

# ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation under Extension Activities viz. Reach, Interfaith Interaction, Partnership and Cause Partnership takes up various activities, either independently or through State Governments/ Administrations, NGOs, educational and other institutions etc. with a view to promote communal harmony and National integration. The Foundation organizes /supports different programmes with the involvement of students, youths, teachers, academicians, members of civil society, academic institutions etc. for spreading the message of communal harmony and National integration amongst diverse segments of society. Some of the activities of the Foundation in 2018 (01.04.2014 to 31.03.2019) are:

## April 2014

### **1. National Seminar on ‘Globalization, Multiculturalism and Peace-building in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges’ at New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

The Interfaith Foundation India, the Centre for the Study of Social System, JNU and Indialogue Foundation, Turkey jointly organized a two day national Seminar on ‘Globalization, Multiculturalism and Peace-building in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges’ on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. Karan Singh graced the Seminar as the Chief Guest. Amb. Ashok Sajjanhar, Secretary NFCH delivered the Keynote address. Prof. M M Verma, President, Interfaith Foundation chaired one of the important sessions of the Seminar. In addition, several eminent persons such as Mr. Bilal Acikgoz, President, Indialogue Foundation; Dr. Ahmet Muharrem Atlig, Secretary General, Journalists and Writers Foundation, Turkey; Swami Shantatmananda; Prof. Maitreyee Choudhury from JNU and many others made valuable contributions in the form of insightful speeches and presentations. In the face of existing ramifications of globalization and multiculturalism, the Seminar resolved to opt for global solutions by seeing the world as a global family. Amb. Sajjanhar emphasized that this decision is in tune with the ancient and historical ethos of India contained in our teachings of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” (The whole world is a family) and “Sarva Dharma Sambhava” (All religions are equal).

## June 2014

### **1. Orientation Programme on the covering theme of communal harmony held at Academic Staff College, Mysore**

Amb. Ashok Sajjanhar, Secretary, NFCH was invited by UGC, Academic Staff College (ASC), University of Mysore to Address the 104<sup>th</sup> Orientation Programme for college teachers and educators organised by them from 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. The programme was jointly inaugurated by Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Vice Chancellor, Mysore University and Amb. Sajjanhar. The three week Orientation Programme was attended by 50 professors and faculty members from different colleges and universities all over the country. The programme was designed to train teachers and experts for imparting education in a wide range of disciplines and areas. The Refresher Course on Economics was inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 jointly by Prof. Rangappa, VC and Dr. G. Thimmaiah, Chairperson, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC). Prof. Rangappa and

Prof. Gandhi expressed their deep appreciation for co-operation with NFCH and conveyed their resolve to strengthen it further in the coming days.

## **July 2014**

### **1. ‘Sur Sangam - A Musical Concert for Peace & Harmony’ held at New Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Bank of India and UPASS Foundation, organized a program titled ‘*Sur Sangam - a music concert for peace & harmony*’ on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Azad Bhawan Auditorium, ICCR, New Delhi. The programme was graced by Shri S.C.Panda, Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Home Affairs; Lt Gen Zamiruddin Shah, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University; Guru Shovana Narayan, Kathak dancer; Ambassador of Turkmenistan and a large number of distinguished and eminent persons including artistes, government officials, heads of institutions, representatives of various NGOs/ civil society groups etc. The musical recital was presented by the talented and renowned exponent of classical Hindustani Music Rashmi Agarwal with accompanying artistes. Ms. Rashmi is an eminent and respected Sufi-Bhakti singer who has travelled extensively within and outside the country to regale audiences with her melodious and mesmerizing voice. The program was highly appreciated by the large audience.

2. Secretary, NFCH, was invited by the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai to deliver a talk on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 to its faculty and senior students, inter alia, on the theme of Promoting Peace and Non-violence in India. He was invited by VPM Centre, affiliated to University of Mumbai, for a 3 day Seminar on 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 on Globalisation and Peace in South Asia.

## **August 2014**

1. Secretary, NFCH was invited by City Montessori School, Lucknow (20 branches, 45 thousand pupils – largest pupil enrolment in the world, ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the “most respected school” in the country) to participate as Chief Guest in the ‘5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Promoting Interfaith Dialogue’ organised by them from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

2. Academic Staff College, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore organized 112<sup>th</sup> Orientation Programme from 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. Secretary, NFCH was invited by Academic Staff College, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore to deliver a talk on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 to its faculty and senior students, inter alia on the theme of Promoting Peace and Non-violence in India.

### **3. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya organized competitions on the theme of Indian culture & human values**

As a pro-active initiative taken by NFCH, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning under the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) organized a series of competitions to promote Indian culture and inculcate moral and ethical values among school students in all the Indian States and Union Territories in which NVS is operational. Essay/ story writing and painting competitions were conducted at both the levels viz. Junior level (from class VI to VIII) and Senior level (from class

IX to XII). The objective of competitions amongst the school children was to foster and promote the sentiment and ethos of peace, brotherhood and harmony which strengthens the bonds of unity and affinity in the country. These were conducted from 19-23 August 2014 at various levels namely School Level, Cluster Level, Regional Level and National Level. Winners at various levels for all the competitions will be awarded suitable prizes by the National Foundation for Communal Harmony along with certificates. This collaboration is being launched as a Pilot Project. It will go a long way to foster amity, societal harmony, peace and non-violence in the country.

## **September 2014**

### **1. National Seminar on ‘Promoting Peace and Harmony: Social Exclusion of Women of Minority Communities-Challenges & Remedies’ held at New Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) partnered with the National Commission for Women (NCW) to organise a one-day National Seminar on “Promoting Peace and Harmony: Social Exclusion of Women of Minority Communities-Challenges & Remedies” on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Shri D.R. Kaarthekeyan, Padma Shri, President, Foundation for Peace, Harmony and Good Governance was the Chief Guest of the occasion. The inaugural session was addressed by Amb. Ashok Sajjanhar, Secretary, NFCH and Ms. Shamina Shafiq, Member, NCW. Ms. Hemlata Kheria and Ms. Laldingliani Sailo, Members of NCW graced the occasion. Moderators and Speakers of different sessions *inter alia* included Dr. Mohini Giri, Chairperson, Guild for Service; Prof. Farida Abdulla Khan, Member, National Commission for Minorities; Prof. Pam Rajput, Chairperson, High Level Committee on the Status of Women; Dr. Syeda S. Hameed, Former Member, Planning Commission; Prof. Mondira Dutta from JNU; Dr. A.K. Merchant, Secretary General, Lotus Temple & Baha’i Community of India; Dr. Faiza Abbasi, Faculty, Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University; Dr. Upasana Mahanta, OP Jindal Global University; Ms. Zakia Soman, Centre for Peace Studies; Ms. Leher Sethi, Expert on Women Issues and others. Ms. Sailo, Member, NCW also chaired the Session on Government and Civil Society Institutions and shared her thoughts on the important subject. She gave a detailed Presentation on new initiatives taken by the Government to deal with this important issue. More than 90 participants from different fields and streams including academia, scholars, thought leaders, civil society activists, media professionals, leaders from different faiths, educationists, business magnates, authors, social activists and reformers etc. actively contributed to the discussions and deliberations.

2. The University Grants Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi organised an inter-action with Directors of all Academic Staff Colleges in Chandigarh on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. Secretary, NFCH was invited by Secretary, UGC, New Delhi to deliver a talk on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 to the Directors-ASC on the theme of Promoting Peace and Non-violence in India.

3. Secretary, NFCH was invited at UBM NGO Conference 2014 titled “Giving Back – NGO India” as a Key Note Speaker at the Inaugural Panel Discussion on ‘Evaluating effective strategies to include CSR as an integral part of corporate governance’ on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 in Mumbai. Several major PSUs, Companies and NGOs participated in the Conference.

#### **4. A scintillating ballet performance 'Shunyata' held at New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

NFCH in association with Padmashri Shovana Narayan and the Grammy award winning Buddhist Monks of Palpung Sherabling Monastic Seat organized a unique evening of inter-faith dialogue, through the medium of music and dance titled "Shunyata" featuring Kathak by Guru Shovana Narayan on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. This programme portrayed the coming together of two ancient traditions, both of which were born in India. At the same time, both were presented by those who have spent their lives upholding the traditions – Padmashri Shovanaji on the one hand, who has spent her life bringing Kathak to people; and the monks of Palpung Sherabling Monastic Seat, on the other, which has played an important role in preserving the best of Vajrayana Buddhism under the guidance of Guru Vajradhara Chamgon the 12<sup>th</sup> Kenting Tai Situpa, who has faithfully and relentlessly advocated the message of Lord Buddha namely the path of benevolent activism through inter-faith dialogue. The monks of Palpung Sherabling Monastic Seat are also the only Buddhist monks in the world to have been awarded the Grammy for their music.

#### **October 2014**

##### **1. Seminar on Clean India- Prosperous India organized on 10th October 2014 at Bahai House, New Delhi.**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) in collaboration with Imagindia Institute, and the Baha'i Office of Public Affairs jointly organized the National Leadership Roundtable Discussion on 'Clean India-Prosperous India' on Friday 10th October 2014 at Bahai House, New Delhi. Roundtable discussion in progress at Bahai House, New Delhi The purpose of the event was to use the strength and large following of religious leaders, inter-faith movement, civil society activists and scholars to bring them on the same platform and take the message of 'Clean India Campaign' launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to a wider cross-section of people and common citizens of the country. The Foundation was convinced that such an exchange of views would go a long way in bringing leaders of different faiths together to strengthen and promote peace, dialogue, non-violence and social harmony in the country. The objective of the roundtable was to create a framework and roadmap for 'jan bhagidari' among different religions towards achieving the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Cleanliness in India requires a 'social revolution'. As exhorted by the Prime Minister, we need to focus on shramdan or karsewa of 100 hours per year for implementing this desire. Civil Society and religious leaders have to work together in bringing change in attitude and thinking of the people. The program was attended by various eminent religious leaders and scholars, academics, civil society leaders including Ms. Naznene Rowhani, Shri Robinder Sachdev, Dr. A.K. Merchant, Dr. Hanif Khan Shastri, Shri Shekhar Dutt, Rabbi E.I. Malekar, Shri K.G. Suresh, Fr. M.D. Thomas, Shri Asad Mirza, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, Shri Jatinder Cheema, Shri Shatrughun Jiwnani, Shri R.R. Sapra, Ms. Saroj Dua, Dr. Subhash Chandra, Ms. Manju Agarwal, Ms. Nilakshi Rajkhowa and several others. Students from Ahlcon International School, New Delhi also attended this event.

##### **2. NFCH collaborated to All India Women Conference, New Delhi to organize Seminars**

The Foundation organized a series of Seminars in collaboration with the All India Women's Conference, New Delhi. In which there were 04 seminars have been organized in 04 different

States i.e. Amritsar (Punjab) on 18.10.2014, Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh) on 10.11.2014, Agartala (Tripura) on 23.03.2015 and Ahmedabad (Gujarat) on 30.03.2015 on the theme of “Role of Women in Promoting Communal Harmony and National Integration”. The Foundation has provided Rs 1.0 lakh to hold these 04 Seminars in the financial year 2014-15.

## **December 2014**

### **1. Two days Global Peace Leadership Conference-2014 on 9-10 December 2014**

The Global Peace Foundation-India, in collaboration with the Interfaith Foundation India, NFCH and Institute of Advanced Studies in Education Deemed University held a two-day Global Peace Leadership Conference at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, India. The conference theme was “Peace and Harmony through Interfaith Partnerships.” The conference convened over 330 participants from many of the different regions across India as well as from Iran, Indonesia, Turkey, Thailand, U.S.A., and Nepal. Faith leaders and scholars were invited to work together around the vision of “One Family Under God” to mitigate identity-based conflict that would lead to shared agreements, cooperation and lasting peace. This vision is particularly appropriate to India, the home of so many of the world’s wisdom traditions, which has long honored the idea of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* or “One world family.” Over the two day conference, there were six technical sessions covering a variety of topics, including ways to address identity-based conflicts, articulating a global ethical framework and engaging women and youth in the peace-building process. Over 100 multi-sector speakers including the high commission of Canada spoke and engaged in formal and informal discussions on peace-building and the unique perspectives that Indian spirituality and wisdom has to offer the world community. Delegates included academics, scholars, young research students, educational administrators and corporate leaders from around the country.

## **January 2015**

### **1. Walk of Hope’ a journey for peace has been flagged-off from Kanyakumari by Sri M. on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Kanyakumari**

The ‘Walk of Hope’ a journey for peace has been flagged-off from Kanyakumari by Sri M. on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to spread the message of peace, secularism and unity, transcending religious, racial, cultural and ideological differences. To mark the beginning of the peace march, Mr Ravi Shankar Prasad handed the national flag to Sri M. Earlier, Sri M offered floral tributes at Vivekananda Mandapam. The motto of the march, according to the organisers, is to restore innate spirituality of the nation, rekindle true faith and rejuvenate the spirit of hope, love, peace, harmony and oneness. After the ceremonial felicitation, Sri M lead the dignitaries to the Starting Point of the Walk of Hope, just outside the assembly hall at Zero Point on NH 7. Sri M sprinkled the water—a mix of water collected from the River Ganga and also from the confluence of the three seas- Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal in Kanyakumari—to bless the Walk. K Subash, Tamil Nadu State Coordinator, Walk of Hope handed over the Manav Ekta Mission flags to Sri M. This was followed by Sri M handing over the Manav Ekta Mission flags to the Guests of Honour. **The Chief Guest, Dr. Karan Singh, handed over the National flag to Sri M and also flagged off the padayatra.** The Walk of Hope started off immediately, led by Sri M and a vast sea of supporting walkers, resplendent in whites and carrying the flags of Manav Ekta Mission. The highway was filled with the walking

group of well wishers, devotees, volunteers and supporters marching as one—step by step, hand in hand, for India. The padyatra will traverse through 11 States and culminate in Srinagar, reaching out to 10 million people and covering over 6,500 km in 12-14 months. The Foundation has supported this noble cause under its Cause Partnership project.

## **February 2015**

### **1. Seminar on “Contribution of Christianity in promotion of Peace and Communal Harmony”.**

NFCH organized Seminars/Symposiums as part of a series of Seminars on the “Role of Religion in Promoting Communal Harmony”. In this connection a Seminar on “Contribution of Christianity in promotion of Peace and Communal Harmony” in collaboration with the Christ University, Bangalore have been organized at Christ University Bangaluru from 19-20 February 2015.

## **April-2015**

### **1. Book Release of ‘Suleiman Charitra’ by NFCH**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony organized a well-attended, elegant and stimulating event to release the translated version of ‘Suleiman Charitra’ authored by Kalyan Malla on 9th April 2015 (from 6.00 to 8.00 PM) at India International Centre (Annexe), New Delhi. Suleiman Charitra by Kalyana Malla is a classic literature text in Sanskrit. It has been translated into English by former diplomat and well known translator of Sanskrit classic works Amb. A.N.D. Haksar. It is a strong reminder of our composite cultural heritage and showcases a fascinating panorama of different cultures that have been synthesized together.

The dais was shared by Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, National Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities as Chief Guest, Amb. AND Haksar, the author of the book; Amb. Ashok Sajjanhar, Secretary, NFCH and Shri Sunit Tandon, Director General, Indian Institute of Mass Communication. The programme was attended by more than 60 participants including academics, senior government officials, social activists, media persons and students. Several former eminent diplomats and ambassadors were present with their spouses. Many of them took active part in discussions that ensued on the theme of social harmony and religious tolerance.

### **2. 1 India –a one day conference on promoting communal harmony & national integration by Yuvasatta, Chandigarh**

Yuvasatta, a well known and reputed Organization based in Chandigarh organized a one day Seminar on ‘1 India Promoting Communal Harmony and National Unity’ in joint collaboration with the National Foundation for Communal Harmony and State Cell of NSS, Education Department, Chandigarh on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, the day of Baisakhi festival at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Secretary, NFCH attended the Programme as the Guest of Honour.

## **June-2015**

### **1. NFCH supported the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s Clean India Campaign ‘Be The**

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As part of Foundation’s commitment and support to the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s Clean India Campaign, the National Foundation for Communal Harmony in collaboration with the ImagIndia Institute and Jubilant FoodWorks organized a joint event titled ‘Be the Change’ on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at Central Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi. Secretary, NFCH delivered Special Talk on the theme and focussed on the significance of communal harmony and national integration in today’s context.

### **2. NFCH organized “Roohdari- Mystic Notes & Dancing Toes” on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony in collaboration with UPASS Foundation organized a music and dance concert titled “*Roohdari-Mystic Notes & Dancing Toes*” on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The concert was presented by Sufi singer Rashmi Agarwal and Kathak dancer Vidha Lal.

3. Secretary, NFCH participated as Chief Guest at Inauguration of a 7 day Short Term Course on ‘National Integration’ organized by Kumaun University from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Secretary delivered the Key Note Address with Vice Chancellor Prof. H.S. Dhama and also delivered Special Talks on National Integration.

## **July-2015**

### **1. NFCH supported two days music festival ‘Dhanak’**

NFCH provided financial support to NADD Foundation (Delhi) for organizing ‘Dhanak’, a Two Day Music Festival from 9-10 July 2015 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi for the cause of promoting fraternity and communal harmony.

### **2. NFCH organized “Jashn-e-Indradhanush- A Celebration of Diversity” on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

NFCH in collaboration with Bank of India and Sri Satya Sai International Centre organized a music and dance concert ‘Jashn-e-Indradhanush: A Celebration of Diversity’ on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Sri Satya Sai Auditorium, New Delhi. The Programme was combined thematic concert of Guru Shovana Narayan and Dr. Kumud Diwan based on the music and dance of the time of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah of Lucknow.

## **September-2015**

### **1. Sikkim University, Gangtok organized an Interfaith Convention on Global Peace and Social Harmony on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 in collaboration with NFCH**

With the financial support from NFCH, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and Management, Sikkim University Sikkim University, Gangtok organized an Interfaith Convention on Global Peace and Social Harmony on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at Sikkim University, Gangtok. Every year, on the occasion of “International day of Peace”, the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and Management, Sikkim University celebrate international peace day. This year the department celebrated the day with great enthusiasm. The theme of this year’s commemoration was “Partnership for Peace-Dignity for All” which aims to highlight the importance of all segments of society to work together to strive for peace.

## **2. NFCH officers visited Assam & Manipur for assessment of Project Assist 25-29 September 2015**

A Team of two officers comprising of JS cum FO, NFCH and Computer Programmer, NFCH visited Districts Imphal West, Senapati & Thoubal, Manipur and Kamrup Metropolitan, Baksa, Nalbari & Kamrup Rural, Assam for having interaction with the beneficiary children covered under Project 'Assist', their guardians and the concerned district authorities from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. One officer from one of the donors of the Foundation viz. PowerGrid Corporation of India Ltd. also visited these places for having field level assessment of implementation of Project Assist in these districts. The team interacted with key functionaries of the State, district authorities and the beneficiaries. The children were very happy to share their experiences with the officers of the Foundation and representative of PowerGrid.

## **October-2015**

### **1. NFCH officers visited Jammu & Kashmir for assessment of Project Assist from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

JS cum FO, NFCH and Computer Programmer, NFCH visited Districts Anantnag, Budgam, Pulwama & Srinagar in the State of Jammu & Kashmir from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 and interacted with the beneficiary children under Project 'Assist' of the Foundation, their guardians and the concerned district authorities. The representatives of the State Government and the concerned district authorities were sensitized that the necessary recommendations and requisite documents for renewal of assistance of the needy children may be sent to the Foundation in a time bound manner.

### **2. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya organized competitions on the theme of Indian Culture & Human Values from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

NFCH & Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) jointly organized a series of competitions in various Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas to promote Indian culture and inculcate moral and ethical values amongst their school students in all the Indian States and Union Territories in which NVS is operational. Essay/ story writing and painting competitions were conducted at both the levels viz. Junior level (from class VI to VIII) and Senior level (from class IX to XII). The objective of competitions amongst the school children was to foster and promote the sentiment and ethos of peace, brotherhood and harmony which strengthens the bonds of unity and affinity in the country. These were conducted from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in 588 JNVs at various levels namely School Level, Cluster Level, Regional Level and National Level. Winners at various levels for all the competitions will be awarded suitable prizes by the Foundation along with certificates. This collaboration is being launched as a Pilot Project. It will go a long way to foster amity, societal harmony, peace and non-violence in the country. The prize distribution programme was organized by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti during the National Integration Meet and Navodaya Vidyalaya Incentive Award Function at Hyderabad on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and the prizes were distributed by JS cum FO, NFCH.

## **December-2015**

### **1. NFCH collaborated to All India Women Conference, New Delhi to organize Seminars**

NFCH supported All India Women's Conference (New Delhi) for organizing a series of One Day Seminar on 'Role of Women in Promoting Communal Harmony' on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Pune (Maharashtra), 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 at Bengaluru (Karnataka), on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at Santiniketan / Bolpur (West Bengal), on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at Indore (MP) and 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Jaipur (Rajasthan). JS cum FO, NFCH also participated in the Seminars held at Shantiniketan / Bolpur and Indore.

### **January-2016**

#### **1. 'Know My India' Programme held at Guwahati, Assam from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**

NFCH successfully organized 'Know My India Programme' at Guwahati Assam from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2016 in association with AASHWAS, an organization of Assam Police. 47 financially supported children participated in the programme from Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar, Assam and Manipur. The programme was basically an integrated effort to acquaint outreach of the country to the financially assisted children of the Foundation invited from different regions. This was a unique cultural learning experience for the children interacting with people from different regions, communities and cultures. These children / youths were aged between 16-23 years, studying in school/ college, availing financial assistance under project 'Assist' of the Foundation, capable of representing their respective State and community, willing to accept the customs and tradition of other community, and flexible to adjust in different environment or culture. They visited different historical, educational, entertainment and cultural places during the programme. They enriched their knowledge and developed interest to further learn and acquaint themselves with the plurality of Indian society. They had also participated in various cultural programmes like folk songs/ music & dance, etc. JS cum FO and one Assistant Secretary also attended this programme.

### **February-2016**

#### **1. NFCH organized 'Interfaith Dialogue' in collaboration with University of Mysore**

One-day National Symposium on "INTERFAITH DIALOGUE" was jointly organized by University of Mysore, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre and National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, University of Mysore, Mysuru. The symposium was attended by more than 300 delegates. The programme was also attended by JS cum FO, NFCH.

### **March-2016**

#### **1. NFCH organized 'Interfaith Dialogue' in collaboration with University of Nagpur**

A one day national conference on "Interfaith Dialogue" had been organized by the Board of College and University Development and Department of Philosophy, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at the Auditorium of RTMNU's Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

College of Law, Law College Square, Amravati Road, Nagpur. The Event had 242 registrations approximately. Well renowned guest speakers expressed their viewpoints on different Religious perspectives concerning Interfaith Dialogue.

**2. NFCH supported Natun Pather Sathi to organize one day Seminar**

NFCH supported “Natun Pather Sathi”, a West Bengal based organization to organize one day Seminar on the theme having relevance with communal harmony and national integration which was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at South 24 Parganas West Bengal. The Foundation provided financial assistance of Rs.50,000/- for this programme.

**3. NFCH organized ‘Interfaith Dialogue’ in collaboration with University of Kurukshetra**

The Department of Philosophy, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra in collaboration with NFCH organized a one day National Seminar on Interfaith Dialogue on 15.03.2016 at their University campus. Six research papers were presented by distinguished delegates who had come from different parts of our country, highlighting the need for interfaith dialogue amongst different religions and faiths for creating an atmosphere of communal harmony. About 120 participants including students, research scholars and faculty members and other delegates attended the Seminar.

**4. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi organized National Symposium on 19 March 2016**

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi in collaboration with the National Foundation for Communal harmony organized a one day Symposium on “*Vartaman Sandarbh Men Sarva Dharm Sambhav: Chunaatiyan Evam Smadhaan*” at Varanasi on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The major objectives of the Symposium were to discuss and bring-forth the commonalities of different religions and challenges and remedies of communal problem for establishing peace and social harmony. Academicians and representatives of different religions expressed their valuable views on the subject. The Foundation borne the part expenditure of Rs.60,000/- for organizing this programme and remaining expenses were met by BHU.

**5. Jai Prakash University Chhapra, Bihar organized National Seminar on National Integration**

The Jai Prakash University, Chhapra in collaboration with NFCH organized two days Seminar and rally from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Chhapra, Bihar on the theme of ‘Role of youth in promoting communal harmony and national integration’. There were about 200 participants including students, scholars, civil society representatives and media persons were present. The Foundation provided financial assistance of Rs.1 lakh.

**July-2016**

**1. NFCH supported the Nadd Foundation, New Delhi to organize a series of festival of music titled ‘Concert for Harmony’**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony supported the Nadd Foundation, New Delhi to organize a series of festival of music titled ‘**Concert for Harmony**’ at different places to spread

the message of peace and harmony. Under the Foundation's Project 'Cause-Partnership', the programmes of music viz. 'Concert for Harmony' were specifically organized at New Delhi on 22nd July, 2016; Amritsar on 17th September, 2016; and Chhapra on 24th September, 2016.

## **August-2016**

### **1. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya organized competitions on the theme of Indian culture & human values**

The Foundation collaborated with the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti for holding essay, story writing and painting competitions on a large scale amongst children of 588 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya from 31st August to 20th September, 2016 at school, cluster, regional and national level in the country to promote communal harmony and national integration and provided an assistance of Rs 5,58,000/- to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti. The prize distribution ceremony was organized on 17th January 2017 at New Delhi during the National Children Meet of NVS. Secretary, Environment and Forest, Govt. of India and Secretary, NFCH distributed awards to the winner children of various competitions organized by NFCH & NVS.

## **September-2016**

### **1. NFCH officers visited Assam for assessment of Project Assist from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016**

Computer Programmer, NFCH visited Kokrajhar, Dhubri, Bongaigaon and Kamrup Metropolitan districts in the state of Assam from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016 and interacted with the beneficiary children under Project 'Assist' of the Foundation, their guardians and the concerned district authorities. The representatives of the State Government and the concerned District Authorities were requested to send details of Bank Accounts and Aadhar No. of the beneficiary children for direct cash transfer of the financial assistance and also were sensitized that the necessary recommendations and requisite documents for renewal of assistance of the needy children may be sent to the Foundation in a time bound manner. He also visited the place of incident/violence which took place on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at Balajan Tinali in Kokrajhar district where 14 people were killed. He also met the affected families.

## **November-2016**

### **1. NFCH organized a programme entitled "WE ARE ALL ONE", focused on school children on 24th November 2016**

National Foundation for Communal Harmony organised a programme entitled "WE ARE ALL ONE", focused on school children on 24th November 2016 at National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi as a part of activities being organized on the occasion of celebration of "Communal Harmony Campaign Week" being observed from 19th to 25th November 2016. The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju presided the function. The Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony Shri Awadh Kumar Singh, Special Secretary (Internal Security), MHA Shri Mahesh Kumar Singla, the DG, ITBP Shri Krishna Chaudhary, DG, CISF Shri O. P. Singh and other senior officers were also present on the occasion. The students from various schools representing different religious communities participated in the

function. During the function, the students presented various programmes including religious songs, speeches and patriotic songs.

## **2. Good Evening India programme organized by Doordardshan on 29th November 2016**

Secretary, NFCH was invited in **Good Evening India** programme organized by Doordardshan on 29th November 2016 to express his views and thoughts on communal harmony and National integration. Secretary, NFCH narrated the various activities of the Foundation and future plans.

## **December-2016**

### **1. NFCH officers participated in meetings organized by Rehabilitation Council, Jammu & Kashmir for assessment of Project Assist**

Consultant, NFCH attended the Meeting of Executive Council of Rehabilitation Council for Jammu and Kashmir at Jammu on 14th December 2016, headed by Chief Secretary Jammu & Kashmir. Secretary, NFCH attended the meeting of the Governing Council of J&K State Rehabilitation Council on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Civil Secretariat, Jammu under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir.

## **January-2017**

### **1. NFCH organized Inter School competitions in collaboration with ASN Sr. Sec. School Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

The Foundation organized Inter School competitions on Poster Making/Painting competitions, Dance Competition and Hindi Declamation competition in collaboration with ASN Sr. Sec. School Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi on 30th January 2017 at the campus of ASN School Delhi. The following activities were undertaken during competitions on theme of communal harmony and National Integration:

- I. Poster making competition: *Relevance of Communal Harmony and National Integration***
- II. Dance Competition : *Colours of Indian Diversity***
- III. Hindi Declamation competition: सांप्रदायिक सदभाव : आज की आवश्यकता**

The Inter-School Competitions were successfully organized with active participation of 180 school students from 23 schools. The Foundation had given certificates and Awards to the winner participants of different competitions during the above programme.

## **March-2017**

### **1. NFCH supported the People's Participation a West Bengal based organization to organize 'School Programme to spread Communal Harmony within the larger society'**

The Foundation supported the People's Participation a West Bengal based organization to organize 'School Programme to spread Communal Harmony within the larger society' including Essay, Drawing Competitions, Slogan Writing, Oath taking and Cultural Programme to promote communal harmony and National integration under Project 'Reach' on 21st March 2017 at Begampur High School, PO Begumpur, PS Chanditala, SD Serampore, Dist Hoogly, West

Bengal. Financial support of Rs.40,000/-was provided under Project 'Reach' of the Foundation for organizing the said programme.

**2. NFCH in collaboration with Office of Public Affairs, Bahai's of India organized a musical concert titled "Concert for Harmony" on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony in collaboration with Office of Public Affairs, Bahai's of India organized a musical concert titled "*Concert for Harmony*" on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Auditorium, Information Centre, Bahai's House of Worship (Lotus Temple), Kalkaji, New Delhi. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Awadh Kumar Singh, Secretary NFCH and Ms Nilakshi Rajkhowa, Director, Office of Public Affairs, Bahais of India. A large number of distinguished and eminent people, patrons of music, artistes and other music lovers were present. The concert featured a duet performance of Violin & Cello by Maestro Anupriya Deotale & Saskia Rao De-Haas. The second half was a Fusion-Sufi Music featured by Jivesh Singh (Jivesh Collective - India's most innovative and creative music group) with his accompanying artists. The compositions included ragas, sufi sangeet etc. and different forms of music.

**May-2017**

**1. NFCH supported to Nadd Foundation to organize a multi-city concert series, 'Concert for Harmony'**

Nadd Foundation with the collaboration of National Foundation for Communal Harmony organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of a multi-city concert series, 'Concert for Harmony' in Kincha Auditorium, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. This programme was spellbound performance of the blind kids from Gadag followed by violin recital by Mysore Brothers and Flute recital by Pt. Ronu Mazumdar of Mumbai. During the series of 'Concert for Harmony', eminent flutist Pt Rajendra Prasanna followed by sarod recital by Pt Biswajit Roy Chowdhury performed in Gaiety Theatre, Mall Road, Shimla on September 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. In another series of 'Concert for Harmony', Padmabhushan Pt Vishwamohan Bhat and eminent vocalist Pt Amarandra Dhaneshwar performed at Swatantraveer Savarkar Smarak Auditorium, Dadar, Mumbai on October, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. The last programme in this series was organized at Sai International Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 22.12.2017.

**June-2017**

**1. NFCH officers visited Bihar & Jharkhand for assessment of Project Assist from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

DDO, NFCH visited Jamui district of Bihar, Giridih and Bokaro District of Jharkhand from 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 for discussions with District Administration about the coverage of new children under the Foundation's project 'Assist' and also visited Saran (Chapra) district of Bihar for expediting pending cases of 22 children for renewal of assistance.

**October-2017**

**1. NFCH officers visited Assam for assessment of Project Assist from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

DDO, NFCH visited districts Tinsukia, Dibrugarh and Kokrajhar of Assam from 7th October 2017 to 11th October 2017 and interacted with beneficiary children under project 'Assist' of the Foundation, their guardians and the concerned district authorities. The representative of PowerGrid Corporation of India Limited who provided financial support in the concerned districts was also present in the interaction meeting.

## **November-2017**

### **1. NFCH supported to the Bharat Sewak Samaj, Manipur State Branch, Imphal to organize two days programme from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at Manipur**

The Bharat Sewak Samaj, Manipur State Branch, Imphal has organized two days programme on "WE ARE ALL ONE" on the theme of cultural integration and unity from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at Thanga Oinam Leikai Community Hall, Thanga, Bishnupur, Manipur. It was a consultative workshop on national integration held at Bishnupur District of Manipur in connection with the Communal Harmony Campaign Week from 19th to 25th November 2017. The programme aimed to bring about national integration, peace, unity and development among the people of India with special emphasis on assisting destitute children who have become orphans because of communal riots and terrorist activities. The programme was very successful in motivating young people to make them understand communal harmony in a wider context, which enriches human life by promoting unity in diversity and inspiring people to reach the common goal of national integration. Several resource persons and academics etc. discussed the effective exposition of fundamentals to motivate the youth to understand the true values of peace and harmony and its meaning in life. More than 200 participants attended this programme. Financial assistance of Rs.60,000/-has been provided by NFCH.

### **2. NFCH organized Inter School competitions in collaboration with ASN Sr. Sec. School Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

The Foundation organized an Inter School competition on Hindi Declamation on the topic: "सांप्रदायिक सदभाव : राष्ट्र की आवश्यकता in "collaboration with ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar-I, Delhi to observe Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day 2017 amongst children of different schools at ASN School premises on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017. Students from 18 different schools participated in the programme. This event provided a platform for interaction between students of various communities. Winners were felicitated with Awards and Certificates by the Foundation. The programme was presided over by Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Chairman, National Commission for Minorities. Shri Awadh Kumar Singh, Secretary, NFCH; Shri Paramjeet Singh Chandhok, Member, Governing Council, NFCH; Dr M D Thomas, Founder Director, Institute of Harmony and Peace Studies; Smt Naaz Rizvi, National Museum of Natural History also graced the occasion and shared their valuable thoughts on the theme. About 500 school children from different communities assembled on the occasion. During the function, the students presented various programmes including speeches and patriotic songs.

### **3. Good Evening India programme organized by Doordardshan on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

In continuation of celebration of Communal Harmony Campaign Week in the country, the Doordarshan, Delhi invited Shri Awadh Kumar Singh, Secretary, NFCH in the live TV show "Good Evening India" on 30th November 2017 to emphasize the importance of this celebration

and other initiatives to achieve the noble objectives of the Foundation. The Secretary, NFCH explained about various initiatives undertaken by the Foundation and shared the future plans and activities to be undertaken by the Foundation.

### **December 2017**

#### **1. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya organized competitions on the theme of Indian culture & human values**

The Foundation collaborated with the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti for holding essay, story writing and painting competitions on a large scale amongst children of 588 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at school, cluster, regional and national level in the country to promote communal harmony and national integration. The final results are still awaited. NFCH will provide cash prizes along with certificates to the winner children of various competitions.

#### **2. Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem, Tamil Nadu on 21.12.2017**

Department of Biotechnology, Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, (Deemed to be University), Salem, Tamil Nadu has organized one day programme on "Interfaith and Religious Tolerance" on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at their Campus in Chennai. NFCH provided Rs 27,886/- as financial support for organizing the event.

### **March 2018**

#### **Magadh University, Bodhgaya, Bihar on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The Foundation organized two days National Conference on Interfaith Dialogue on Communal harmony and National Integration in collaboration with Magadh University, Bodhgaya on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10 March 2018. Secretary, NFCH participated as Guest of Honour on the occasion. About 150 participants attended the above programme. The Foundation provided Rs 1,00,000/- for organizing this event.

#### **Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

NFCH in collaboration with Amity School of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, Amity University, Noida organized a One day Essay and Debate Competition cum National Workshop on "The Role of Interfaith Dialogue for Sustainable Development of the Indian Society" on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Foundation provided Rs 80,000/- for organizing this event. Secretary, NFCH participated as Guest of Honour.

### **August 2018**

The Foundation organized a round table conference on '**Interfaith Dialogue for Prosperity in the Country**' on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Dy. Chairman Hall, Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, New Delhi to spread the message of communal harmony & strengthening national integration. The conference was presided by Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Chairman, National Commission for Minorities. The programme was attended by religious and eminent faith leaders, Members of Governing Council of NFCH, Members of General Body, NFCH, representatives of civil society organizations, academicians and scholars. The invited speakers

have shared their thoughts and views on the relevance of the theme during the Roundtable Conference.

### **September 2018**

1. The Foundation collaborated with the Sikkim University, Gangtok, for organizing one day National workshop '**Walk for Global Peace and Interfaith Dialogue for Social Harmony**' under Project 'Reach' on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 at Sikkim University, Gangtok. The programme was organized at Mannan Bhawan, MG Road, Gangtok. Secretary, NFCH has invited as Special Guest on the occasion.

2. The Foundation collaborated with the Christ University, Bangalore for organizing two days National Conference on "**Models of Interfaith Dialogue in Conflict Resolution and Peace building**" under Project 'Partnership' on 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Bangalore. Secretary, NFCH has invited as Guest of Honour during inaugural session of the conference.

### **November 2018**

1. To observe Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day 2018, the ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar-I, Delhi organized special programme for these assisted children at ASN School premises on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018. These children were felicitated during the programme. This event provided a platform for interaction between students of various communities and these invited children. The programme was presided over by Shri Manoj Pant, Secretary, NFCH and shared their valuable thoughts on the theme. About 500 school children from different communities assembled on the occasion.

2. In continuation of celebration of Communal Harmony Campaign Week in the country, the Doordarshan, Delhi invited Shri Manoj Pant, Secretary, NFCH in the live TV show "Good Evening India" on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to emphasize the importance of this celebration and other initiatives to achieve the noble objectives of the Foundation. The Secretary, NFCH explained about various initiatives undertaken by the Foundation and shared the future plans and activities to be undertaken by the Foundation.

### **December 2018**

1. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony supported the Nadd Foundation, New Delhi to organize a series of festival of music titled 'Concert for Harmony' at different places to spread the message of peace and harmony. Under the Foundation's Project 'Partnership', the programmes of music viz. '**Concert for Harmony**' were organized at Kolkata on 09.12.2018, Vadodara on 16.12.2018 and New Delhi on 20.02.2019.

### **2. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya organized competitions on the theme of Indian culture & human values during 2018-19**

The Foundation collaborated with the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti for holding essay, story writing and painting competitions on a large scale amongst children of 588 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at school, cluster, regional and national level in the country to promote communal harmony and national integration. The final results are still awaited. NFCH will provide cash prizes along with certificates to the winner children of various competitions.

## January 2019

1. The Foundation supported Vivekananda Education Society, Kanakkary, Ettumanoor, Kottayam, Kerala under Project 'Reach' to organize one day programme titled '125<sup>th</sup> Years celebration of Swami Vivekananda Chicago Speech' to spread Communal Harmony within the larger society' in relevance of communal harmony and National integration. The programme was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Nandavanam Auditorium Ettumanoor, Kottayam, Kerala. The programme aimed to bring about national integration, peace, unity and development among the people of India with special emphasis on assisting destitute children who have become orphans because of communal riots and terrorist activities. The programme was very successful in motivating young people to make them understand communal harmony in a wider context as narrated by Vivekananda, which enriches human life by promoting unity in diversity and inspiring people to reach the common goal of national integration.

2. The Foundation in collaboration with Office of Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal and Nadd Foundation, New Delhi organized **All Faith Prayer Meet and Concert for Harmony** to observe Martyr's Day on occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Muktheadara Auditorium, Gole Market, New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Students from 08 different schools participated in the programme. This event provided a platform for interaction between students of various communities and faiths. The students presented teachings and prayers of Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Buddhism, Zoorastrism, Christianity and Sikhism. The Concert for Harmony, a musical tribute also performed by the artistes of Nadd Foundation during the occasion. Winners were felicitated with prizes and Certificates by the organizers. The programme was presided over by Shri Bhasker Khulbe, Secretary, Prime Minister Office, Shri Manoj Pant, Secretary, NFCH; Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, Shri Prasanjeet, Additional Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, etc. also graced the occasion. About 100 school children from different communities assembled on the occasion.

## February 2019

The Foundation organized "**Know My India Programme 2018-19**" in collaboration with Art of Living Foundation (AOL), Bengaluru at AOL International Campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka from **4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**. The programme was an integrated effort of the Foundation to acquaint the varied and diverse culture of the country to the children, who receiving financial support from the Foundation for pursuing their education. There were 38 children, 13 escorts and 05 NFCH officials have been participated in the programme. The concept of the **Know My India Programme** is to bring together these children from different States and regions at one place to promote oneness, fraternity and national integration. Art of Living Foundation has offered to host the programme in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Art of Living Foundation is amongst largest Civil Society Organizations of the country known for its all-inclusive approach and work in the area of humanitarian development.

The programme was a unique experience for the children as they were taken to historical, educational, entertainments, religious and cultural places in and around Bengaluru. The participants also visited to Mysuru. This was an unforgettable and memorable experience for the children. On the concluding day the cultural performance by the children including folk dances and folk songs of their States were presented. All the participants were given certificates.

## **March 2019**

1. The Foundation supported Centre for Human Rights Studies, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat Haryana for organizing one day Seminar on **“Contemporary Challenges to Communal Harmony in India”** on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at O P Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana. The programme was focused to celebrate the resilience of the constitutional order which affirms the secular character of the Indian State and also highlighted the ongoing task of achieving the constitutional goal of fraternity. The seminar was organized in three thematic sessions to evaluate the contemporary challenges in the promotion of communal harmony and national integration. About 100 participants were participated in the programme.