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Celebrating Chandaryan-3

WAR WIDOWS ASSOCIATION

New Look



**“Animated discussion” Chairperson Dr. V. Mohini Giri
& Lt. Gen. Shanker Prasad**





From the desk of Chairperson

Any conflict, counter insurgency, fighting terrorists, fuelling geographical terrain like Siachen tragedy, no matter what the situation is, when a soldier dies he leaves his wife to fight a lifelong battle. War Widows Association is mandated to help that Veer Nari.

This year has been a very fruitful year with prayers, activities, meaningful work, a new executive committee and new ideas.

War Widows Association reached out far and wide to help the war affected and solved many problems on the issue of pensions. This year we witnessed an increase in membership and we could reach out by the efforts of our executive committee far and wide.

The association had several interactions with the government officials and with our Air Force Wives Welfare Association, Army Wives Welfare Association and Navy Wives Welfare Association. We were able to reach out to various Zilla Sainik Boards and Ex- Servicemen League.

I extend my congratulations to the Executive Committee Members and the efficient staff for their untiring efforts. Progress has been possible due to their untiring efforts.

Finally in the words of Douglas MacArthur :

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

The soldiers have fought and gone but left behind their precious families. It is our privilege and duty to ensure that those left behind will not want. I am happy that the War Widows Association could serve them because in serving them, we honour the memories of the brave and strengthen the sovereignty and integrity of India.

Dr. (Mrs.) V Mohini Giri

Founder/Chairperson

War Widows Association



Presidents Message

लगभग 12 वर्षों के कार्यकाल के बाद मैं आश्वस्त हो गई हूँ कि मेरा बचा हुआ जीवन वीर नारीयों व वीर परिवारों के लिये ही समर्पित होना चाहिये।

आदरणीय चेयरपर्सन डॉ वी मोहिनी गिरी का सदा ही आवाहन रहा है कि युद्ध नहीं, शान्ति बहाल करना हमारा उद्देश्य रहना चाहिये। हम सभी इस मत में पूर्ण रूप से सहमत हैं। परन्तु समय के साथ विश्व की रूपरेखा भी बदल रही है, और दुर्भाग्य से उत्पाती प्रवृत्ति के लो देश के अन्दर और बाहर अपना दुःश प्रभाव भी फैला रहे हैं। हमारी संस्था का उद्देश्य हमेशा रहा है और रहेगा की हम कितने वीर परिवारों के जीवन में कुछ शान्ति, कुछ आनंद और कुछ उत्साह ला सकते हैं।

हमें अत्यंत प्रसन्ता है हम अपने प्रयत्नों से कुछ कठिन परिस्थितियों से जूझती वीर नारीयों की समस्याओं का निदान कर सके हैं। यह हमारे लिये बहुत गर्व का विषय है। और आज मैं पूर्णतया आश्वस्त हो गई हूँ कि यह सेवाभाव ही उचित जीवन का लक्ष्य होना चाहिये।

ईश्वर हम सभी सदस्यों को वीर नारी संस्था (WWA) को उचित और सद्भाव से चलाने की क्षमता दे।

दमयन्ती वी ताम्बे,

अध्यक्षा,

वॉर विडोव्स एसोसिएशन



डब्ल्यू डब्ल्यू ए की उपाध्यक्ष श्रीमती राज शर्मा का संदेश

इस संस्था और डब्ल्यू डब्ल्यू ए की अध्यक्ष डॉ वी मोहिनी गिरी से मेरा साथ उस समय से है जब मेरी खुद की जिन्दगी में उथल-पुथल चल रही थी और मैं बहुत ही मुश्किल दौर से गुज़र रही थी। तब मोहिनी जी एक उम्मीद की किरण बन कर आईं और जो अपनापन, आत्मविश्वास, सकून और मन की शान्ति मुझे इस संस्था से मिली उसको मैं शब्दों में बयान नहीं कर सकती हूँ।

आज मैं अपने आप को बहुत गौरवन्तिक महसूस करती हूँ कि पिछले बहुत सालों से मैं डब्ल्यू डब्ल्यू ए से जुड़ी हुई हूँ और डॉ वी मोहिनी गिरी जैसी एक दूरदर्शी, निःस्वार्थ और सदैव मददगार व्यक्तिक्व वाली अध्यक्षी के साथ मुझे काम करने का अवसर मिला। डब्ल्यू डब्ल्यू ए के साथ जुड़ कर मुझे जीने का मकसद मिला और मेरे जीवन को एक दिशा मिल गई है।

आज वॉर विडोक्स एसोसिएशन मोहिनी जी के दिशा निर्देशन में बहुत अच्छा कार्य कर रही है। भविष्य में भी मेरी पूरी कोशिश रहेगी की जो सहारा, सुरक्षा की भावना और आदर मुझे इस संस्था से मिला है वही मैं अपनी वीर बहनों को हमेशा दूँ और उन सब के जीवन में एक उम्मीद की किरण ला सकूँ। मुझे पूर्ण विश्वास है कि वो दिन दूर नहीं जब हमारी संस्था हर एक वीर नारी के दिल की आवाज़ सुन सकेगी और उनका हाथ भी थाम लेगी।

श्रीमती राज शर्मा

उपाध्यक्षा,

वॉर विडोक्स एसोसिएशन



Message from Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary, WWA

Greetings to the members of the War Widow Association!

I have been a part and parcel of WWA for a good number of years as a casual visitor and attending various activities and events organized by WWA. My association began last year in September 2022 when I became the General Secretary in this association. Since then I have been working whole heartedly towards the success of WWA. I realized that I should dedicatedly get involved to help our Veer Naris and must help in increasing the reach of my association.

As I have retired from the post of a senior bank Officer in the Syndicate bank I realized that I can profoundly contribute towards maintaining the financial records, audit work, making the budgets and investments etc of my association. I take pride in conveying to all that the proper Audit was conduct by our Chartered accountant and the balance sheet was prepared on time. I am indeed grateful to the Administrative officers for their assistance in helping me in having firm footing in WWA. I am enjoying working here though honourarily. I pray to Almighty to keep me healthy enough to continue here in this wonderful association for long.

Jai Hind

Mrs. Anjali Karkare
General Secretary
War Widows Association



डब्ल्यू डब्ल्यू ए की कोषाध्यक्ष डॉ श्रीमती शुभा त्रिपाठी का संदेश

हार्दिक अभिनंदन !

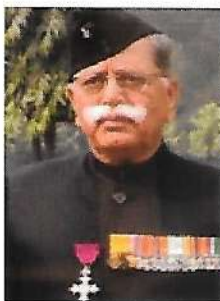
मैं 2004 से वॉर विडोज़ संगठन की सदस्य हूँ और अब इसकी कोषाध्यक्ष भी हूँ। यह संस्था हमारी कीर्तिमान अध्याया डॉ श्रीमती मोहिनी वी गिरी की देखरेख में इस देश की वीरनारियों की किसी भी तरह की समस्याओं के समाधान में सदा तत्पर रही है और रहेगी।

मैं व्यवसाय से एक होमियो पैथिक डॉक्टर हूँ और पिछले 33 वर्ष ये अपने व्यवसाय में कार्यरत हूँ। 7 अप्रैल 2023 को शहीद भवन में डॉ मोहिनी जी के प्रोत्साहन से एक होम्यो दवाखाने का उद्घाटन हुआ। यह हमारी वीरांगनाओ, युद्ध में हताहत सैनिकों, सेवानिवृत्त, व समाज के कमजोर वर्ग के लिए मुफ्त सेवा प्रदान करता है। यहाँ आने वाले मरीजों का ना सिर्फ़ शारीरिक रोगों का समाधान होता है अपितु उनकी संवेदनाओं, मानसिक स्थिति पर विशेष ध्यान दे कर उपचार होता है। यह प्रयोजन चल रहा और कुछ ही महीनों में भारत के कई कोनों से वीरांगना हमसे जुड़ने लगी है। इस कार्य का आयोजन एवं संचालन करने में मुझे विशेष आत्मसंतोष की अनुभूति हुई।

आशा करती हूँ कि भविष्य में भी ऐसी परियोजनाएँ, जो समाज के हित में हो, उनपर हम, आप सब के सहयोग से, काम करते रहें और साथ साथ आगे बढ़ते रहे।

जय हिन्द !

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MESSAGE

Lt Gen Shankar Prasad, PVSM, VSM

It gives me immense pleasure witnessing the growth of War Widows Association (WWA) over the past few decades, from strength to strength under the stewardship of Respected Dr. V Mohini Giri Ji, ably led by the current President Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay Ji. The present committee is continuing to carry the torch forward by extending much needed support and guidance to brave "VIR NARIS" under difficult times of pandemic and economic challenges.

I wish the War Widows Association success in all its endeavours.

(Shankar Prasad)

26 July 2023



Message by

Lt Gen VG Khandare, PVSM, AVSM, SM(Retd)
Principal Adviser
Ministry of Defence
Government of India
New Delhi

I consider it my privilege and honour to be associated as Patron with the War Widows Association. Heroes of the nation have contributed immensely and unconditionally to our great nation. Alongside are the brave families of these gallant heroes who have been stoic, resilient and steadfast in their faith and belief in the nation, our Government and the people of our great Bharat that is India. It is a very humbling experience to witness the character, calibre and commitment of the esteemed members and the staff of the organisation. The healing touch provided to troubled persons and families once they face a setback displays the humane character of the War Widows Association. The nation building activities are exemplary and worth emulating. The leadership of the Association is most considerate, involved and visionary. Personally, I gain a lot spiritually and emotionally everytime I interact with the War Widows Association.

I wish the organisation, its role model members, dynamic staff and capable office bearers all the very best for a happy future encompassing all aspects of life.

Jai Hind!



Message from Meera Khanna, Advisor, WWA

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

This was a quote from an unknown source that has always remained with me as a testimony of the enormous sacrifice of our armed forces. The sacrifices made by our martyred soldiers echo through the annals of history, reminding us that the values of duty, honor, and integrity are not mere words, but principles worth living and dying for.

The heroic soldier fights his last battle and leaves behind a blaze of glory, recognised and honoured by the nation. But he also leaves behind a wife and family for whom there is no last battle, but a lifetime of continued skirmishes, with social norms, cultural mores, financial uncertainty, loneliness, inability to navigate her children through life. They say behind every strong soldier there is a strong woman and it is most tested when she becomes the widow of a martyred soldier. In her daily battle, she is heroic, she is a Veer Nari but there are no medals, no citations that extol her.

War Widows Association understands this and sees beyond those momentary headlines that focus on the martyred soldier's wife. WWA sees the long battle ahead for which she needs to be prepared. WWA is a one stop crisis centre that is not just about offering assistance, but about creating a safe haven where these courageous wives can find understanding, healing, and a sense of belonging. It is the WWA's commitment that is pillar of support in their times of need and shines as a ray of hope through the darkest clouds.

As every year WWA has gone beyond its mandate this year too, due to the untiring efforts of the Founder Chairperson Dr Mohini Giri, the President Ms Damayanti V.Tambe and the executive committee. From giving grants to tide over financial crisis before the compensations and pensions kick in, assisting the veer naris to access their usurped lands, helping them to name schools and roads after their martyred husbands, facilitating health and educational access to their families, helping them to navigate the systems to access their pensions, even helping to file FIRs in the event of property fights, the list is endless. Most importantly the WWA is the family to which the families turn to not just during crisis but also to reinforce the sense of belonging for endorsing the assurance that the nation cares for those who are left behind. Because with each smile that WWA brings back to a grieving wife's face, is a victory over adversity and a testament to the positive transformation.

I congratulate WWA, its board and members for the relentless commitment in the past year and look forward to the peaks that will be achieved in the coming years.

Meera Khanna

Advisor, War Widows Association

Trustee & President Guild For Service

Co Founder; International Treaty on Violence against women & children

Director: Secretariat of South Asian Network for Widows Empowered in Development



Message from Mrs. Ashali Varma, Advisor, WWA

I was invited by Mohini Giri, the lady behind the amazing work done by the War Widows Association, for their Martyrs Memorial Lecture at the India International on the 17th. It was the day after India's Victory in the 1971 war and I was touched by the bravery of the women, so many left widowed in the early 20s, having been married just a few years with young children to take care of. We salute our men in uniform for their extreme sacrifice but do we ever think of the broken families they leave behind? Mohini Giri does. Yes, the government and the Armed Forces are fully behind them but how much does the average Indian know about the difficulties they face when they are suddenly told that the husband they loved, the father of their children is no more. He died defending the country and there are thousands such in all the wars we have fought.

I have tears in my eyes when I write this, as theirs is a lifetime of loneliness and courage, and yet they have resilience and they know they will find help, they will find affection and be embraced by Mohini and taught how to make a living and bring up their children with dignity. I am proud that the Armed Forces never forget its martyrs and their families. I am proud I was born and brought up with people who live and die for their country selflessly.

Mohini Giri is still there, bedrock for generations of widows, and the Association she has managed for so many years. This is something all politicians all over the world need to remember. And I don't just say this for India. America's invasion in Iraq and Pakistan's innumerable bad decisions are there for the world to see.

I urge the leaders of nations, before they embark on war, to just remember and reflect on the human cost.

Jai Hind!

Mrs. Ashali Varma
ADVISOR
War Widows Association



Message from Cdr Ravindra Waman Pathak I.N. (Veteran)

To the Chairperson

It is a great privilege for me to be associated with the War Widows Association for handling the issues related to their pensions. I would fail in my duty to thank them for considering me as one of their Advisers and I am highly privileged with this honor.

I have been able to resolve every case sent to me. However I have one suggestion. There is a case that needs to be taken up for those war widows who remarried and were sanctioned resumption of LFP from 2005 instead of 1996. The case is foolproof and lawyers are willing to fight it at minimal fees or at no cost.

I would request the Association in showing its magnanimity and accept wholeheartedly to represent the affected widows. This will benefit many War Widows in the environment besides those who are members of the association.

I once again thank the Executive Committee Members of WWA for honoring me to be an advisor and wish the association all the very Best in all their future efforts towards welfare of War widows not only of 1965 and 1971 wars but all widows sanctioned either Liberalized Family Pension or Special Family pension as the pain of losing someone and the issues are same for all such widows as those of 1965 and 1971 wars.

My Best wishes

Cdr Ravindra Waman Pathak I.N. (Veteran)

ADVISOR

War Widows Association



Message from Dr. Ramakant Dwivedi, Advisor, WWA

War Widows Association (WWA) has been working relentlessly for the welfare of war widows and their family since 1971. WWA has been able to address almost all the issues concerning the welfare of Vir Nari through its programme in a effective and adequate manner.

This Annual Report (2022-2023) provides information about the WWA's activities aimed at insuring welfare of Veer Naris in line with Vision and Mission of the Association.

I wish to congratulate Dr. (Mrs.) V. Mohini Giri, Chairperson, WWA, Mrs Damayant V Tambay, President, WWA and the whole team of WWA for accomplishing the task successfully during the last one year.

I wish good luck to WWA for further enhancing its programme to address the emerging challenges related to the welfare of Vir Nari.

Jai Hind

Sincerely,

Dr. Ramakant Dwivedi
ADVISOR
War Widows Association



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We welcome our patrons and look forward to close contact with them.



Mrs. Archana Pande
President AWWA



Mrs. Neeta Chaudhari
President AFWWA

Courtesy visit to Mrs. Archana Pande, President AWWA & Patron WWA by the team of WWA 26th October 2022 comprising of the President, Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, Vice Presidents Mrs. Raj Sharma and Mrs. Devanti Devi,. Also present were Mrs. Nithya Ponnappa, General Secretary and Mrs. Shakuntala Raju Ex Vice President of AWWA. It was an enriching experience to share views and ideas.



INTERACTION: WAR WIDOWS ASSOCIATION



VISION & MISSION

Every war leads to destruction and breakup in families, where soldiers who may be fathers, sons or husbands lose their lives. The War Widows Association was started as a necessity to serve the needs of those women and wives who were left helpless due to the martyrdom of their male members. The organization was registered as an Association in 1971 under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 amended in 1957.

Its basic mission has been to provide emotional and economic support to enable wives and children of martyrs to live their lives with dignity.

According to the mandate of the organization, the following concerns are attended to by the organization.

- 1) Provide support to war widows and take up their cause with the government including the problems of those women whose husbands were missing in action. Repatriation of families with the help of government support became a major concern.
- 2) Enable widows and their children to get their entitlements according to the rules framed by the government, for defence personnel of all categories. Advocate with the government for better and uniform policy for the rehabilitation of the families of all affected defence personnel.
- 3) To organize such programs as general health and legal awareness, seminars and workshops on issues of concern, and arrange recreational and cultural activities. Organize skill training centres for economic empowerment of widows, the elderly and young children.
- 4) It is often very difficult to locate widows and parents from distant areas and the War Widows Association takes the support of RajyaSainik Boards and ZilaSainik Boards to help them in the process of locating and collecting details, regarding widows of war and conflict, throughout the country.

The War Widows Association works through several activities to ensure that veer naries and their families are able to become socially and economically strong. To make this possible the following activities are undertaken.

1. Interaction with Ex-servicemens League and ZilaSainik Boards to get concrete information about widows who need attention, and become partners with them, in providing necessary services.
2. Programs under the Dialogue Centre:- Meetings, seminars on various issues are organized to provide information to widows of war and conflict and other members in Delhi. Similar programs are sometimes organized in other places, if required.
3. Skill training on tailoring, computer education, spoken English, beauty culture etc, for children and young girls of less privileged communities are also conducted.



To celebrate our Annual program the MARTYRS MEMORIAL LECTURE was held on 30TH January 2023, at IIC, Delhi

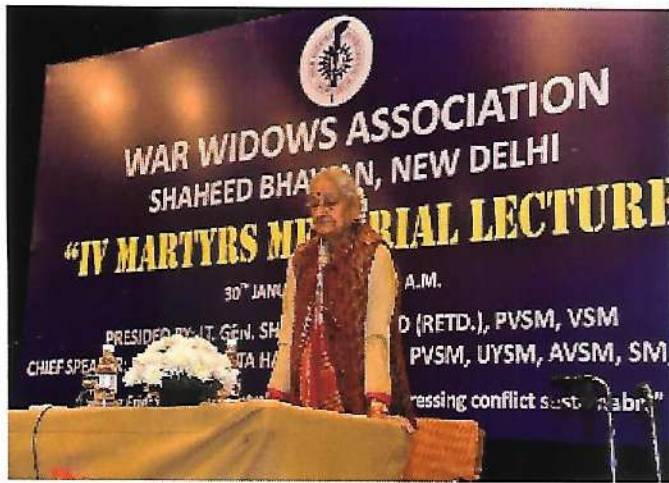
The topic of lecture '**PLAYING FRIEND NOT GOD: CENTRALITY OF PEOPLE IN ADDRESSING CONFLICT SUSTAINABLY**' was organized at the C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, Delhi at 11 AM. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Lt Gen Syed Ata Husnain, PVSM, VYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM** (Retd.).

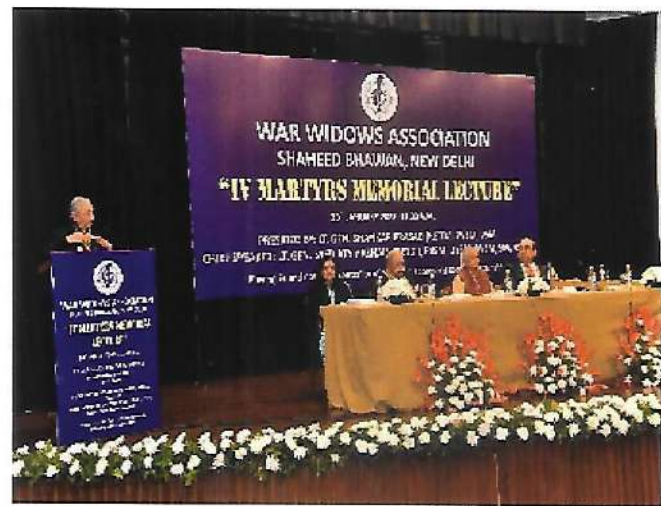
Along with our honourable Chairperson Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri, the other prominent guests for the day were Lt Gen Shankar Prasad, PVSM, VSM and Patron, WWA, Lt Gen V. G. Khandare, PVSM, AVSM, SM Patron WWA, Dr. Ramakanth Dwivedi, Advisor WWA, Air Marshal Ananth Raman representing Chief of Air Staff, Captain A K Sharma representing Chief of Naval staff, veterans Lt Gen and Mrs. Chaturvedi, Senior Professor Mrs. Nirmala Joshi, representatives of DIAV and all the Veer Naries.

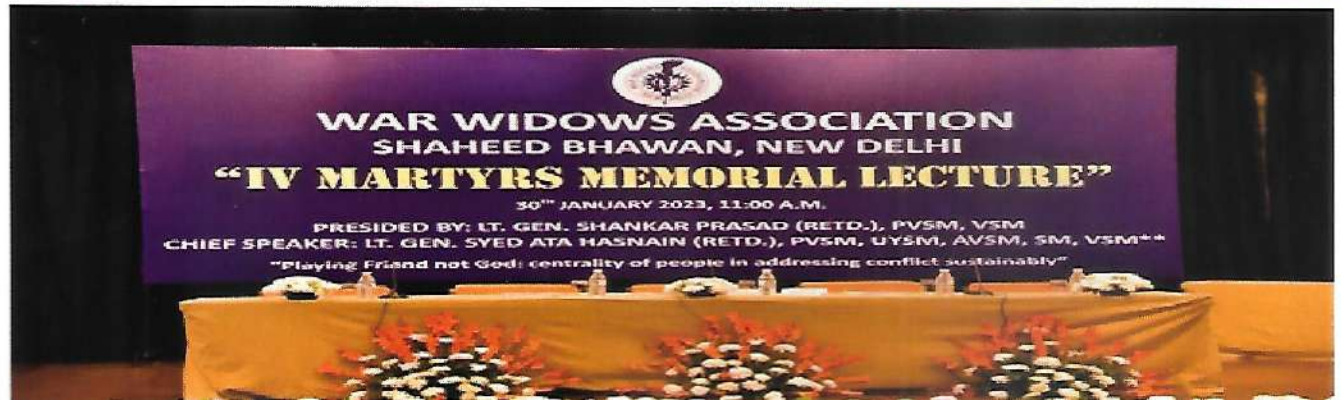
As a mark of respect to all those who laid their lives to safeguard the nation, the programme started with the wreath laying by the Chief Guest and his wife Lt Gen and Mrs. Syed Ata Husnain followed by all the other distinguished guests. At the onset Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA welcomed all the guests and briefed about the contribution made by the Chairperson WWA, Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri towards WWA in the past 50 years. Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri talked about the vision and mission of WWA and thanked all Veer Naries to be a part of WWA. Mrs. Anjali Karkare took over to the day's proceedings and invited the Chairperson WWA, President WWA, all the speakers to be seated on the dais. Both the speakers expressed their views on the topic selected for lecture with great enthusiasm and zeal and quoted examples from their real life to motivate the Veer Naries. They thanked the Chairperson WWA to provide them an opportunity to interact with the members of WWA team.

Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary WWA gave vote of thanks and invited all to join for the lunch. She especially thanked the official staff of WWA for making this event a great success.











INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Under the flagship of the honourable Chairperson Dr. Mrs. V. Mohini Giri War Widows Association, Guild of Service together with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Smriti celebrated International Women's on 8th March 2023 in the Kirti Mandap hall of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti premises at 5, Tees January Marg, New Delhi.

The programme started at 10.30 am with the wreath laying ceremony to pay tribute to the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi and all brave soldiers who laid down their life for the Nation. The wreath laying was done by Mrs. Sushma Seth, Mrs. Lalitha Anantharaman Vice President AFWWA, Mrs. Sunita Kaila, Lt. Gen. Chaturvedi (Retd.), along with all the veer naries from Kargil apartments, Dwarka. Dr. Mrs. V. Mohini Giri welcomed warmly Lt Gen Chaturvedi (Retd), Mrs. Sushma Seth, Mrs. Lalitha Anantharaman, Vice - President AFWWA, Mr. V N Kaila and Mrs. Sunita Kaila, Dr. Sumana Arora from Niti Aayog, members of WWA and all other distinguished guests.

The cultural programme started with the prayer 'Hum ko Man ki Shakti Dena' sung by the school children from Najaf Garh school. Then Mrs. Geeta Chandra in her exceedingly melodious voice sung the same peace song which was sung at UN General Assembly by the famous singer Mrs. Subhalaxmi. The message of the UN Secretary General Antonio Gutierrez was read out. The Hindu prayer was chanted by Kumud Dewan. This was followed by Verses from the Holy Quran rendered by Dr. Sayeeda Hameed followed by the Shabads from Guru Granth Sahib Ji sung by Bibi Arvinder Kaur and party who also sang a stanza in Basant Raag in her most melodious voice. A Buddhist prayer was chanted by Karmapa International Buddhist Society, Delhi. There was also a Christian prayer by a young lady. There was an Inter faith prayer rendered by Renee Singh. Mrs. Rajshri recited the poem.

In the end the Gen Secretary of WWA Mrs Anjali Karkare thanked all the performers by name, ladies from Kargil apartments and conveyed special thanks to Shri Vijay Goel, MP and Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti Mr. Shri Rajdeep Pathak who along with other staff members of the Gandhi Smriti premises contributed and gave full assistance to made this event a success and without whose help and cooperation it would not have been possible. Tea and snacks were served by WWA to all present there.















Gallery of Immortals





MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF DEPT. OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE 'MOD ON 30th MAY 2022

A meeting under the Chairmanship of the Secretary DESW; Mr. Anand was organized in the conference hall of the War Widow Association at Shaheed Bhawan on 30th May 2022 in the morning at 9 am. The team from Ex – Servicemen Welfare was attended by Dr. Pudi Hari Prasad, Joint Secretary/ESW/MOD followed by Air Marshal Sarvjit Singh, Deputy Secretary, Mr. Ajay Kumar Aggarwal, DS, DESW, Capt. Satish Kumar, Division (KSB), Mr. Alok Nigam, Under Secretary (PG), MOD, DESW, AVM SK Gagneja, Vice President AFA, Group Captain Kamlesh Singh, DAV, Air Force, Brig Kartar Singh, President, ESL, Col Jagdev Singh Yadav, SM (V) and General Secretary ESL. The members of the War Widow Association who attended the meeting were Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri, Chairperson WWA, Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA, Mrs. Shalini Kathpalia, General Secretary WWA, Mrs. Raj Sharma, Mrs. Anjali Karkare, Mrs. Geeta Dod, Vice President WWA, Mrs. Jasjeevan Kaur, Mrs. Mohinder Bakshi, Mrs. Anuratha Deo Phadnis,, Cdr. (Retd) R W Pathak, Advisor WWA, Mrs. Meera Khanna, Advisor WWA and Veer Naries of Kargil War.

The focus of the meeting was to discuss anomalies related to pension and other grievances of war widows especially in re-marriage cases. Mrs. Anuradha Deo Phadnis, Mrs. Geeta Dod, Mrs. Jasjeevan Kaur and Mrs. Raj Sharma were few of the above mentioned cases. The Veer Naries of Kargil war represented by Mrs. Devyanti Devi and others had some queries regarding railway Id cards. Mrs. Anjali Karkare had the requirement of an Id card to be issued to avail travel concessions that are permissible for defense people. All the queries and issues raised by the WWA representatives were carefully attended to. The interaction was fruitful and assurance was given to look into all the matters. Both the teams had a sumptuous lunch together.











REZANGLA SHOURYA DIVAS SAMAROH (18/11/2022)

The Veer Naries from the War Widows Association participated in the Rezangla Shourya Divas Samaroh at Rezangla Yudha Smarak, on 18th November 2022. This programme was organized to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Rezangla Battle in the 1962 Indo China war where homage was paid to the soldiers of the Ahir community of Kumaon battalion.

The ladies who represented the WWA were General Secretary Mrs Anjali Karkare, Joint Secretary Mrs. Neelam Devi, Vice President Mrs. Devyanti Devi and the Admin Officer Mrs. Prema Kala. At Rezangla they were received by Shri Rao Sanjay Singh and the Secretary of Shourya Samiti Shri Rao Naresh Chauhan.

Many speeches were delivered by various people honouring the soldiers of the Rezangla battle. The main theme was "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao." The financial help of Rs. 5000/- was given to the daughters of 1962 soldiers of battle of Rezangla by Rezangla Shourya Samiti for their education.

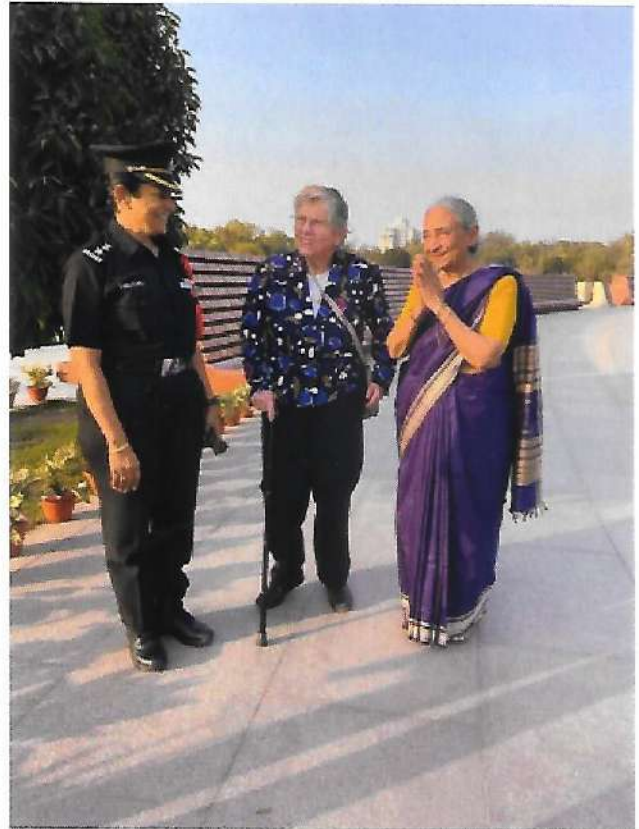
Last year during the Rezangla Shourya Divas WWA presented cheques of Rs 10,000/- each to 77 Veer Naries.







Lt .Col Ravinder Randhawa paying tribute to her husband late Major Sukhwinder Jeet Singh Randhawa KC, SM on 27/2/2023 with the President WWA.





Advocacy to address gaps and challenges of veer pariwars Chaired by Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri , Chairperson WWA on 29th & 30th September 2022. The presentation was made by Mrs. Meghna Girish of 'Major Akshay Girish Memorial Trust' in collaboration with War Widows Association New Delhi. Families from across the country attended this programme. All the women participants were presented a salwar suit and Rs. 1000/- by WWA. Later all the guests were taken out for the sightseeing by the trust.





A visit to a Veer Nari Mrs. Sarika Gulati and her family by the President WWA Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare and the Administrative officer Mrs. Prema Kala on 23rd December 2022. Also present were relatives of other Veer Parivars.





Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, Arjun Awardee President WWA being felicitated by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath for her contribution in the field of sports, Badminton on 8th October 2022.



खिलाड़ियों का होगा

खिलाड़ियों के कल्याण के लिए केंद्र और प्रदेश सरकार ने कई योजनाएं शुरू की हैं। इसका नतीजा भी सामने है और आज हमारे खिलाड़ियों का प्रति प्रतिभा में सम्मान होता है। कई खिलाड़ी देश और प्रदेश का नाम रोशन कर रहे हैं। मैं कालोबाल एम्बेडरसन का अध्यक्ष हूँ। इसीलिए अन्य खेलों के साथ कालोबाल को उभारे बढ़ाने का काम करूंगा।

प्रवेश प्रोत्साहन, उप मुख्यमंत्री

खेल के साथ अन्य खेलकारों का साथ अतिम पाठ्यक्रम पर मैंने व्यक्तिगत रूप से ध्यान रखा है। खेल से भी खिलाड़ी निकल रहे हैं। कानून को हाथ में लेने वाले खेल में हैं। प्रयागराज पर मुख्यमंत्री की स्वीकृति मिल रही है। इसका नतीजा है कि प्रयागराज मुहम्मद को गया है।

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President WWA and Veer Parivars of WWA paying tribute to Flight Lieutenant Sumit Mohanty at the Air Force auditorium at New Delhi on 06th November 2022.



President, WWA offering tribute





'IN REMEMBRANCE'

Mrs. Prema Iyer

Member EC, WWA

Wife of Late Flying Officer B R Iyer

DOB: 17th AUGUST 1940

DOD: 21st DECEMBER 2022

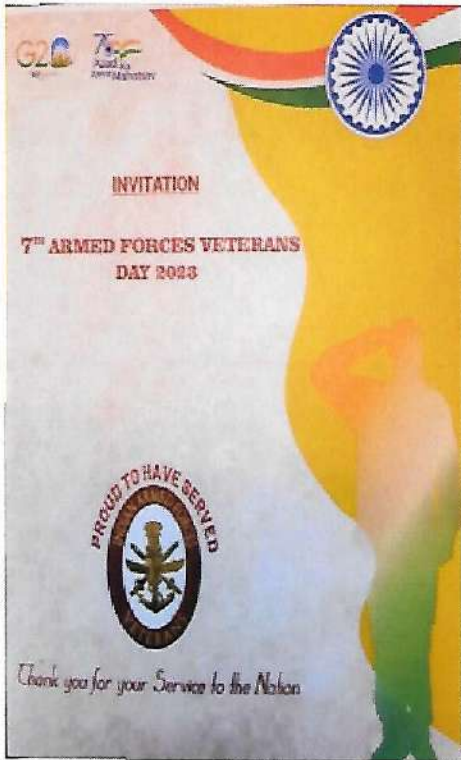
ACTIVE, ENERGETIC, BUBLY, POPULARLY KNOWN AS CAMPUS NANI



Members, WWA paying tribute.



Attending '7th ARMED FORCES VETERANS DAY' on 14th January 2023 a team from WWA in Manekshaw Building, New Delhi.





REPUBLIC DAY 2023 FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY AT B3 VASANT KUNJ

Flag Hoisting on Republic Day by Lt. Col. Ravinder Jeet Kaur, member WWA



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2023 FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY AT B3 VASANT KUNJ

Flag Hoisting on Independence Day by Anjali Karkare, Gen Secy, WWA





Visit by Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi and Mrs. Shekhawat to Group Captain & Mrs. Tiwari and family to pay respect to Late Squadron Leader Shishir Tewari, their son and gratitude to the family 10th August 2022.

They also visited Ms. Shikha Jain to pay tribute to late Major Rohit Kumar who was martyred on 21st September 2021 during Operation Rakshak and gratitude to the wife and the parents.





Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay President WWA was invited to join wife Mrs. Radha Sharma, his parents and peers at Faridabad, Haryana where tribute was paid to Late Lt Col Rishubh Sharma, Aviator and other similar families on 24th January 2023.

On that occasion Veer Nari Mrs. Parvesh Ghai was also honoured for the bravery and sacrifice of her husband Lt. Col V P Ghai, MVC.





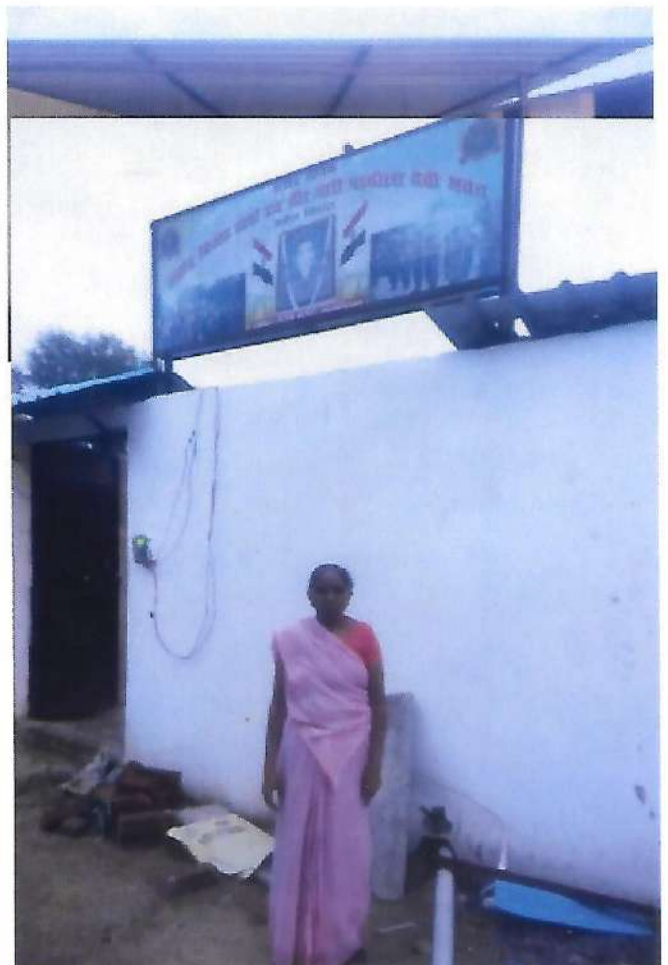
Mrs. Ghai, after receiving the memento for the bravery and sacrifice of her husband.





Veer Nari Parmila Devi retrieves her personally-owned property from the clutches of Bhu-Mafia after 18 years. Expresses gratitude towards War Widows Association, New Delhi, for help.

Veer Nari Parmila Devi wife of Shaheed Vinod Sharma reported to the War Widow Association that the local Land Mafia of Gaya in Bihar captured her land since 2005 and are not letting her build a house. She sent her complaint to the WWA at Shaheed Bhawan, New Delhi. The President Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay read the case and took quick action by sending the letters to the Chief Minister of Bihar, IG police Gaya, OTA Gaya, the Army units there and the Zila Sanik Board. She was constantly in touch with the concerned authorities. With her persistent efforts and follow ups, Veer Nari Parmila Devi could build her own house and today she is residing in it with her family with a pride. The pictures of the same she sent to the war widows association.





वीर नारी प्रमीला देवी ने 18 साल बाद भू-माफिया के चंगुल से अपनी निजी स्वामित्व वाली संपत्ति वापस पाली। मदद के लिए वॉर विडोज़ एसोसिएशन, नई दिल्ली का आभार व्यक्त करा।

सेवा में,

War Widow Association, New Delhi President
Ms - Jameyanti v Tambay ji

Subject (विषय) : — भूमि विवाद में War Widow Association के द्वारा किए गए मदद के संबंध में

महोदय,

निवेदन पूर्वक कहना है कि मैं प्रमीला देवी (वीर नारी)

पति - शहीद विनोद शर्मा, ग्राम - मंडौल खाना - म-डौली (नगर-खाना)
जिला - गंगा (बिहार) का हयाती निवासी हूँ। मैं एक प्लॉट 2,005
में खरीदी थी जिसकी खारा - 1,360 वर्ग फीट खाना नं - 317 मौला
सलेमपुर नॉर्ड नं - 53 में स्थित है। सन 2,005 से मैं भूमि विवाद में फँसी
थी। इस विवाद से विवाद विधान के बिना मैंने अशासन के अभाव
आलाअधिकारियों को विहित स्वयं व्यक्तिगत रूप से किया था।
आलाअधिकारियों में जिला अधिकारी, गंगा मगध कमिश्नर, गंगा, वरीय
पुलिस अधीक्षक, गंगा, आरक्षी अधीक्षक गंगा, खाना - अदालत
मोकशील (गंगा) अंचल - अधिकारी मानपुर प्रखण्ड (गंगा) परन्तु
किसी ने मेरी समस्या का समाधान नहीं किया। मैंने केवल परेशानी
के बिना कुछ नहीं सोचा। मैं बहुत निराश थी इसी वीन मेरे एक संबंधी
पंजाब कुमार जो फौज में जाँव करते हैं। उन्हें आपकी संस्था का एक
निर्देशिका (Booklet) की मदद War Widow Association है। मैं उन्हें letter
वशा Phone के माध्यम से संपर्क कराया गया। जौली पंजाब कुमार
ने सितंबर से 2,005 से नए बने भूमि विवाद के बारे में प्रश्नानुसार
जानकारी दिया कि कुछ भूमिकर्मी, जो मेरी जमीन पर कब्जा कर रहे हैं।
अब मैं अपने निर्माण करने जा रही हूँ जो इन लोगों ने (भूमिकर्मी लोगों ने)
40 लाख रुपये की खारा मंगा किया। ऐसी परिस्थिति में मैं बहुत
परेशान हो गई थी कि अब हमारा जमीन भूमिकर्मी के चंगुल से
नहीं निकल पायेगा। तब उसी विषय परिस्थिति में War Widow Association
नामक संस्था से संपर्क किया इस संस्था में विधिवत स्वयं प्रश्नानुसार
मेरी विषय - पत्र स्वयं पठाया। जो जौली पंजाब कुमार War Widow
Association ने जौली पंजाब कुमार को जौली पंजाब कुमार वीर नारी परमीला देवी
का लही है। इसे 10 हजार रुपये मात्र (10000) की मदद भी
मिला। इस संस्था में तुरंत विहित स्वयं प्रश्नानुसार कार्यवाई
शुरू किया। तब प्रथम बिहार सरकार के मुख्य सचिव को letter
के माध्यम से जानकारी सूचना दी इसके बाद गंगा जिला अधिकारी,
गंगा, वरीय पुलिस
अधीक्षक, गंगा, खाना - अदालत मोकशील (गंगा) स्वयं अंचल
अधिकारी मानपुर प्रखण्ड (गंगा) को विहित स्वयं फोन पर भी संपर्क
साधा गया। साथ ही साथ O.N. A. GAYAN को सूचना देते हुए मेरी
मदद किया एवं एक जौली को O.N. A. GAYAN से उपरोक्त भूमिकर्मी
को सूचना दिया जिसके परिणाम फलस्वरूप भूमिकर्मी लोगों ने उसे
संग करना बंद कर दिया और मैं अपना भवन निर्माण कार्य करना
शुरू किया।

उपरोक्त सभी संसाधनों के माध्यम से मैं अपनी जमीन पर
बेफिकर होकर भवन - निर्माण कर स्थिर हूँ। इसके बिना मैं परमीला
- देवी War Widow Association को हमेशा अहसानमंद रहूँगी।

भविष्य में मैं ऐसी किसी अवसर के सम्मत्ता के माध्यम War Widow
- Association में मैं मदद करती रहूँगी। साथ ही इस संस्था से
संपर्क जारी रखूँगी और व्यक्तिगत रूप से मैं मिलने भी
आउगी अतः

संस्था के उभाव श्रीमती यमायंती .V Tambay का
का आभार व्यक्त करती हूँ।

आप का विश्वासी
वीर नारी
प्रमीला देवी
परमीला देवी



DETAILS OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023

1. AN URGENT MEETING OF THE EC MEMBERS WAS CALLED ON 26th AUGUST 2022.
2. THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS WERE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES
 - A. 1st MEETING ---- 20th SEPTEMBER 2022
 - B. 2nd MEETING ---- 27th SEPTEMBER 2022
 - C. 3rd MEETING ---- 15th NOVEMBER 2022
 - D. 4th MEETING ---- 12th JANUARY 2023
3. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2022.
4. A MEETING OF THE EC MEMBERS WAS CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON ON 20th MARCH 2023.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF WWA FOR 2022-2025

1. DR. MRS. V MOHINI GIRI ----- CHAIRPERSON
2. MRS. DAMAYANTI V TAMBAY ----- PRESIDENT
3. MRS. RAJ SHARMA ----- VICE PRESIDENT
4. MRS. DEVYANTI DEVI ----- VICE PRESIDENT
5. MRS. ANJALI KARKARE ----- GENERAL SECRETARY
6. MRS. NILAM DEVI----- JOINT SECRETARY
7. DR. MRS. SHUBHA TRIPATHI ----- TREASURE
8. MRS. KAMLESH JAIN ----- MEMBER
9. MRS. BEENA DEVI----- MEMBER
10. MRS. GANGA DEVI----- MEMBER

OUR PATRONS

1. MRS. ARCHANA PANDE, PRESIDENT AWWA.
2. MRS. NEETA CHAUDHARI, PRESIDENT AFWWA.
3. LT. GEN (RETD) SHANKAR PRASAD PVSM, VSM.
4. LT. GEN V G KHANDARE PVSM, AVSM, SM

OUR ADVISORERS

1. MRS. MEERA KHANNA
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OUR CONSULTANT

DR. MRS. JYOTSNA CHATTERJI



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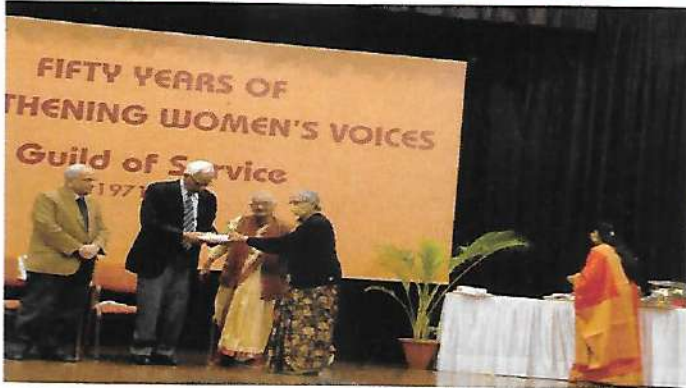
WAR WIDOWS ASSOCIATION REGD. NEW DELHI

DETAILS OF DONATION RECEIVED FROM 01.04.22 TO 31.03.23

S.NO.	NAME OF DONOR	ADDRESS	DATE	R/NO	AMOUNT	PAN
1	RAM SWAROOP NAYAK	ADARSH NAGAR CHHATTARPUR	28.05.22	1921	11,000.00	AAMPN3474F
		M.P. 411040				
2	STRANGE EXPORTS	C-133,SECTOR-66,GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR	12.10.22	1926	2,002.00	AAIPP1301R
		NOIDA-201303				
3	ANIL BOUNTRA	C-4/201,SECTOR-36,	12.10.22	1925	2,002.00	AADPB9979N
		GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR NOIDA-201303				
4	KRISHAN LAL BHATIA	89,NAVJIWAN VIHAR	05.12.22	1927	1,001.00	AADPB4616L
		NEW DEHLI-110017				
5	ESKAY DYESSTUFFS & ORANICE CHEMICAL PVT.LTD	22-D,SA, BRELVI, MUMBAI 400001	05.12.22	1928	50,000.00	AAACE1232H
6	RAM SWAROOP NAYAK	ADARSH NAGAR CHHATTARPUR	23.12.22	1929	21,000.00	AAMPN3474F
		M.P. 411040				AEIPK4221P
7	S.L. MALHOTRA	C/O MADHURAJAN DUGGAL	28.01.23	1930	15,000.00	AAAPM4676J
		DDA FLAT.NO.56,GULMOHAR ENCLAVE DELHI 49				
		TOTAL			1,02,005.00	

S. NO.	DETAILS OF DONATION GIVEN FROM 01.04.22 TO 31.03.2023					
1	FINANCIAL SUPPORT (ONE TIME)					
	TO VEER NARIES	10000/-@90			9,00,000.00	
					9,00,000.00	
2	Donation To Charitable Societies					
		Guild of Services			4,84,600.00	
		Joint Women Program			2,40,000.00	
					7,24,600.00	
3	Pattiasi Bano				30,000.00	
	2nd World War Widow					
4	Geeta Devi				30,000.00	
	Handicapt daughter of VEERA NARIES					
					60,000.00	
	Donation VEER NARIES CHILDREN MARRIAGE					
		11000 @ 10			1,10,000.00	
					1,10,000.00	







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