RECENT 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 2018-19 (01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019) are:

Round Table conference on ‘Interfaith Dialogue for Prosperity in the Country’ organized by NFCH on Wednesday 29th August 2018 in New Delhi

The Foundation organized a round table conference on ‘Interfaith Dialogue for Prosperity in the Country’ on Wednesday 29th 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.

NFCH supported Sikkim University, Gangtok for organizing Walk for Global Peace and Interfaith Dialogue for Social Harmony’ on 21st September 2018

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 21st 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 24th to 25th 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 20th 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 19th 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


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 ‘125th 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 12th 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 150th Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Muktadhara Auditorium, Gole Market, New Delhi on 30th 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, Zoroastrism, 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 4th to 8th 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, Sonipat Haryana for organizing one day Seminar on “**Contemporary Challenges to Communal Harmony in India**” on 9th March 2019 at O P Jindal Global University, Sonipat, 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.