

Ujjawal Women's Association Report from July 2022 to December 2022

Regular Projects

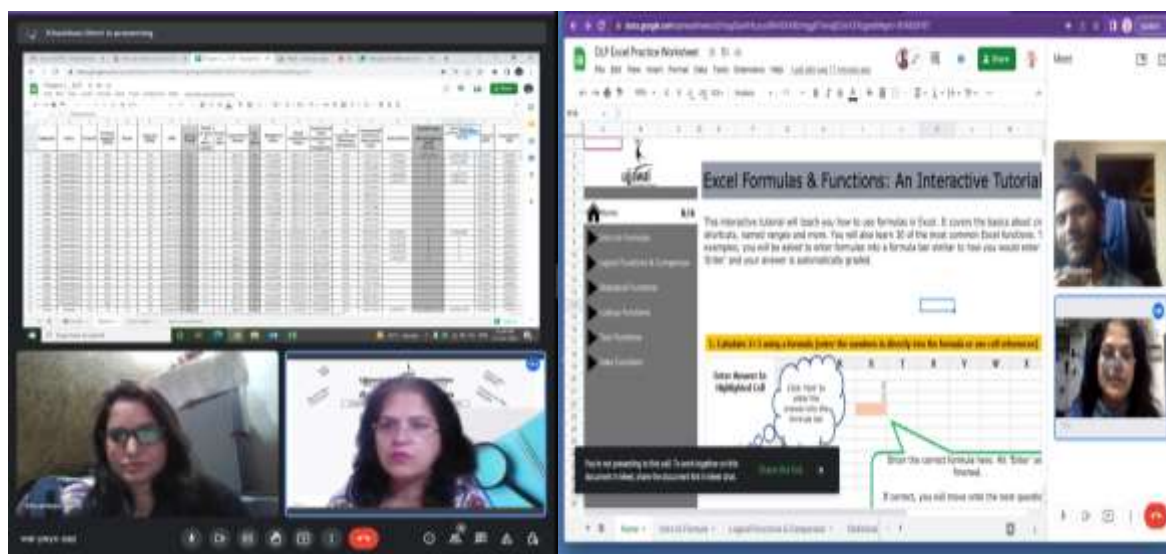
Ongoing skill development projects like Computer, tuition and tailoring classes are being held regularly. Computer and tuition classes at the UWA office in Chitra Vihar and stitching and tailoring at Mandavali and Pandav Nagar. Tuitions are ongoing and have become very popular amongst the residents nearby.



Computer, tuition and tailoring classes are being held at various centers of UWA

Data Literacy Programme has also been undertaken from this year. In keeping with the times, it has been realised that the need for data collection and preservation is a very important requirement for organisations and institutions and therefore data literacy has a good scope

nowadays. Under this project classes are being held regularly by our executive member Ms. Deepa Shukla, earlier in physical and now in online mode.



Screenshot of online classes of Data Literacy Programme

Campaign for Environmental Awareness

On 23rd July 12 members from UWA and 5 guests gathered for a tree plantation cum nature walk at the Conservation Education Centre at Asola Bhatti Mines. The Aravallis had been deprived of its forest cover due to the mining activity and it was only since it was declared as a protected area that efforts towards afforestation were being made. Ms. Geeta, who took the group through the plantation, shared information on different plants and the benefits of thickening the forest through tree plantations. To further the afforestation effort Mrs. Bina Jain, Founder and Chairperson of UWA, Dr. Yuthika Mishra, President, Mrs. Kiran Sinha, Secretary, Mrs. Asha Gambhir, Advisor, Mrs. Sheela, Mrs. Rashmi Nigam, Mrs. Chitra, Mrs. Shoma Dhar, Mrs. Suniti Jauhari, Ms. Gopika Bhandari and other members as well as students planted a number of trees. This was followed by a nature walk wherein members got the opportunity to see rare birds, insects and different varieties of trees. The day was wrapped up with members and guests receiving saplings which they promised to plant and nurture.



Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, 13th August 2022

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was celebrated at UWA's Chitra Vihar office on 13th August. Mrs. Bina Jain, Founder and Chairperson of UWA inaugurated the celebration and spoke about the importance of the Amrit Mahotsav and the freedom that each one of us enjoys. Mrs. Kiran

Sinha, Secretary UWA spoke about the participation of women in the freedom movement. To promote the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative all members had brought along flags which was also given to the other participants. The event ended with all participants enthusiastically joining in singing the National Anthem.



Vegetable Organic Farming under Environment and Climate Change Project 2022

'The Vegetable Organic Farming under Environmental and Climate Change' project was sanctioned to UWA. The purpose of the project was to sensitize and create awareness on the benefits of organic food and managing kitchen waste by turning vegetable and fruit peels into manure. The project was inaugurated on 27th September by Mrs. Bina Jain, Founder and Chairperson UWA together with Mrs. Seema Mittal and Mrs. Rajni Rastogi experts from the Indraprastha Horticultural Society. Besides UWA members, residents from the DDA flats Chitra Vihar and students of the Beautician Course also attended the programme. At the inauguration soil was prepared with manure, dry leaves, etc. and all participants planted seeds in the soil. 10 mentors have been trained on the advantages of organic farming and the process of converting kitchen waste into manure. Each mentor will work with three beneficiaries who will be taught the benefits of organic farming. Through this the important message will filter down the pyramid touching more people in the society.

At an informal meeting at AIWC on 10th October discussion and demonstration of how to use these baskets was done. Members were thus encouraged to take forward this initiative and in November it was decided to extend this project by another two months. A lecture by an expert from Pusa Institute will also be organized on the subject.



Participation in Shilpkala Utsav, 10-12 October 2022

An annual women artisans crafts bazaar by All India Women's Conference Head Office was held from October 10 – 12, 2022 themed around Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Odisha. There were 67 stalls by women artisans and Ujjawal also put up its stall of embroidery and paintings by our members, Ms. Vibha and Ms. Sushil. It was inaugurated by Shri Bishweshwar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti alongwith H.H. Rashmi Bhanjdeo, Maharani Mayurbhanj. They spent some time in our stall and appreciated the handiwork of UWA members. Chairperson, Ms. Bina Jain gifted them the art work made by members of UWA.



H. H. The Maharani of Mayurbhanj and Hon'ble Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti were presented with paintings made by UWA member Ms. Sushil

Gita Divas was observed on 3rd December 2022

On the occasion of Gita Jayanti, Gita Divas was observed at our center in which students of various programmes were given a small copy of Gita which had the gist of various *sholakas*. Inspirational talk was given by the President, Secretary and other members of UWA and the message of Gita was explained to the students of all ages by the team. More specifically, the

values of truth, work and persistence as contained in Gita were conveyed and the youngsters were encouraged through stories and examples to imbue these values.





Seminar on 'Trauma of Victims of Sexual Violence and Role of Scientific Evidence and Compensation' in observance of creating awareness about 'Elimination of All Forms of Violence and Discrimination against Women'

A seminar on the above topic was organized by UWA on 9th December at the Swasthya Vihar Club. This was funded by AIWC. Mrs. Bina Jain, Founder and Chairperson UWA inaugurated the seminar. Mrs. Jyotika Kalra was the first speaker, who as a member of the NHRC in 2022 had filed many PIL's protecting the rights of women. She spoke about how stalking and voyeurism often leads to sexual assaults and even death of the victim. She also elaborated on the change in the definition of 'rape' and shared information on how a victim could apply for compensation from the state. Mrs. Yogita Bhayana was the key speaker of the day. As a working member of the NCW Mrs. Bhayana was instrumental in the Nirbhaya case getting national prominence. Mrs. Bhayana currently heads the People Against Rapes in India (PARI), a campaign that seeks to support rape survivors and help them get justice. In her address she emphasized on the need for society to support rape victims and shared information on how each one can volunteer or lead the effort to sensitize society against sexual violence. The talks were quite interactive and were followed by a lengthy question and answer session in which everyone participated. The seminar was attended by about fifty persons and the constituent branch members also attended this important event.

