



House no 43, Purani Basti, Rewla Khanpur, Najafgarh New Delhi 110043, India

Empowering women as agents of social change

## **URJA ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15**

### **VISION STATEMENT**

To end all forms of violence against women and children by creating an environment where women, youth and children can develop themselves to be agents of their own change and where opportunities/spaces are created to enable them to participate fully in achieving their rights.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of URJA is to empower, educate and enable marginalized women and children and to advance their status by advocating for their educational, economic, social and legal rights.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Provide women and girls, especially women migrants, those trapped/found in intergenerational prostitution and women in distress with life choices and access to opportunities and resources
2. Encourage leadership amongst women and to build awareness of their rights.
3. Promote economic self sufficiency of women
4. Advocate collectively for educational opportunities, economic resources and legal protection of marginalized women and children.
5. Lobby with policy makers and government to pro-actively address gender based violence and discrimination

**URJA** is a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in New Delhi, India. Founded in 2011, it is working with the Peran community in Premnagar Basti, Najafgarh, located near the Delhi- Haryana border. Prostitution in the community is inter generational and the girls are pushed into it as soon as they are married, which is when they are 16-17 years old.

The following project activities were conducted by URJA in 2014-15.

**Balwadi Education-** In 2014-15, URJA covered 15 (3-5year) children for pre school education. The aim of the Balwadi is to prepare the children for formal schooling. URJA's Balwadi provides them a positive environment for their full motor, physical, mental, social and emotional development. The Balwadi class makes learning fun and is filled with activities such as painting, dancing, colouring, singing and alphabetical knowledge. To enhance their physical growth morning exercise, outdoor games are conducted.

**Non- formal education-** Those who have never gone to school or those who drop out are provided with non formal education. The children enrolled in the non formal class showed a positive outlook towards studies. Life skills education on decision making, health and conflict resolution was also given to them.

**Vocational Training-** To make women and girls independent, vocational training on stitching, crochet and beautician's course was provided by URJA. A beautician's course was started in the Centre and initially there were 10 girls who were enrolled in the course.



**Supplementary Classes-** In Purani Basti, school going children were facing so many problems in their studies because they didn't have the conducive environment at home for education. They received no guidance from home as their parents are not educated. Through Supplementary Classes, URJA provided them with a positive/motivational environment and helped them to continue their school education.

## **B- Monthly Activities**

Centre meetings- Regular centre meetings were conducted on how the Centre was functioning. Regular work performance of staff was reviewed and reported.

Parent Teacher Meeting- Parent teacher meeting was organized every month. Parents came to the Centre and the Centre staff informed them about their children and how they were performing in the school. When parents were not able to come to the meetings the Centre staff would go to their house and give them the progress of their child. The aim of the activity was to inform them about the importance of education in the Centre and to create a better supportive education environment at home.

Neenv Meeting- URJA is a member of Delhi Neenv Forces ( Mobile Creches). Neenv organizes monthly meetings at Dwarka Mor and URJA regularly participates in it. The meetings encourages collective work as a network. Meetings are organized to make plans for the smooth functioning of Anganwadis, pre school education and nutritional support for the overall development of children.

Occasional meetings- Some special meetings were organized by URJA in 2014-15. The aim of these meetings is to inform people about URJA's activities, its mission, vision etc. These meetings were helpful for URJA to connect with the community and to know about their views.



URJA celebrated Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The importance of Republic Day was discussed and there were performances by URJA children.



### Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Children recited patriotic poems and also took part in an 'Independence Day' quiz.



## Children's Day Celebration

URJA celebrated Children's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2014. Children were encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities and to read out poems, play games and sing.



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