

Glimpse of W.C.T.U. of India's work 2023

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,
Greetings from India,

I have just returned from Temperance House Delhi (our national head quarters). We have had a wonderful National Executive Committee meeting. As I was reading the new edition of White Ribbon Bulletin and saw the Asia section I feel obliged to share the good work our W.C.T.U. Sisters are doing in India. We have W.C.T.U. work in 8 States of India. We are trying to reach more States but after Covid a lot of things have changed and we have limited financial resources





We have total membership of 4219 ladies plus 250 male members, and total of 62 unions in 8 states of India as - Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Maharashtra.

We observe all the four important days of W.C.T.U. - 28th September Francis Willard's Birthday celebrated as World Day of Prayer or Temperance Sunday. Special prayers and Temperance Sunday observed in all unions.

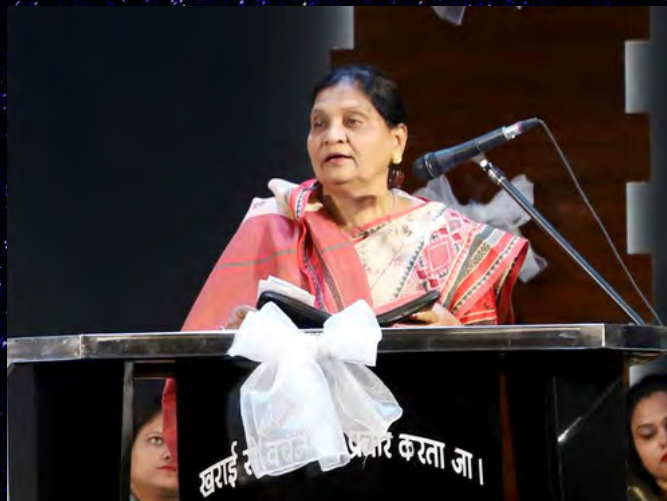
- 9th September FAS Day – Women’s Seminar with expert Gyneecologist, Poster and slogan competition and education provided in schools and in various ladies groups.



- 31st May – No Tobacco Day observed with special prayers with families whose loved ones suffered because of this vice. Ladies visit hospital and homes and pray with Cancer patients providing necessary data and medical facts, flowers and fruits.



We have "White Ribbon Ceremony" program at our Churches for children's dedication where the mothers pledge on their behalf to keep them away from alcohol, tobacco and drugs.



We organize counseling sessions for youth as post Covid depression and drug problem has increased. A lot of youth are now getting into vaping and e-cigarette problem without knowing the full impact of these drugs used in it. These things are easily available online and doesn't draw immediate attention of parents who think it's some kind of electronic device which needs to be charged like mobile phone and some youngsters smartly lied to them that it's their friend's "USB drive" which they have been using so they need to charge it before giving it back!!!



We also have “women helpline” for counseling and support units run by white ribbon sisters because many ladies or young girls don't want to go to the Police to report the abuse of their family members or so called friends or office superiors but they are burdened hurt and busied by the continued forced assault.





We also provide clean water to villages this breaks the ice to talk to them about drinking, smoking and drug problems.



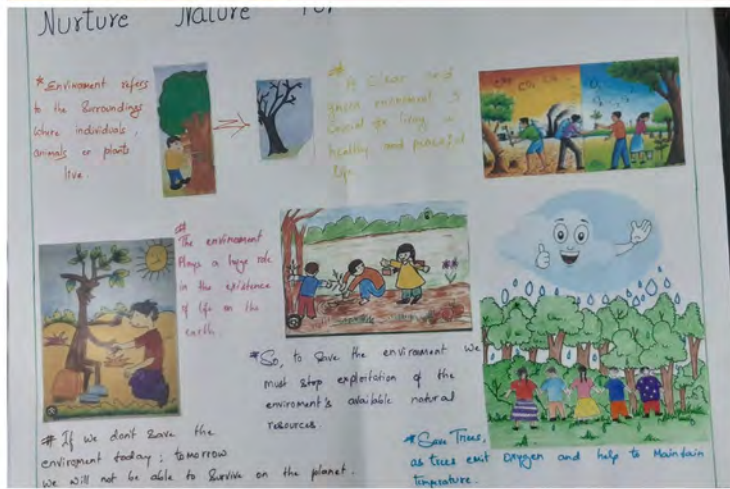
- Our road side dramas (play) get a lot of attention of people passing by and the message of temperance is passed along.



- On Temperance Sunday the whole communities is given white ribbon and served snacks and cookies with tea, the beautiful temperance message is preached, the sister of W.C.T.U. conduct the whole worship service with special temperance songs and beautiful cradle role ceremony is conducted.



- On F.A.S. day we ring the bell or the students sound their scooty or bike's horn for one minute as danger siren to get the crowd's attention as we make stand up posters on our sisters who give temperance message and distributes Pamphlets.



- We distribute some grains and food to needy people and ask them to stay away from alcohol and drugs.



- We also visit jails and give temperance message there though we can't take pics there but most murders are done under the influence of these vices.

We are fortunate to have good guidance from our leaders who have gone to their heavenly abode before us and now a good blend of all generation to carry on this most needed temperance work in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am happy and proud of our office bearer and members of W.C.T.U. of course there is always much scope to increase our territory. I pray these glimpse inspire you all as we still press on boldly regardless of many serve persecution on Christian and Christian organization. Please keep our country in your prayers. God bless you all.

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