

## ACTIVITIES OF NWWA PORT BLAIR

JUL 08 –MAR 09

The Andaman and Nicobar regional branch of NWWA referred to as NWWA (PB) plays a key role in the welfare of Naval families in Andaman and Nicobar islands. Mrs Girija Shankar took over as the President of NWWA (PB) in the month of Oct 08. A warm welcome was extended to her.

NWWA (PB) Comprises of

- (a) Ajay Baugh Kendra
- (b) Vijay Baugh Kendra.
- (c) Bal Pathshala at Minnie Bay
- (d) Soundarya Parlour at NDV, Ajay Baugh Kendra, Vijay Baugh Kendra

**AIM:** - The aim of the association is to encourage cooperative spirit and undertake community welfare activities.

**FUNCTION:**-The following are the main functions of NWWA (PB) :-

- (a) Organize classes in literacy, tailoring, embroidery and a range of vocational skills.
- (b) Welfare activities for the naval community and the society at large.

**PRAGATI:** - There are two NWWA Kendras, one each at Ajay Baugh and Vijay Baugh.

### VIJAY BAUGH KENDRA

In the Month of July, a brand new Industrial aqua guard was acquired for the Kendra. The NWWA Kendra and the president's office were both given a fresh look. A lady doctor Dr. Shahina, MBBS was appointed for the family clinic at Vijay Baugh Kendra.



Durga Pooja, Laxmi Pooja and Kali Pooja were celebrated in the month of Oct. A Diwali get together for teachers of Vijay Baugh and Ajay Baugh was organized at the Kendra on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 08. A fabric Painting competition was organized for the ladies of both the Kendras on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 08. Chocolates and Baboons were given to the children in the Crèches on the occasion of Christmas.

### **AJAY BAUGH KENDRA**

In addition to the course conducted at Vijay Baugh Kendra, Ajay Baugh Kendra offers course like soft toy making, karate and classical dancing.

The Kendra also conducts tuition classes for V<sup>th</sup> to XIII<sup>th</sup>. Independence day was celebrated at the Kendra on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 08. National flags and sweets were distributed to tiny tots of the Crèches on this occasion. An interactive session with the teachers was held at the Kendra to improve the course curriculum. Teachers day was celebrated by the staff and the students of the Kendra on 5<sup>th</sup> Sep 08. October ushered in the festive season with a sweet making competition held on 01 Oct 08. On Children's day and Christmas balloons and chocolates were distributed to the children in the crèche.



## AROGYA

Port Blair being a joint Command a hundred ladies of the Naval Component attended a dental camp organized by DWWA in coordination with INHS Dhanvantari. Where in a free dental check up was organized by DWWA in the month of sep 08 which was well attend and highly appreciated by the ladies of the Naval Component. A talk on Stress Management and Child Handling was held for the ladies on 11 Sep 08 by a visiting Psychiatrist. SHO(PB) organized a talk and Slide Show for the students of NCS on the topic “A dololecent Health and Hygiene”. To spread awareness on AIDS a walkathon was held on 30 Nov 08 which was flagged off by President NWWA(PB) MRS Girija Shankar. On 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 08 being world AIDS Day, an interesting and interactive event called ‘Red Ribbon Show’ was organized by NWWA along with SHO at Dweepika for the ladies of all the components. To highlight and promote clam and green environment, A cleanliness drive was started along with prakriti. Prizes were given to the Best House, Best Garden and Best Block. On the occasion of Day, Mrs Shankar along with other NWWA members visited INHS Dhanvantari. Toys, book and fruits were distributed in the family ward.



## **JAGRITI**

A trip to Utkrosh was organized for children on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sep, which gave them the opportunity to learn about Aircrafts and Safety measures. In the month of Jan. A “Best out of waste” Competition was held at Ajay Baugh Kendra with an aim to create awareness among the children were also enlightened about row to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle waste in their homes.



## **BAL PATHSALA**

A school for the children of Domestic Help in Minnie Bay opened again after the summer break. A new teacher and Ayah were appointed. A fresh coat of paint and minor renovation work, gave a new look to the building.

Bal Pathshala is an initiative of NWWA to provide and impart basic education and grooming to the wards of our Domestic Help.

. Bal Pathshala enrolls the children in the age group of 2-5 years. These children are divided as per the age group into nursery, lower KG and Upper KG This year the session started on 4<sup>th</sup> July 08 with a strength of 14 children (Nursery 07, LKG 04, UKG 03).

NWWA at Port Blair has made an effort to make this learning experience convenient and comfortable for the parents and their wards. To achieve this the following services have been provided to the students :-

- Bus service and from places of residence.
- Big and spacious class rooms, with ergonomic furniture to suit the needs of little children.
- Toys and posters contributed by the NWWA not only add to the learning experience but also provide much required break from the monotony of class room instructions.
- Small park with swings and slides for recreation.
- Last but not the least a trained teacher has been appointed. In addition a lady help has also been provided to the school for maintenance and collection of snacks for the children.

The teaching pattern for each of the classes is as follows:-

- Nursery : Oral teaching methods such as rhymes and songs
- English and Hindi alphabets etc.
- LKG : Some oral and written work on slate with chalk is carried out to introduce writing.
- UKG : Children have been provided notebooks, drawing books, colours and other stationary items by NWWA.

## **OUTREACH (SPARSH)**

The children of Brahmananda Advaita Ashram(Orphanage Home) were taken on a “Day Out” to visit INS Kumbhir in the month of Aug. The children were made aware of the various functions of a LST(Landing Ship Tank). An ‘On the Spot’ painting competition was organized on the ship. The ship offered refreshments and packed lunch to the children.



In the month of Sep a visit to Seva Niketan(Oldest Orphanage home) was undertaken by the outreach coordinators.

Clothes, toys and food items were also collected and distributed at the Multiple Rehabilitation Centre for children in the month of Feb.

## **PRAKRITI**

A tree plantation drive was carried out at Vatika park on the occasion of Van Mahotsav. On 16<sup>th</sup> Nov a visit to Ross Island for children was organized where they were educated about our Historical past and they also participated in an environmental campaign in making “ Ross Clean and Plastic Free”. Prakriti along with Arogya spearheaded the Sanitization drive at the residential areas of Ajay Baugh and Vijay Baugh.

## SAMUDRI

Samudri, the NWWA shop is doing brisk business under the guidance of Mrs Girija Shankar, President NWWA (PB). It is well stocked with household items and dress materials. In a short span of five months the sales increased significantly. The shop was given a facelift which made it more accessible.



## SAKHI

A counselor Mis Shanti is attached to the Vijay Baugh Kendra to provide advice and assistance to the Naval families in need of counseling.



## **VARUNI**

The first issue(April-June 2008) focused on Hum our. The physical and mental health benefits of laughter were brought out in the issue.

Varuni released in October featured 'Wellness' other informative articles were on Yoga, Homeopathy, Nutrition and Fiancé.

Latest issue of Varuni is being released in April 2009.

## **SAUNDARYA PARLOUR**

There are three parlors, one each at Ajay Baugh Kendra, Vijay Baugh Kendra and New Dweep Vihar. Courses like Basic Beauticians course are conducted at the parlors for the benefit of the ladies. The parlour at NDV was renovated and is equipped with the latest facilities. Mrs Girija Shankar, President NWWA (PB) was instrumental in the transformation which was highly appreciated by all the ladies.



## **NWWA AS PART OF DWWA**

Defence Wives Welfare Association organizes Coffee Morning and Coffee Evenings in turn for the ladies of all the services.

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> July a hundred ladies of NWWA attended DWWA Milan hosted by Coast Guard ladies. It provided a platform among PBORS wives from various services.
- A NWWA Coffee morning was organized on 26 July 08. The theme was 'Krishna presentation on family planning and contraceptives was give by Surg Lt Cdr Smita Nayak.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct a Coffee Evening to welcome Mrs Girija Shankar President DWWA and NWWA (PB) was organized by the Naval Component.

- Christmas Party was jointly held at IDSC in which the game 'Fixing the Santa's Moustache' was organized by NWWA which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.



- On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March a coffee morning to honor President NWWA, President AFWWA and President AWWA was organized at Dweepika in which the ladies presented a sketch 'Reach for the Sky' which highlighted significant contributions made by India Women through the ages.



### **OPERATION CLEAN CIP**

- NWWA has also involved itself in the 'Clean Port Blair' campaign. We have sent letters to the editors, started a signature campaign, walkathon, poster Competition, Essay writing competition for the children. Presentation on ill effects of plastic for our ladies was held on NWWA day. Besides this we also had a discussion on Doordarshan (PB) and a Radio talk on the ill effects of plastic.

- Walkathon on clean and Green Port Blair by DWWA was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 09 in which the Naval component actively participated.



### NWWA WEEK

As a part of NWWA week celebration in February various activities were conducted.

- Various competitions like Best Building, Best Garden were conducted instill among the residents a sense of pride in keeping the surroundings clean.
- The NWWA shop Samudri was inaugurated by the president Mrs Girija Shankar on 11Jan 09 after its renovation.
- On the occasion of NWWA day, President along with health and executive committee members visited the family ward of the INHS Dhanvantari and Presented fruits, toys and Rockers.



- Internet facility was inaugurated at both the Kendras by the President Mrs Girija Shankar.



- On 14th Feb, NWWA day was celebrated as a 'picnic cum sports Day' at Ross Island. Games and activities were organized. Thereafter Surg Lt Cdr Smita Nayak SHO(PB) gave a presentation on cleanliness and a paper bag making competition was held. The ladies actively took part in marking paper bags which will be donated to shop.

