

Achievements of NFCH during 2020-21

Project 'Assist'

- Project 'Assist' is the Flagship scheme of the Foundation which provides financial assistance to children rendered orphan or destitute in communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence for their care and education.
- 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.
- **13,814 children in 24 States/UT and 164 Districts have been covered since 1992.**
- **A sum of Rs.94.58 Crore has been disbursed as assistance up to 31.03.2021.**
- **335 fresh cases were approved and 2318 cases were renewed for grant of assistance under Project "Assist" during 2020-21 at the cost of Rs 4.44 Crore.**
- The year wise assistance given to children during last 3 years is as under:

Year	Number of Assisted Children	Total Released assistance (in Rupees)
2018-19	3,337	5,60,61,250
2019-20	3397	5,62,14,250
2020-21	2653	4,43,98,000

Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day

The Foundation observes Communal Harmony Campaign and Fund Raising Week every year from 19th to 25th November and the last working day of this week is observed as **Flag Day**. The communal harmony campaign week has two main objectives:

- **To promote fraternity among the people, maintain peace & communal harmony and promote National integration through various activities; and**
- **To raise donations for physical & psychological support of orphan or destitute children affected by violence.**

Activities during Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day:

- NFCH prints and distributes publicity materials i.e. Posters, Wrappers, Flag Stickers, Letters, Pamphlets etc. to various educational institutions, universities, central public sector undertakings, para-military organizations, States/UTs, Ministries/ Departments, etc. every year. Publicity material was sent out to 1, 19,000 units during the year 2020.
- Seminars, painting competitions, essay competitions aiming at spreading harmony and National integration were organized by various institutions across the country during the Week following guidelines and protocols as conveyed by the Government due to COVID 19 pandemic.
- Usually during Communal Harmony Campaign Week, few child victims of violence, assisted by the Foundation are invited to Delhi. These children pin-up flags on the persons of dignitaries such as Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Vice-President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Hon'ble Ministers of State for Home and Union Home Secretary. These children are also taken for local site seeing in Delhi. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, these children were not invited during 2020.
- Details of publicity material dispatched and donations received during Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag Day during last 3 years:

Year	Total Publicity material sent (in lakh)	Total Expenditure (in Rs Lakh)	Total Donation received (in Rs Lakh)	Total Assistance received (from CPSEs under CSR) (in Rs Lakh)
2018-19	1.21	87.42	231	25
2019-20	1.21	88.11	262	461
2020-21	1.19	88.70	162	285

Extension Activities

- The Foundation under Extension Activities takes up activities under different Projects i.e *Project Reach*, *Project Interfaith-Interaction*, *Project Partnership* and *Project Cause Partnership*, either independently or in collaboration with Central Government, State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, PSUs, PSEs and

Voluntary Organizations / Non-governmental Organizations, etc. to promote the objectives of the Foundation through programmes like debates, conferences, seminars, workshops, rallies, painting, poster and essay writing competitions, music and cultural programmes, kavi sammelan, mushaira, inter-community and inter-faith interactions / get-togethers on important festivals / occasions etc. The Foundation approaches Universities, Governmental organizations, VOs / NGOs to undertake initiatives to promote the theme of harmony and National integration.

- Details of activities organized by the Foundation during last 3 years:

Period	Seminar /Symposium/ Webinar	Cultural Events	Interfaith Dialogues	NVS Compet itions	Know My India	Interac tions	Total Programmes	Total expenditure (in Rs)
2018-19	02	04	04	01	01	03	15	13,98,276
2019-20	07	04	07	01	02	03	24	20,25,169
2020-21	11	04	00	00	00	02	17	6,18,908

Major Activities during 2020-21

Due to situation prevailing across the country arising out of pandemic COVID-19, the Foundation was able to organize activities through virtual mode only, the details of which as under:

1. Webinar on “Together We Win: Harmony Amid COVID-19” was organized on **19th August 2020** by National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) & All India Women’s Conference (AIWC), New Delhi. Speakers on webinar were: Secretary, NFCH, Dr. Shipra Mathur, Journalist, Capt. Arvind Kamboj and Dr. Kakoli Roy, Psychologist.
2. Webinar on “India: Symbol of Harmony during Corona Outbreak” was organized on **31st August 2020** by AIWC South Zone in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). Speakers on the webinar were: Secretary, NFCH; Mr Zafar Iqbal, IAS Retd; and Ms Nihareeka Reddy, Educationist, Advocate, High Courts of AP & Telangana.
3. Webinar on “Nation Building through Services for Unity and Peace” was organised on **5th September 2020** by AIWC West Zone A & B in collaboration with National

Foundation for Communal Harmony. Speakers on webinar were: Secretary, NFCH; Dr. Digvijay Awasthi, Associate Prof. and Research Director, HPT Arts & Science College, Nasik and Dr. Ashwini Bharadwaj, CEO Bejon Desai Foundation Nasik.

4. The Office of Public Affairs of the Bahá'ís of India organized a webinar titled, "The Role of Religion in the Fight against the Corona Virus Pandemic" on **25th September 2020**. Secretary, NFCH gave the keynote address.
5. Webinar on "Role of Women in Promoting Harmony" was organized on **29th September 2020** by AIWC North Zone in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). Speakers on webinar were: Secretary, NFCH; Prof Vidya Jain, International Peace Activist; Prof Abhiruchi Ojha, Central University of Kashmir.
6. Webinar on 'Celebration of National Integration Day' under the aegis of Communal Harmony Campaign Week & Flag day 2020 of NFCH was organized on **19th November 2020** by Sanju Women's Welfare Association (WIA) AIWC, Chennai. The webinar began with Sarva dharma prarthana, Shanthi Sutras, etc. followed by lectures on need of National unity and harmony, particularly in the times of crisis.
7. Webinar on "Lessons to be learnt from Pandemic Covid 19" was organized on **25th November 2020** by AIWC East Zone-A in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). Secretary, NFCH in his keynote address expressed his thoughts.
8. Webinar on "Responsibility of Citizens towards the Society" was organized on **2nd December 2020** by AIWC Central Zone- A in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). Secretary, NFCH in his keynote address expressed his thoughts.
9. Webinar on "Maintaining Physical and Psychological Health during Covid times and thereafter" was organized on **16th December 2020** by AIWC South Zone- B in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). Secretary, NFCH in his keynote address expressed his views.
10. Webinar on "Significance of Peace and Harmony in Crisis Situations" was organized on **22nd December 2020** by AIWC Eastern Zone-B in collaboration with

National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). Secretary, NFCH participated and expressed his views.

11. Webinar on “Responsibilities of Citizens towards Society Post Covid-19” was organized on **8th January 2021** by AIWC West Zone B in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH). Secretary, NFCH in his keynote address expressed his thoughts.
12. Webinar on “Significance of Peace & Harmony in Crises Management” was organized on **20th January 2021** by AIWC North East Zone (Manipur & Tripura) in collaboration with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH).
13. Webinar on “Gender and Communal Harmony” was organised by Priyadarshini Mahila Samajam (AIWC, Neyyatinkara Branch) in collaboration with All Saints’ College, Trivandrum, Kerala on **15th March 2021**. Speakers of the webinar were Secretary, NFCH; Smt. Sheela Kakde, President, AIWC and Dr Malavika Binny, SRM University, Andhra Pradesh.
14. The Foundation supported NADD Foundation, New Delhi to organize multi city Indian classical music festival **Music for Harmony-2021**. Four such events were organized. The first concert was organized at Kolkata, West Bengal on **22nd February 2021**. The second Concert was organized at Ranchi, Jharkhand on **28th February 2021**. The third Concert was held at Surat, Gujarat on **10th March 2021** and the fourth Concert was organized at Bengaluru, Karnataka on **26th March 2021**.



'Music for Harmony 2021' by NADD Foundation at Kolkata

15. Secretary, NFCH and DDO, NFCH visited Kupwara District of Jammu & Kashmir for a review meeting regarding implementation of Project 'Assist'. NFCH officers interacted with beneficiary children, guardians and district authorities. District Magistrate, Kupwara, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Kupwara and other district officers were present. They also visited Ganderbal District for a review meeting with Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate, Ganderbal, District Social Welfare Officer, beneficiaries and their guardians. NFCH officers also had a meeting with Shri Pandurang K. Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on **4th March 2021** regarding implementation of Project 'Assist' along with Deputy Commissioners of all districts of Kashmir through video conferencing.



Secretary NFCH interacting with beneficiaries of Project 'Assist' in Kupwara and Ganderbal Districts of J & K,



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16. Secretary, NFCH and DDO, NFCH met Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Manipur and other administrative Secretaries of Government of Manipur along with

Deputy Commissioners of all districts. During the meeting, Secretary, NFCH briefed Chief Secretary and other officials about the activities of the Foundation. He also discussed the status of Project “Assist” and invited suggestions for effective implementation of Project “Assist” in all districts. NFCH officials also visited Kangpokpi District, on **22nd February**, Bishnupur District on **23rd February**, Chandel District on **24th February** and Imphal East District on **25th February 2021**. Detailed discussions were held with District Administration, assisted children and their guardians regarding implementation of Project ‘Assist’ in Manipur.



Secretary NFCH interacting with officials and beneficiaries of Project ‘Assist’ in Manipur



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17. Governing Council, NFCH

Union Minister of State for Home Shri G Kishan Reddy, chaired the 22nd Meeting of the Governing Council of National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) in New Delhi on **4th February 2021** through virtual mode. Union Home Secretary Shri A K Bhalla and other Official Members were present. Prominent religious

and social leaders who are also members of the Governing Council, NFCH, gave their valuable suggestions on fostering harmony and peace in the country.



22nd Meeting of Governing Council, NFCH Chaired by Hon'ble Minister of State (Home) Shri G. Kishan Reddy

18. Support from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs):

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, a Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Power, provided financial assistance of Rs 1,96,17000/- to 1260 children under Project 'Assist' of the Foundation in Dhubri, Jorhat, Nagaon, Nalbari, Goalpara, Sivasagar, Kokrajhar districts of Assam; Imphal East and Senapati districts of Manipur and Sukma and Bijapur districts of Chhattisgarh during 2020-21.



NFCH and PowerGrid Corporation of India Ltd. signing MoU to support children of Project 'Assist'

Project 'Recognition'

The Foundation has instituted two National Communal Harmony Awards - one in 'Individual' category and other in 'Organization' category, for outstanding contribution to promotion of Communal Harmony and/or National Integration. The Awards consist of a citation and cash prize of Rs. 5.00 Lakh in the 'Individual' category and a citation and cash prize of Rs. 10.00 Lakh in the 'Organization' category. Selection for the Awards is made by a Jury presided over by Hon'ble Vice President of India. So far, 12 organizations and 15 individuals have been conferred with Awards.

Research' & 'Publications'

- Number of Publication by NFCH : **25 Books and Monographs**
- Number of Books in NFCH Library : **3300 Books**
- The Foundation sponsored, **two** research projects of Manipur University, Imphal and University of Kashmir, Shrinagar respectively, which have been completed and were based on evaluation studies of Project 'Assist' of the Foundation in these 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 O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana is likely to be completed shortly.
- The Foundation has also published and circulated its ***Annual Calendar*** since 2014, highlighting the contributions of school children during Communal Harmony Campaign Week celebrations.
- The Foundation has started an in-house magazine "***Sankalp***" highlighting the activities of the Foundation since 2019.
- The Foundation organizes Essay Competitions every year on topics covering theme of communal harmony and National integration in collaboration with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie and its three partner institutions, namely RCVP Noronha Academy of Administration, Bhopal; Dr. MCR Human Resource Development Institute of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and

National Academy of Direct Taxes, Nagpur. Recently, competitions were organized for the 94th & 95th Foundation Courses of Civil Services Officers Trainee.

Public Interaction

The web-site of the Foundation (www.nfch.nic.in) was re-constructed/designed during 2020-21. The website includes information about projects and schemes of the Foundation, current activities, details of assisted children-including financial assistance released to them, books, journals, publications, application forms, information regarding National Communal Harmony Awards, photo gallery, citizen's charter, RTI, details of programmes organized by the Foundation, etc.. The activities of the Foundation are prominently updated in social media from time to time. It can be accessed on Facebook:- <https://m.facebook.com/NFCHMHA/>, Instagram:- <https://instagram.com/nfchmha>, and Twitter :- <https://twitter.com/nfchlhb>,
