

Celebrating women

March 8 is observed as International Women's Day. Every year, Sehgal Foundation organizes women's conclaves in villages to mark this occasion. This year these events and others were organized across Haryana, Rajasthan, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka. The objective was to provide participants an important and interactive platform to discuss their achievements and challenges, to interact and share with another their experiences, and to learn from the outputs in order to help build a more developed community. The conclave also sought to enhance the participation of women in village governance and village governing bodies.

More than 500 women *sushasan* (governance) champions participated in women's leadership schools in meetings, rallies, trainings, and games. Prizes were a part of the programs. Women shared their experiences on gender equality, empowerment, and talked about their role models.

Here are some photographs of the events . . .



Women's leadership school program being organized in Halepalya village, Kolar, Karnataka, under the Jaladhara V project, saw the extensive and active participation of women.



International Women's Day being celebrated in a Woman's Leadership School in village Birsinghpur, Kalyanpur, Samastipur, Bihar



A teacher addressed the gathering in Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh.



Prof. Ajay Pandey addressed around 150 *mahila sangathan* members in Nuh, Haryana, including a mixed target audience of women from different professional backgrounds.



Games, with prizes to be won, were a spotlight at Nuthankal village, Telengana, as part of the International Women's Day celebrations organized by Sehgal Foundation.



Digital literacy program student, Humera, a valuable partner in the initiative, shared her thoughts about the immunization campaign carried out in village Sakras, Haryana.





Celebration of women's day in Moti Dongri Police line, Alwar. Girls in the digital literacy centers participated in the mehendi and drawing competitions organized on the occasion.