

## **Achievements from May 2014 to March 2019**

The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) is an autonomous organization with the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was registered on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1992 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Foundation has two main bodies to carry out the objects set out for the Foundation, namely, the Governing Council and the Executive Council. While the Governing Council formulates overall policies, the Executive Council is responsible for the management and administration of the Foundation. The Governing Council has 25 members with the Union Home Minister as its Chairman. The Executive Council has eight members, with the Union Home Secretary as its Chairman. The Secretary of the Foundation is the Principal Executive Officer.

The major activity of the Foundation is to implement programmes and projects for the effective rehabilitation of child victims of communal, caste, ethnic, terrorist and any other form of violence / clashes which fractured social harmony. The emphasis remains on providing assistance to such children for their education and promoting communal harmony and National integration through various kinds of promotional activities. The Foundation also undertakes activities which highlight and strengthen the bonds of unity and affinity between different religious and other groups in the country and encourage activities which promote belief in the principles of non-violence in resolving disputes between different religious and other groups in society.

The Foundation organizes programmes in cooperation with the Central Government, State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, PSUs, PSEs and VOs/ NGOs Universities and other academic institutions etc. to promote the objectives of the Foundation such as organizing awareness programmes, debates, conferences, seminars, workshops, rallies, painting, poster and essay writing competitions, music and cultural programmes, kavi sammelan, mushaira, inter-community and inter-faith interactions etc. to promote communal harmony and National integration amongst various segments of the society.

NFCH is a self sustaining organization and manages its activities out of income generated on investments made and donations received from different stakeholders. It does not receive any annual budget or grant from the Government to carry out its projects/activities.

### **Programmes of NFCH**

- **Project ‘Assist’;**
- **Project ‘Extension Activities’ (i.e. ‘Reach’, ‘Interfaith-Interaction’, ‘Partnership’ and ‘Cause Partnership’);**
- **Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day;**
- **Project ‘Research’ & ‘Publications’; and**
- **Project ‘Recognition’ (i.e. The National Communal Harmony Awards);**

### **Project ‘Assist’**

The assistance is provided to eligible children up to the age of 25 years based on recommendations of District Administration and furnishing of study continuation certificates. In the eligibility conditions, the annual income limit of the family of the child has been increased from Rs 1 Lakh to Rs 2 Lakh per annum w.e.f.01.04.2015. The year wise assistance given to children is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Assisted Children</b>	<b>Total Amount of assistance (in Rupees)</b>
2014-15	3738	5,09,26,500
2015-16	4471	5,99,96,250
2016-17	4841	6,99,98,500
2017-18	4315	6,49,97,250
2018-19	3337	5,60,61,250

## Project ‘Other Extension Activities’ (Reach, Interfaith-Interaction, Partnership, Cause Partnership, NVS Competitions, Know My India, Project Research)

Period	Seminars / Symposiums	Cultural Events	Interfaith Dialogues	NVS Competitions	Know My India (Youth Exchange Program)	Interactions	Total Programmes
2014-15 to 2018-19	34	20	8	5	2	12	81

### Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day

- NFCH observes Communal Harmony Campaign and Fund Raising Week every year from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November and the last working day of this week is observed as the Flag Day. The objectives of Communal Harmony Campaign Week is to raise donations for the physical & psychological support of the orphan or the destitute children affected by violence; and to carry out other activities of the Foundation as per it’s mandate.
- The Foundation prints and distributes publicity materials i.e. Brochures, Posters, Wrappers, Flag Stickers, Pamphlets, Letters and Envelopes to 1,25,000 units including educational institutions, universities, central public sector undertakings, para-military organizations, States/UTs, Ministries/Departments, and embassies & missions abroad, etc. via Registered Parcel through Post Office to different destinations.

Year	Total Publicity material sent (in lakh)
2014-15	1, 10,000 Units
2015-16	1,15,000 Units
2016-17	1,24,000 Units
2017-18	1,25,000 Units
2018-19	1,22,000 Units

- For observance of the Communal Harmony Campaign Week and pinning of Flag on the persons of VVIPs, 5-6 financially assisted children from different states along with their guardian and one escort (state government representative) are invited by the Foundation to participate in the Flag Day programme at Delhi.
- These children also pin-up *Communal Harmony Flags* on the person of the dignitaries such as the President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister, Speaker Lok Sabha, Union Home Minister & Union Home Secretary on Flag Day.
- The invited children along with their guardians and escorts are taken to Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, Lal Qila, Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple, Rail Museum, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House, India Gate, etc.

### Project ‘Research’ and Publications

- The Foundation sponsors proposals for conducting study / research received from universities, research organisations, schools of social work, autonomous organisations, renowned institutions working in the field, individuals, etc. for empirical, participatory and action-oriented research and other studies having strong relevance to promotion of communal harmony and strengthening of national integration. Under this scheme, the Foundation sponsored, two research projects entrusted to Manipur University and the University of Kashmir respectively which have been completed and were based on evaluation studies of its flagship scheme Project ‘Assist’ in their respective States. Another research proposal titled, *‘The Challenges of Community Based Peace-building and Conflict Transformation: Comparative Case Studies of Civil Society Initiatives in Assam and*

*Nagaland*’ received from OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana is likely to be completed shortly.

- The Foundation has so far published 25 books and monographs to promote communal harmony and national integration. From April 2014 up to March 2018, the Foundation has published following books/ publications:
  1. *‘Gandhian Values in Today’s Plural Society’*, an e-Monograph in English has been uploaded on the website of the Foundation in the first week of November 2014. At the instance of the Foundation, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) organizes essay writing competitions regularly among the officers of the All India Services and Group ‘A’ Central Services, who undergo training at the Academy. This monograph is an outcome of one such essay competition organized during the 83rd Foundation Course of the Academy in the year 2009. Selected essays have been presented in the form of an e-monograph for wider dissemination.
  2. *‘Not Without Her’* an e-Monograph in English has been uploaded on the website of the Foundation in the year 2015. This monograph is an outcome of one such essay competition organized during the 85<sup>th</sup> Foundation Course of the Academy in the year 2010.
  3. *‘Bharti Dharam Darshan ate Samajik Ekta de Itihasik Somay’* and published in Punjabi which has been authored by Dr. Md. Idris, Associate Professor, Punjabi University, Patiala during year 2015.
  4. *‘Guidelines to promote Communal Harmony and National Integration’* which contain several workable and useful suggestions that organizations and individuals can take up in areas where they are residing or working to promote societal harmony, love, amity and brotherhood amongst the people.
- The Foundation has also published and circulated its *Calendar* for the year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 based on the paintings of school children to enhance its outreach and visibility amongst different stakeholders as well as common citizens of the country.

## **Meeting of ‘Governing Council of NFCH’**

- **21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council of NFCH organized on 12.04.2018**

The meeting of the Governing Council of NFCH was organized successfully under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Union Home Minister Shri Raj Nath Singh on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Ashwini BSF Officers Institute, New Delhi. Hon’ble Union Home Minister emphasized the need to strengthen the unity and integrity of the country through peace and harmony. In this meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Smt. Smriti Irani also expressed her views. The Members of the Governing Council and the General Body also expressed their views/suggestions. Home Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba conveyed the Vote of Thanks to the Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Hon’ble I & B Minister, participants, Secretaries / officials from different Ministries.

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