

DAYS CELEBRATION & WORKSHOP

On 1st Nov., 2015 We observed **Haryana Day** at Grahi Sampla in collaboration with SAHYOG. The journey of modern Haryana was discussed from 1966 to 2015 and what are the challenges that are main which are faced by us as a developing state however we are No. 1 as govt. claims but on socio human indicators where we stand like sex ratio, brotherhood, education, sanitation, health indicators etc. Hence we can overcome all these issues by collective efforts of GO & NGOs as well.

On 27th Nov., 2015 **Foundation Day** of R P Education Society was observed at Govt. Girls Sen. Secondary School Pahladpur Kidoli where students who got 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions in academics from class 1st-12th in both the govt.



Schools were given prizes as token of love and appreciation. Senior Educationists and elderly people of the village along with Member Panchayat Samiti Kharkhoda distributed prizes among winners.

World AIDS Day was observed by R P Education Society, Rohtak at office-cum-DIC Rohtak on December 1st, 2015 on the Theme “Getting to Zero: Zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths”. Project Manager TIP delivered a detailed lecture on HIV/AIDS, its basics, spread, data of State, Centre and international level, means of spread, symptoms, difference between HIV & AIDS, myths, ART, ICTC etc. In the mean time, Resource Material published by R P Education Society & HSACS Panchkula was distributed to help out the migrants to go through and ask any query about the misunderstanding or thought. Counsellor gave detailed talk on services of need of promoting health seeking behaviour. She further explained the history

of HIV/AIDS and National AIDS Control Programmes i.e. NACP III/IV. He put thrust on the proper knowledge and cleared some misconceptions or also explained the peer pressure and other circumstances i.e. Shyness. Detailed the role of R P Education Society in spreading the awareness among community in general and migrant community in particular was also highlighted.

On 8th March, 2016 **International Women’s Day** was observed at Gram Sachivalaya village Kharawar where Sarpanch inaugurated the event. This year IWD was observed on the theme ‘Planet 50-50 by 2030 : Step it up for Gender Equality’ at Badi Chaupal, Pahladpur Kidoli. SEBI Resource Persons



Mr. Nitin Goel and Satyapal Khokhar delivered lecture on financial literacy and options for saving. Resource Person stressed on women’s rights and importance of women in family as such. More than 100 women took active part and enjoyed the event by singing and dancing with full swing. A Mehandi competition, Speech on I & My SHG, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. At both locations winners were given mementoes to persons getting first, second and third prizes.

In order to promote transparency and accountability in administration, the Indian Parliament enacted the Freedom of Information Act, 2002, which was repealed later and a new act, The Right to Information Act, came into force on 12 October 2005. The new law empowers Indian citizens to seek information from a Public Authority, thus making the Government and its functionaries more accountable and responsible. The Act has now been in operation for over ten years and has benefited many, including the poor and the underprivileged. However, RTI Act has adequate “teeth” to bring in transparency and reduce

corruption. At the same time it is accepted that the Act has not yet reached the stage of implementation which was envisioned. It is acknowledged by all stakeholders that substantial amount of work still needs to be done. In the process there are the key issues and constraints faced by Information Seekers. Media, RTI Activists & Community Organizations are putting enormous efforts for its effective implementation and positive usage. In the light of above backdrop, an **One Day Workshop on Right to Information Act: Experiences & Challenges** was being organized at Conference Room, First Floor, Swaraj Sadan, M. D. University, Rohtak with collaborative efforts of GCT, SAHYOG and Women Study Centre, M D University, Rohtak. Participants were mainly from Community Organizations, Media, College/University



teachers & students, Youths, RTI activists, Women etc. Sh. Karamvir Shastri, R. C. Punia & Baldev Singh RTI activists shared their experiences. Prof. Jitender Prasad chaired the sessions and delivered valedictory address. Participant's questions were answered effectively with proper information. RTI Activist Karamvir Shastri shared his view about a helicopter visit of one CM which flew for a bottle of milk for his son at govt. cost and mismanaged more than 20 vehicles. Practical experiences of Haryana state were exclusively shared but in nutshell it came to notice that often and intentionally delay in providing information are a general trend. Proper awareness on RTI act is still lacking after a wide span of ten years. NGOs & civil society organizations should come forward for its awakening properly.