28 GPs of Topchanchi block under Dhanbad district of Jharkhand.

- In 10 districts of Jharkhand, GVS Jharkhand is carrying out Kaam Mango Abhiyan, sensitizing community and creating demand for work under MNREGA.

Self Help Groups

- Formation and Strengthening of SHGs: Under NABARD, RO Jharkhand supported three years SHPI programme, 1142 SHGs and 18 Kisan Clubs were formed by the end of this financial year i.e. till 31.03.2017 in 6 blocks of Kodarma district. Of the total SHGs 135 SHGs were linked with bank credit for taking up entrepreneurial activities.

Literacy

- Sakshar Bharat Programme: In continuation of strengthening literacy movement in GVSJ, intensive programmes were conducted throughout the reporting year in 600 GPs of Dhanbad, Palamau and Latehar districts. The BGVS workers and volunteers took a leading role in executing the Sakshar Bharat programme in most of the districts of Jharkhand.
- Sakshar Bharat Prerak training was conducted by BGVS in three districts – Palamu, Latehar, dhanbad and four blocks of Bokaro.

Sabka Desh Hamara Desh

- National Workshop on Sabka Desh Hamara Desh: A two day National Workshop on Sabka Desh Hamara Desh was organized by GVSJ at the auditorium of HRDC, GEL Church Complex, Ranchi on 25th-27th November 2016. Thirty nine participants from 9 states took part in the Workshop, The Workshop deliberated on vital social issues like National Integration, Community Cohesion, Livelihood and Food Security, Health and Education for all, etc. The Workshop decided to spread the message in all the states of the country by organizing such programme at state/district/block/GP levels.
- State Level Workshop on Sabka Desh Hamara Desh: A two day State level Workshop on Sabka Desh Hamara Desh was organized by GVSJ at Peterwar (Bokaro district) Block Headquarters on 1-3 March, 2017. The Workshop was attended by 84 (57 males and 27 females) representatives from 12 districts of Jharkhand, viz, Latehar, Palamu, Kodarma, Bokaro, Chatra, Ranchi, Sahibganj, Dumka, Giridih, Dhanbad, Godda and East Singhbhum. The Workshop deliberated on vital social issues like National Integration, Community Cohesion, Livelihood and Food Security, Health and Education for all, etc. The Workshop decided to spread the message in all the message of BGVS by organizing such programme at grassroots level.
- District Level Follow Up Workshop: After the above mentioned State level Workshop, follow up workshops were organized at various locations in the districts of Kodarma, Dhanbad, Bokaro, Palamu and Latehar. The Workshops were attended by hundreds of BGVS workers and volunteers in those respective districts and pledged oaths to protect the integrity and diversity of Indian society by all means.

Children's science festival

- A week long programme of science teacher's orientation training for organizing Science Festival for tribal children reading in upper primary and high schools was organized at Zila School Dumka on 3-5, January, 2017. Fifty science teachers (42 males and 8 females) from

various schools participated in the training. The Training focussed on joyful learning practices and learning through doing, with discussions that correlate the activity and concept

- Vigyan Prasar (Government of India) sponsored Bal Mela Programme: Science festival were conducted in five schools on March 6-7, 2017. About 600 tribal children (60% of them were girls) took active part in the festival.

PRI Strengthening

Awareness Generation Programme on PRI: A week long training of Kala Jattha team of 24 members (19 males and 5 females) was organized in Ranchi on 20-26 March, 2017. The purpose of the training was to organize cultural shows in five GPs from one selected block each in the districts of Latehar Simdega West Singhbhum, Deoghar and Ramgarh so as to sensitize the PRI members of those GPs for setting up Model Village Sthayee samiti. The trained members organized cultural shows highlighting the above said issue on 26-31 March, 2017. The cultural activities performed by the artist team members helped generate enabling social environment for strengthening the PRIs in those respective GPS.

6. Karnataka

In May 2016 state conference was organised and the conference elected Shri Jai Kumar as State Secretary.

Children's science festival

A State level Children's science festival was held on January 23rd - 25th 2017, About 500 high school students and 120 teachers participated in the festival which was held on guest-host model. The festival was inaugurated by well known Award winning children litterateur Na D'Souza. About 12 corners including Origamy, Kirigomy, Science experiments, Simple maths, chemistry corner, theatre, etc were organized. About 20 exhibitions counters in which students exhibited their prowess in science was also organized. In the concluding ceremony, Kendra Sahitya Academy award winner Bolwar Mohammad Kunhi delivered a speech. Jai Somanathan From National Center Participated in the festival

Camps & Trainings

- A state level study camp was organized in Oct 15-17 2016 in Dharwad in which about 60 delegates participated. As a follow up of this, 2 more regional level study camps for 2 days for the science activists have been planned, one in Raichur for North Karnataka and another one in Mandya for Southern Karnataka.
- 1 day Social Media workshop was organized in Hasana.
- 2 day state level cadre camp of BGVS was conducted. KK Krishnakumar participated on behalf of the national center.
- A Teachers Festival was held in Dharwad on 25-26 July and was attended by 700 participants. A meeting of the state EC is planned on 21st August in Bangalore.

Campaigns:

- A free software movement is going on in 50 Panchayats of Raichur District.

- BGVS Karnataka has already launched the SDHD campaign in the state. Inaugural session was done in IISc. This was followed by a seminar on "Science and Rationality & New Education Policy in the context of deteriorating Public education system" in Bengaluru on Jan. 21st 2017. The campaign is pursued on following 3 important issues:
 - Campaign to demand for Anti-superstitious bill in the background of killing of Prof MM Kalaburgi.
 - Campaign on Food security and malnutrition with an emphasis on, in the districts where hunger deaths and malnutrition have been reported.
 - Campaign on strengthening of Public education system in the backdrop of closure of govt schools in Karnataka.

7. Kerala

53rd annual conference of KSSP was organized at District Panchayath Auditorium at Kollam, South Kerala during 27-29 May 2016. A total of 437 delegates participated in the three day conference, including 93 women. Elections of the new office bearers were conducted and Mr. K. Gopinathan was elected as the new treasurer while Dr. K.P. Aravindan and Mr. P. Muraleedharan continue as President and General Secretary, respectively. A notable decision is that at all organizational levels of KSSP women should comprise atleast 25% of the committees.

Organisation

One day special Executive Committee held on Oct 2, to discuss organisational matters only. The discussion was focused on Ideological and Organisational issues. It was decided to conduct a state level camp for further discussion on ideological issues and two day Dist level camps to identify organisational issues. Dist level camps were conducted in all dist on Oct 29-30 with good participation. State level camp was on Dec 17-18 with a participation of 99 senior activists. The discussion helped to recharge the whole organisation.

Education

1. Conducted two day camp at Aluva for preparing material for Dialogue on Education. After that dist level meetings were planned for dist level training. In many places dialogue were conducted as a follow up.
2. Conducted state level workshop on Higher Education.
3. Completed Children's Science Congress from School level to Block level. Dist level Program is going on. (Vijnanothsavam) This year's theme for vijnanothsavam is *Amazing World of Microbes*.
4. The culmination programme at State level will be on April 20-22 at Calicut University.

Gender

1. Prepared a module for conducting gender equality gatherings (THULYATHA SAMGAMANGAL) in connection with unit conferences.
2. Local Self Govt Institutions are preparing their five year plan. KSSP developed an idea of Women and Child Friendly Panchayath. We are trying to incorporate this idea to the LSG plan. Dist level workshops are in progress to train activists for developing strategies in this area.
3. Submitted a detailed memorandum to the State Planning Board, on Women Component Plan to be included in the handbook for LSG planning.

Environment

- Planned a campaign on Water Security for which envisaged to set up Panchayath Level Environment Committees.
- Zonal level trainings were conducted at three places.
- In many districts this campaign is gearing up.

SDHD

- State level Inauguration was held at Kasargod Dist in which CR, TG and AIPSN joint secretary Sreesankar participated.
- Five day lecture series on *India is My Country; Hopes and Reality*.

Topics were

- a. Secularism- HAMEED Chennamangaloor
- b. Sovereignty- Dr. Sebastian Paul
- c. Democracy- Dr. Michel Tharakan
- d. Socialism - KT Kunhikannan
- e. India is my Country; Hopes and Reality- Dr. KN Ganesh

Palakkad Dist conducted interstate Children's Science Festival collaborating with TNSF

Coimbatore.

Youth

- SCRIBES Science - Cultural Festival -3 Joyous days of learning through togetherness - FEB-10, 11, 12 at MALAPPURAM
 - ✓ 50 Campuses
 - ✓ 2000 Students
 - ✓ Collaborative Leadership by students
 - ✓ Kerala @ 60: Youth Perspectives
 - ✓ "SaLoSa" A film festival for Love Sans Borders/One Love for All
 - ✓ "The Female and the Land": Photo-Drawing exhibits
 - ✓ "Night of Music"
 - ✓ Theatre Festival Gender-Neutral Football Matches

Kalajatha

In memory of the Declaration by Sree Narayana Guru on caste, Russian Revolution, Sahodaran Ayyappan's Panthybhojanam, formations of Kerala's first Communist government, Formation of Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Samithy, KSSP decided to celebrate this year as *year of renaissance*. This year's Kalajatha is a launching programme for the same. A detailed programme will be chalked out in the 54th Annual Conference. 10 Dists. have completed Kalajatha. In two Dist it is going on. In another two it will be completed before March 4. The kalajatha performance was done in 450 Centres and the book sale is around 80lakh as on date.

Dalit issues

We have conducted a seminar on Dalit issues which was indented to develop an understanding internally within the organisation. The papers discussed at the seminar include:

- Science of Casteism
- Situation of Dalit in India; Past and Present
- The issue of Identity and Identify Politics

8. Madhya Pradesh

Sabka Desh, Hamara Desh Campaign

- State level launching and Press meet on 07th Nov. 2016
- A series of dialogue on Human rights and Child rights (20th Nov. International Children's day to 10th Dec. Human Rights day) was organized in district to panchayats during the period. The key issues of the dialogue and recommendation were shared with the district and state officials.
- A meeting of all the organization was also successfully done at MPBGVS office on 31st Jan 2017 for the planning of upcoming events and activities of SDHD campaign, where representatives of 13 organisations participated and discussed about the SDHD.

Child Rights

- A State level PadYatra on "Sabko Shiksha - Sabko Suraksha" was organized in 17 districts between 15th Sep – 04 Oct. 2016. The pad yatra was conducted on the issues of Education and Security to marginalized community including children and women. The Padyatra culminated in Gandhi Bhavan, Bhopal on 04th Oct with a protest in front of CM House and a memorandum on the issues emerged from the yatra was handed over to the Chief Minister, Education Minister and Chairperson, More than 500 people from PRI, SMC, parents, children and youths participated in the culmination program.
- Two days Paralegal training was held at Bhumariya Panchayat of Khilchipur block of Rajgarh district on January 27-28, 2017. 28 youth Participants were oriented on child rights, child protection, key legal provisions for child protection like JJ act, POCSO, RTE RTI, authorities for children's i.e. Child Line, SJPU, CWC, JJB, NCPCR, SCPCR etc.
- Orientation of ZP/Janpad Panchayat members on CP and education issues was done in connection with the regular meeting of the janpad panchayat. The orientation was held on 16th of March at Janpad panchayat hall. Sarpanch, Secretary and gram rozgar sahayak and other officials such as ADPO, PO, DCPO etc. were present in total 120 participants took part in it. Participants were oriented on the issue of children and their vulnerability, Child marriage and , ICPS with its structure, provisions, stakeholders, grievance redressal authorities, justice system under JJ Act
- Protest was held on 21st of January 2017 at Collector's office. During the discussions held with the youth group and SMCs, it came out that no step has been taken by higher official on the demands raised before. The group decided that they would protest at the collector office. Proposals for works like boundary wall of school, road to panchayat, encroachment of road etc. handed over to the SDM Kamlesh Bhargava and asked to fulfill their demands as soon as possible. 35 participants from the youth group and SMC members went to the protest at Rajgarh on their own conveyance.
- Mass Protest in Bhopal against child molestation in Bairagrh Case on 21 Feb. 2017 at Polytechnic Square near Chief Minister's house. Mass rally and Human chain was the key highlight.
- The orientation of ZP/Janpad Panchayat members on CP and education issues was held on 16th of March and 120 participants took part in it. Participants were oriented on the issue of children and their vulnerability, discussion on Child marriage and natra
- A series of cluster level meetings involving members of community-based structures like SMCs, VCPCs, and Yuva Manch were held in all clusters during the quarter as an inclusive platform to address issues related to child protection in their villages. In these cluster level meetings, 180 participants of BalManch/YuvaManch/ SMC and VCPC took part.

RTE & Education

- A district level convention of 300 youth was organized in Rajgarh on 20th Dec. Mahasammelan of all SMC members was held in Papdel panchayat of khilchipur. More than 500 SMC members and chairperson raised their voices for children and implementation of RTE. They also formed their federation for strengthening their step toward achieving the motto of RTE in real sense.
- A daylong district level Public Hearing on the issues of RTE act was organized at Ichhavar, on December 29th, 2016 by MPBGVS & National Coalition for Education, New Delhi. People from all the 05 blocks of Sehore district including 300 SMC Chairperson/ Members, Parents, PRI members, SHG Members, Children , and BGVS Volunteers participated. Apart from the jury - Block Education Officer (BEO), Block Resource Centre Coordinator (BRCC), Jan Shikshak (Cluster Academic Coordinators) of Block Ichhavar were also present to answer the questions raised by the participants.
- MPBGVS with National Coalition for Education (NCE), New Delhi conducted a study on “Impact of privatization in RTE in India” in 30 schools of Bhopal, between 03rd – 20th Feb. 2017.. In the study, Principal, Teacher, Parents and children were interviewed on the key entitlements of RTE in all 30 govt. and private schools. The report of the study was prepared.
- BalRang Utsav was celebrated in Dhaba village of sehore district on 8th Feb. More than 150 children were present in program. Children Sings songs, draw paintings, played natak on different themes, some art and craft work were displayed by children etc.

Youth

- 3 days training on perspective development was organized at BGVS office Bhopal. 35 Participants who participated were members of Yuva Manch, 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. C. Ramakrishnan and Asha Mishra from BGVS were also present in training
- 23 March was celebrated in most of the district as a jansabha and discussion on Youth as change icon. Sehore organized a paricharcha with youth and rememberd Bhagat Singh while Rajgarh discussed the issues of youth with Yuva manch

Other Activities

- A state level sammelan of Shashar Bharat Prerak was held in Nasrullaganj, Sehore on Feb. 02nd, 2017. More than 2000 Preraks from various districts participated in the Sammelan, Where they discussed about the implementation of sakshar bharat program and its challenges. They also handed over a memorandum in the name of President of India, Prime Minister, HRD Minister and Chief Minister, followed by a rally till SDM office.
- A series of dialogue on women's rights was organized in several districts on the eve women's day. Felicitation of active women and rally in Sehore, discussion on Women and contemporary challenges in Rajgarh, Jansabha
- Day of Photonics was observed in Madhya Pradesh on 21st Oct. 2016 by conducting a workshop and discussion on Light and speed of Light. More than 100 children and 40 teachers participated

9. Maharashtra

- A state level cadre camp was conducted from the 4-6 Nov 2016. 40 delegates from 4 districts participated in the cadre camp. The state EC was held on 5th November.

- BGVS is collaborating with Indian Institute of Education on women and girl Education
- Extended EC was held on 22nd January. Campaign plans and Plans for IIE collaboration was discussed.
- A new team, which has been part of BGVS since Nasik conference, is emerging in Nashik and other districts of Maharashtra
- Active teachers forum is formed, where teachers discuss ways and activities of teaching learning

10. Odisha

Sabka Desh Hamara Desh

- A state level workshop and launch of the 'SabkaDeshHamaraDesh' campaign was organized at Red cross bhaban on 7th November in which the district coordinators and EC members participated. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof Birendra Nayak and Sudhir Pattayank, Dr UC Nayak, Dr Aurobind Behera , Debendra Sutara and OJPM participated. 45 participants attended the program and a detail plan was made for the Campaign
- As the follow-up the of the state level workshop, a District level program was organized at Telengapentha of Cuttack. 40 participants from women group, PRI members and Teachers participated in the program. Usharani Behera from state center participated in the program which was coordinated by Pradeep K Das, district coordinator, Cuttack .

Health Rights

- The horrifying fire-breakout in Sum Hospital that led to tragic death of 21 patients under treatment, injury and harassment to many, has reflected the condition of safety and security in Hospitals in Odisha. There were gross violations of safety standards and criminal negligence by Sum Hospital Authorities.. In this context, we organized a Press meet & Consultation discussion on 21st October, 2016 at Red Cross Bhavan (Mini-Conference Hall) on 'Citizens' Role to Protect Health Rights'.
- BGVS in collaboration with Prayasa organized a state level public hearing, Focusing on Access to Medicines and Essential Health service, was held on 27th November 2016. 20 case study's on denial of health/treatment was presented. Jury members like Dr Mira Siba from Delhi, Dr Nareandra Gupta from Rajasthan and Dr Aurobinda Behera participated in the Hearing along with nearly 80 representatives from Govt and CSO groups .
- In Jajpur at Bramabard Collage, a program, in which more than 200 Students participated, was organized in collaboration with the Bramabarada collage. Usharani behera from state center participated in the program

Publication

On 25.11.16 a set of 5 Children books on Science communication was released at state center by Dr Asit Mohanty, Eminent writer and Chief Editor of Ama Odisha, Dr UC Nayak, writer and Dr Chittaranjan Mishra, Scientist. 30 children and writers were present at the seminar. Books were translated and books worth 3.5 Lakhs have been sent to 400 schools.

Science and Reason

A seminar on Science and reason was organized on 25.03.17 at Vanivihar at Faculty club in which 35 participants from different departments are participated in the seminar,which address in the topic by DrSabachiChhatarji and Asha Mishra from BGVS Delhi, Coordinated by MrsUsharanibehera, Executive committee member AIPSN.

Child Rights

A state Convention on Ending Violence against children was organized in partnership with Child rights net works from 15th – 17th December 2016 in which 300 SMC Members ,Child Cabinets , Dept officials from 30 districts , Dr Kashinath Chatterjee General secretary, participating as Key resource person, spoke on the Issues Addressing Corporal punishments and Democratizing Schools .

11. Rajasthan

Organizational

- The State conference of BGVS, Rajasthan was held on 19th June at the BGVS office in Jaipur. Mr Pramod Gouri, Joint Secretary of BGVS represented the National Center in the meeting which was attended by nearly 20 delegates.
- A Chintan Shivir was conducted the previous day, and a discussion was conducted on how to revive the mass movement in Rajasthan. The conference decided to take steps to make a list of persons who might join us, to get 2-3 teachers from each village onboard, to engage in and conduct Jan Siksha Sabhas, to revive mass mobilization and to publish an Information Bulletin periodically

Samata

- Organized vocational (tailoring) skill development of Samta members in Jaipur. 42 adolescent girls and women participated in 45 days training on tailoring
- Organized Workshop on Concept of Social Justice as per Indian Constitution of India at Jaipur; where representatives of different social organizations took part

Scientific Temper & Constitutional values

- Organized lecture on Budh Pargaman at Jaipur
- A programme on Science Communication was organized among adolescent girls to develop scientific outlooks in them
- Meetings, poster exhibitions, etc were organized to mark the Martyr's day (23 March 2017) of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdeo and Rajguru
- Photonic Programme : Activities conducted under Photonic Programme included school contacts and organize planning meetings and lecture sessions. Under this programme, lecture, quiz and film exhibitions on photonics issue were organized at Mahavir School in Jaipur city. About 100 students and 16 other persons participated in the programme. Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi provided financial support for organizing this programme.

Education

- Organized debate and discussion on the report of Subramaniam Committee on New Education Policy, 2009
- Organized debate and discussion on the document published by MHRD, GOI, New Delhi entitled Some Inputs of New Education Policy, 2009 and suggestions sent the Ministry
- Organized meetings time to time to review the test books of Rajasthan state up to class VIII
- Organized Workshops on Scientific Outlooks against Superstition with social workers and school students
- Under Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi sponsored Bal Vigyan Mela for Tribal Children three following activities were conducted:
- Organized State level Workshop in Jaipur city for orientation and designing of work plan. 16 resource persons took part in that Workshop.

- Organized District level Workshop Kelwada Bara ; through which 18 resource persons were trained who later conducted 8 Bal Vigyan Melas among tribal children in different schools
- Eight Bal Vigyan Melas were organized in tribal students dominated schools at shahbad block of Bara district in Rajasthan
- Necessary experimental items for organizing bal vigyan melas were procured from the local market

Sabka Desh Hamara Desh

- To create enabling social environment in favour of National Programme Sabka Desh Hamara Desh, several meetings were organized

Culture

- Organized youth orientation meeting and Culture-Theatre Workshop in course of preparation for participation in National Youth Festival organized in Kolkata
- Actor's Camp was organized in Jaipur for exhibiting the play entitled Udan

12. Tamil Nadu

A Meeting of the office Bearers of TNSF was held in Chennai on 2nd June 2016. Dr Kashinath Chatterjee and Mr. Jai Somanathan from the national center attended this meeting. TNSF works in the area like

- Education
- Science Communication
- Samatha, Health and Social Justice
- Publication
- Development

TNSF has been working on methodology, teaching and curriculum. The activities conducted include working to create 100% enrollment, Activity based learning for children in classes 1-5, involvement in the Sakshar Bharat program in 5 districts, programs in villages on health etc.

12. Uttarakhand

Education

- On April 2, 2016, a Seminar on "Continuous and Scientific Education Development was organized in joint collaboration with GVS, Uttarakhand and Doon Science Forum.
- On 8th September 2016, a Workshop was organized at Almora, Dehradun to mark the occasion of Internationaal Literacy Day; in which more than 50 persons took part.
- On 14-15 January 2017, a state level Bal Vigyan Mela Preparatory Workshop was organized at Dehradun; wherein 30 participants from 6 Janpads including the resource persons took part.
- On 18-19 January and 20-21 January 2017, Bal Vigyan Melas were organized at Scheduled Tribes Krishak Inter-college, Dehradun; wherein 300 tribal students and 12 resource persons took part
- Literacy Day Was celebrated in few districts
- 3-7 May -5 day writers workshop for children was organised. 120 children of classes 6-10 from 5 schools participated.

Health

- On April 3, 2016, a meeting of the State Coordination Committee of the Jan Swasth Abhiyan, Uttarakhand State was organized
- On 6th May, 2016, a meeting of the Jan Swastha Abhiyan, Kumayu region was organized at Almora, Dehradun.
- On October 25, 2016, a meeting of the State Coordination Committee of the Jan Swasth Abhiyan, Uttarakhand State was organized at Dehradun; in which 25 representatives participated. The meeting decided to conduct series of public hearings on health related issues during whole month of November 2016
- On 21 November, a one day Jansunai and Jansanwad programme was organized under Janswasth Abhiyan at Seminar Hall of Shri Guru Ram Rai PG College, Dehradun to discuss on health related issues; wherein 80 people took part.
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Constitutional values

- On November 7, 2016, The Core group Members took part in the sit in demonstration of the members of different organization held at Gandhi Park Dehradun to express solidarity with NDTV which was banned by the Central Government
- On 23rd march 2017, a meeting cum exhibition was organized to commemorate Martyr Day of Shaheede Azam Bhagat Singh.

SDHD

- On December 7, 2016, an event was organized at Dehradun to find out modalities for the National Programme on Sabka Desh Hamara Desh
- On November 7, 2016, a meeting of the Core Group members of the GVS Uttarakhand was organized to find out modalities for successful implementation of the National Programme entitled " Sabka Desh Hamara Desh".

Organizational

- On October 17, a Gram Panchayat Level meeting of the members of the organization was organized at village Bhorpur, Haridwar; in which discussions were held on how to create waves of people's science movement in the area

Gender

- On March 8, 2017, International Women's Day meetings were organized at different Janpads of Almora, Dehradun and Nainital along with release of -'Aas' Magazine

13. Uttar Pradesh

Organizational

- Delegates from UP participate in national level meetings and some programs keep happening on the ground in UP. But we have not so far been successful in conducting a State Conference in UP

Continuous Education

- 100 women Silai schools in 100 villages of 7 districts from community support.
- 470 girls were imparted 6 months silai school course from these schools in the year 2016.

Education

- 2 GVV, which were opened during gyan vigyan shiksha abhiyan campaign are now converted in Gyan Vigyan Adhyyan Kendra in Moradabad. These Kendra / centre are

imparting education specially to children drop out due to child labour , drop out adults and children never attending schools. Vocational education is also imparted in these schools. More than 5 villages are in live contact with these schools. Total 10 villages have PTA in these villages. For affiliation with NIOS, field verification, survey etc all the formalities are done and we hope to get the affiliation letter very soon. Sh. Vijay bhatt, uttrakhand bgvs also helped in this process.

- With pro active role of GVS UP a Joint Manch/Joint Forum on Right to education was formed in 2009. The name of this manch is State Collective for right to education. Later all india RtE Forum recognized it as the UP Chapter of national forum. Now, State Collective for Right to Education (SCoRE) is a coalition of Civil Society Organizations, networks, educationist, media persons, legal advisors, teachers, parents and children in Uttar Pradesh having collective vision of “Effective Implementation of Right to Education Act in the state”. SCoRE is having its presence in more than 60 districts with more than 800 NGOs, CSOs and educational network in the form of collective.
- GVS UP has always been an active partner of this forum. In view of new education policy and communalization as well as privatization of education a need is felt to mobilize civil society, and community. A big network of SMCs is also formed in the state. Now on behalf of GVS UP Mr. Sanjeev Sinha has been elected as the convener of this forum. It is a big opportunity for our organization to spread the agenda of education and literacy in the state.

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- SDHD campaign was launched as per schedule in UP also. In the core group of GVSUP, it was decided to form an organization up to grass root level with a new name, i.e., other than gvsup. So a forum called Jan Manch, Uttar Pradesh was formed in a big meeting attended by representatives of 12 districts and other renowned journalist and academicians of UP. One booklet , “Hindutva is not Hindu Religion” was also printed in Hindi, English and Urdu.