

**Various programmes /activities organized by NFCH from 01.10.2015 to 31.03.2017**  
**under Extension Activities**

- The Guild for Services, a New Delhi based NGO had organized two sessions of music training programme for child victims of terrorist violence in Raahat Ghar in the State of Jammu & Kashmir followed by one musical event titled Aman Dhwani at Srinagar on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015. NFCH had provided assistance of Rs.80,000 for above event. The event was successfully organized, and officers from NFCH participated in the programme. The programme was graced by Governor of J & K with other dignitaries.
- NFCH supported All India Women's Conference (New Delhi) for organizing a One Day Seminar on 'Role of Women in Promoting Communal Harmony' on 5<sup>th</sup> October at Pune (Maharashtra), on 17 December 2015 at Bengaluru (Karnataka), on 17 January 2016 at Bolpur (West Bengal), on 17 February at Indore (MP) and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Jaipur (Rajasthan).
- NFCH took proactive initiative to organize a series of literary competitions amongst school children of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in all States and UTs on the theme of Indian Culture and Human Values. The prize distribution programme was organized by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti during their National Meet at Hyderabad on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- NFCH observed Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015. For observance of the Communal Harmony Campaign Week and pinning of Flags on the persons of VVIPs on Flag day 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, six financially assisted children were invited by the Foundation from Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and Gujarat along with their guardian and one escort (state government representative) to participate in the Flag Day programme. The highlight of the observance of the Flag Day on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 was symbolic pinning of flags by a group of assisted children on the persons of Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Vice President, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha and Secretary (Border Management).
- NFCH successfully organized **Know My India Programme 2015** 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. It was a life-changing experience for participating children. This was a unique learning experience, interacting with people from different regions, communities and cultures. These children were aged between 16-23 years, studying in school/ college, availing continuous 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 also 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 also participated in various cultural programmes like folk songs/ music & dance, etc.

- **“One day Interfaith Dialogue” organized by NFCH in collaboration with Mysore University on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

One-day National Symposium on “INTERFAITH DIALOGUE” 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 was held on 29th February 2016 at Maharaja’s College Centenary Hall, University of Mysore, Mysuru. The symposium was attended by more than 300 delegates – principals, teachers, research scholars, students – mainly from 220 colleges affiliated to University of Mysore, Mysuru and the postgraduate departments of Mysore University. A good number of participants from other states such as state of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala too had participated. The symposium was jointly inaugurated by the religious and academic scholars belonging to Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism, etc. Former Vice-Chancellor of Goa and Mangalore Universities, a renowned historian, scholar, writer, philosopher, thinker Prof. Sheik Ali, the Head of the Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama of Mysore, an eminent scholar on Hindu philosophy Poojya Swami Muktidananda Maharaj and learned theologian Most Rev. Thomas A. Vazhapilly, Bishop of Mysore along with the Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore, a resourceful international scientist Prof. K.S. Rangappa, the Director of UGC-Human Resource Development Centre and Professor of English, Dr. Lingaraja Gandhi and Joint Secretary as well as officiating Secretary of NFCH, Shri Shib Charan Ghoshal by lighting the lamp. The inaugural ceremony was graced by the Buddhist Scholar Geshe Thupten Chodak, former Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda, members of the University syndicate and Academic Council among others. All the speakers who spoke at the inaugural session emphasized the importance of peace and harmony in the society and highlighted the message of all religions for promotion of peace, harmony, love, kindness, mutual respect for the betterment of mankind.

The valedictory session was chaired by a renowned scientist, scholar and educationist Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University. The valedictory address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Dayananda Prabhu, Visiting Professor, Christianity Chair, University of Mysore, Mysuru and the occasion was graced by Prof. A.K. Pasha, Fr. Dr. Archibald R. Gonsalves, Dr. Navin Kumar Srivastav, Shri Shib Charan Ghoshal and the conference was concluded by the presidential remarks wherein the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mysore and National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi were complimented, especially the efforts of the Conference Director Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi were lauded. Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi proposed vote of thanks placing on record the initiative of NFCH, New Delhi and the co-operation and support extended by the Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. K.S. Rangappa, members of the University authorities, the staff of UGC-Human Resource Development Centre and College Development Council, University of Mysore, the principals and heads of the university, colleges and other organizations for nominating delegates, and all the guests and invited speakers and members.

- **“One day Interfaith Dialogue” organized by University of Nagpur held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

A one day national conference on “Interfaith Dialogue” had been organized by the BCUD 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 Auditorium of RTMNU’s Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Law, Law College Square, Amravati Road, Nagpur. The Conference had four sessions including inauguration, Academic session, Open discussion and the Valedictory session and 242 participants participated in the programme.

Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Siddharthvinayak Kane, RTMNU, Nagpur presided over the Inaugural function while Dr. Vedprakash Mishra, Hon’ble Chancellor, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karaad was the chief guest for the same. During his key note address, Dr. Mishra pointed out the ugly face of combination of Religion and Politics. According to him, ‘No religion and politics is harmful individually but Politicization of the Religion acts as the venom for the society’. In the Academic session, well renowned guest speakers expressed their viewpoints on different Religious perspectives concerning Interfaith Dialogue. Bhadant N. Bodhiratna Nayak Mahatheru, ‘Nagvan’, Neri (Vyahadpeth), Dr. Kusum Patoriya, Retired Professor, Department of Sanskrit, RTMNU, Nagpur., Prof. Vijay Srinath Kanchi, Department of Philosophy, M.J. College, Jalgaon., Prof. S. Vijaykumar, Department of Hislop College, Nagpur., expressed their views on Buddhism, Jainism, Hinduism and Christianity respectively. Dr. Pramod Yeole, Shri, Sourabh Kishor Dubey, Assistant Secretary, NFCH, Dr. Sunita Ingle (Professor, Department of Philosophy), Rajesh Gattu, Ashwini Mahajan, Prasant Narnawre, Roshan Mondhe, Shivam Farkade, Vaishishtya, Dhanshree Patrikar and BCUD and Departmental staff made strenuous efforts to make this event a grand success.

- The Natun Pather Sathi, Kolkata, West Bengal based NGO organized programme for promotion of communal harmony and national integration under project Reach in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The programme was successfully held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Julpia Andharmanick High School, PS Bishnupur, Distt. South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. NFCH provided Rs 50,000/- for the said programme under Project Reach.
- **“One day Interfaith Dialogue” organized by NFCH in collaboration with Kurukshetra University on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The Department of Philosophy, Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, organised a One Day National Seminar on INTERFAITH DIALOGUE on 15.03.2016. The Seminar was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by distinguished guests of the inaugural session. The Director of the Seminar Prof. Anamika Girdhar welcomed the guests and introduced the theme of the seminar. The Inaugural Session was presided over by Prof. Arun Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Indic Studies, K.U.K. The Keynote, Speaker of this session was Prof. R. P. Singh, Center for Philosophy, New Delhi and Dr. M.D. Thomas was the guest of honour for this session. In the first Technical Session, six research papers were presented by the distinguished delegates

who had come from the different parts of India, highlighting the urgent need for interfaith dialogue among different religions and faiths for creating an atmosphere of communal harmony. In the second Technical Session, seven research papers were presented by distinguished scholars on different aspect of Interfaith Dialogue. The Valedictory Session of the seminar was presided over by Dr. H.S. Sinha, Former Chairman, Department of Philosophy, K.U.K. and the valedictory address was given by Mohd. Hanif Khan Shastri, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, K.U.K. presented the report of the Seminar. Prof. Anamika Girdhar presented a vote of thanks to the guests and delegates of Seminar. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Chander Rekha, Assistant Professor, University College, K.U.K. Many Students, Research Scholars and Faculty Members of Kurkshetra University attended the One Day National Seminar.

- **Banaras Hindu University Varanasi organized National Symposium**  
NFCH supported to organize one day Symposium **on Communal Harmony and National Integration** on भारत में सर्वधर्म सा : at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016. NFCH provided Rs 60,000/- for the programme under Project Reach.
- NFCH in collaboration with Jai Prakash University, Chhapra organized two days conference and Rally at the University campus on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Foundation supported event under Project Reach by providing Rs 1,00,000/- for organizing above programme.

#### **Programmes /Activities during 2016-17**

- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016; Amritsar on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016; and Chhapra on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at New Delhi during the National Children Meet of NVS. Secretary, Environment and Forest, Govt. of India and Secretary, NFCH Shri A K Singh distributed awards to the winner children of various completions organized by NFCH & NVS.
- National Foundation for Communal Harmony organised a programme entitled “WE ARE ALL ONE”, focused on school children on 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijju presided the function. The Secretary, National Foundation of 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.

- As part of the Communal Harmony Campaign week being observed from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, a group of six children of violence affected families, financially assisted by the Foundation-2 each from Jammu & Kashmir and Gujarat and one child each from Manipur and Rajasthan along-with their guardian and one escort (state government representative) were invited to participate in the Flag Day programme 2016. The invited children along with their guardians and escorts were taken to Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, Lal Qila, Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple, India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament, etc.  
The highlight of the observance of the Flag Day on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 was symbolic pinning of flags by a group of assisted children from Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, Manipur and Rajasthan on the persons of Hon’ble President, Hon’ble Vice President, Hon’ble Speaker Lok Sabha and Hon’ble Union Home Minister. After the visit by invited children, the VVIPs appreciated the efforts of NFCH and its commitment for spreading the message of national integration and communal harmony.
- Secretary, NFCH was invited in **Good Evening India** programme organized by Doordardshan on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to deliver his views and thoughts on communal harmony and National integration. Secretary, NFCH have details of the Project ‘Assist’ scheme and its success.
- 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 **30<sup>th</sup> January 2017** at the campus of ASN School Delhi. 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. 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 स : की आवश्यकता
- 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 **21<sup>st</sup> 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.

- 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 as well as Ms Nilakshi Rajkhowa, Director, Office of Public Affairs, Bahais of India. A large number of distinguished and eminent people, patrons of music, artistes, leaders from civil society groups and other music lovers were present there. 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.

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