

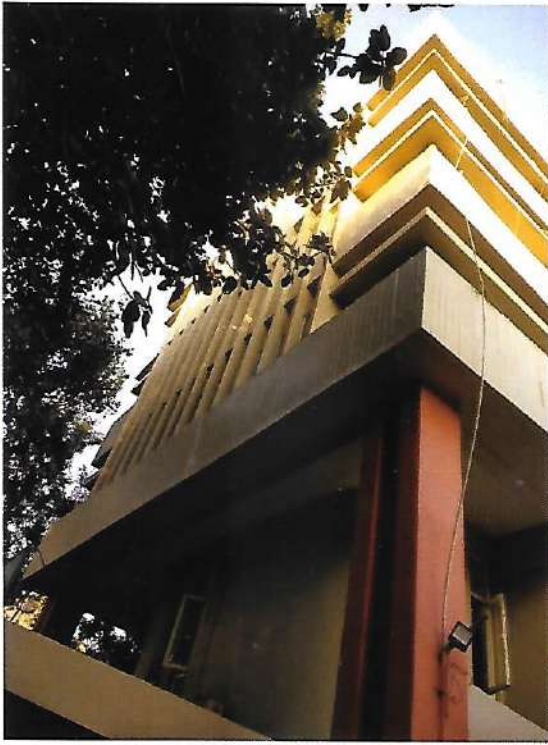


# ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024



**WAR WIDOWS ASSOCIATION**

## New Look





## Visit to the President of India Mrs. Droupadi Murmu





### मैं हूँ शहीद भवन

मैं केवल गेरू और मिट्टी की बनी एक ईमारत नहीं हूँ। मेरे में भी एहसास है, धड़कन है और कुछ दर्द भी। पर मैं मजबूती से उन सभी भावनाओं को समाप्त करता हूँ और व्यक्त भी कर सकता हूँ। जब भी कोई वीर नारी मंत्री सीड़िया चढ़ती है, उसकी उम्मीद से मेरी धड़कन बढ़ती है क्योंकि वो कुछ उम्मीद से मेरे पास आ रही है। मैं उसकी उम्मीदों पर खरा उतरना चाहता हूँ – आश्रय, आराम और आश्वासन देकर। मेरा निर्माण इसीलिए तो हुआ था आज से 50 साल पहले।

मेरी बहनों – बेटियों मुझसे निराशमत होना। जब तब चहोगी मैं यीं मिलूंगा। पर सच्चाई तो यह है कि मैं नहीं चाहती कि आज के बाद किसी वीर नारी को मेरे सहारे की ज़रूरत पड़े। पर मुझे सम्भाल कर रखना, याद रखना कि मैं ज़रूरत पड़ने पर यहीं मिलूंगा। मोहिनी जी ने मेरा निर्माण इसीलिये तो किया था।

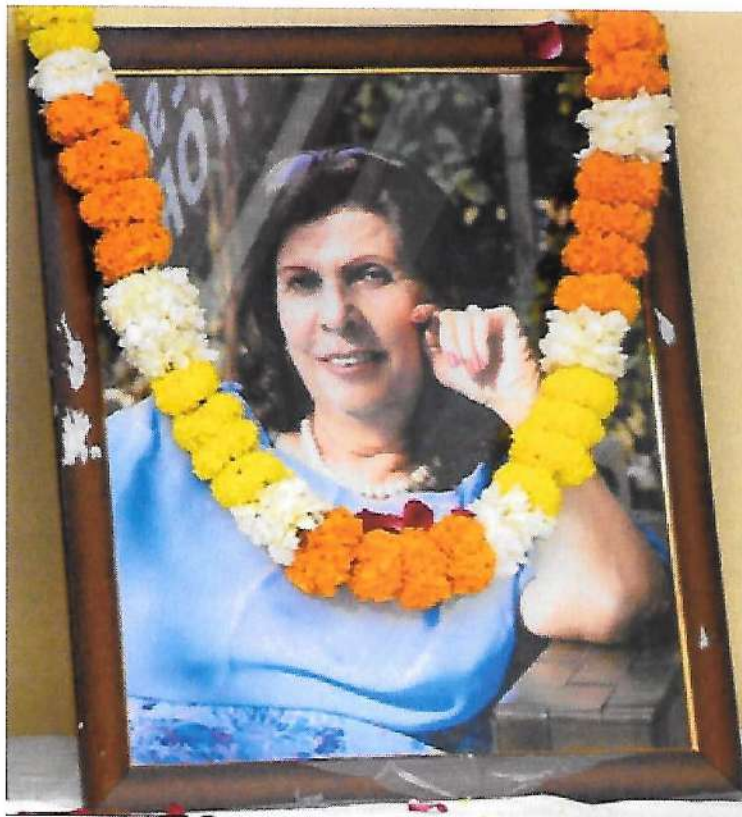
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**दमयन्ती वी ताम्बे,**  
अध्यक्षा,  
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### IN MEMORIAM

The War Widows Association is deeply saddened at the demise of Padma Vibhushan Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri. It was with an absolute sense of disbelief that we bid farewell to our Founding Chairperson Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri as she left for heavenly abode on 19th December 2023. But her incredible legacy lives on through the institutions she built, the alliances she initiated, the outreach she achieved, the large number of projects and policies that she was personally involved with and above all through her support and involvement to the War Widows Association. War Widows Association is deeply indebted to her for her contribution as a friend, a guide and a mentor. Her thoughts and spirit shall always guide us. We pay tribute and salute to this incredible personality who achieved so very much in her lifetime.



### **IN MEMORIAM**

With a heavy heart the War Widows Association informs about a grave loss of our very active member Mrs. Jasjiwan Kaur on 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2024. She was the former President of the War Widows Association and completed her two tenures of three years each successfully. She worked actively and tirelessly to support the empowerment of widows. Her loving polite mature behaviour and way of conducting things responsibly made her extremely popular amongst the staff and all other war widows.

Many constructive projects and programmes were undertaken during her tenure for the betterment of the War Widows Association and were successfully completed too. She was a wonderful person. She has left us with very fond memories and we miss her a lot.



## डब्ल्यू डब्ल्यू ए की अध्यक्ष श्रीमती दमयन्ती वी ताम्बे का संदेश

भारत की सभी वीर नारीयों और समस्त मानस को शत शत प्रणाम।

मैं गर्व के साथ कहना चाहती हूँ कि मुझे 'वॉर विडोज़ संस्था' में सहयोग देने का मौका मिला। धन्य हैं पद्मविभूषण डॉ मोहिनी गिरी जी जिन्होंने मुझे और अनेकों वीर नारीयों को इस संस्था से जुड़ने का मौका दिया। सिर्फ 'सहारे' के लिए नहीं पर साथ में कुछ सीख पाने के लिये भी। शहर-शहर, घर-घर जाकर उन्होंने थामा। और सरकार को प्रेरित कर यह भव्य शहीद भवन का निर्माण भी कराया। जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय से सेवानिवृत्त होने के बाद मैं 15 वर्ष से यहाँ कार्यरत हूँ।

मेरा अनुरोध सभी वीर नारीयों से है कि समय निकाल कर वह भी अपना योगदान इस पुण्य काम में लगाएं। यह केवल एक ही संस्था होगी जहाँ वीर नारीयों स्वयं अन्य नीड़ित वीर नारीयों की मदद करती हैं। मुझे प्रसन्नता है कि हम कई समस्याओं का, चाहे सरकार से सम्बन्धित या अन्य कारणों से, उनका निदान करवा पाए हैं। हमारी यह कोशिश सदा चलती रहेगी।

अन्य प्रदेशों में रहने वाली वीर नारीयों से भी मेरा आग्रह है कि आवश्यकता पड़ने पर हमसे अवश्य संपर्क करें। हम आप सब की मदद करने के लिए भरसक प्रयत्न करेंगे।

जय हिन्द

**दमयन्ती वी ताम्बे,**  
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## 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 व्यक्तित्व वाली अध्यापिका 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 विडोव्स एसोसिएशन मोहिनी जी के दिशा निर्देशन में बहुत अच्छा कार्य कर रही है। भविष्य में भी मेरी पूरी कोशिश रहेगी कि जो सहारा, सुरक्षा की भावना और आदर मुझे इस संस्था से मिली है वही मैं अपनी वीर बहनों को हमेशा दूँ और उन सग 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।

*R. Sharma*

**श्रीमती राज शर्मा**

उपाध्यक्षा,

वॉर विडोव्स एसोसिएशन



***Message from Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary, WWA***

Greetings to the members of the War Widows Association.

I am a proud and active member of WWA. I am dedicated to the association and its cause - a path clearly outlined by our honourable Chairperson Late Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri of service & sacrifice. Today my position, I can proudly say, offers me the opportunity to do something for the Association above & beyond also. War is a very ugly word. We have all personally suffered the aftermath by losing our loved ones. The association has given us solace & helped us tremendously to build ourselves as strong individuals so that we are able to help out others in a similar position.

Lastly but not the least I wish to pay homage to our Late Chairperson Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri who has been a beacon to us & guides us down this path of service & helping others in need.

Best Wishes.

**Mrs. Anjali Karkare**  
*General Secretary*  
*War Widows Association*



### ***Message from Dr Shubha Tripathi, Treasurer WWA***

Dear readers, warm greetings.

I am happy and grateful that I have the opportunity to serve WWA at the post of the treasurer.

Here, at War Widow Association under the able guidance of our President, Mrs Damayanti V. Tambay, we address the pressing needs of War Widow and conflict affected families with a comprehensive approach that provides both immediate relief and long-term support, acknowledging even the psychological challenges that they face. Policies that ensure their sustained welfare and well being are advocated here, offering a safety net that enables them to live with dignity

Providing free access to healthcare services is a critical component of this support. We have a full fledged homeopathic clinic which offers free services to them and also to veterans and families of marginalised sections of the society. Medical camps are organised to offer free checkups and essential medicines.

Community engagement is another vital element, events are organised that honour and respect war and conflict affected families, fostering a sense of empathy and inclusion, which is crucial for their emotional and social well-being. In addition to these initiatives, in case of any financial requirement by them we reach out when deemed necessary.

Through these efforts, our endeavour is to foster a culture of support and understanding to create an environment where war and conflict affected families feel valued and empowered. Let us all join hands and hope to reach out even more.

Jai hind!

Dr Shubha Tripathi



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### **MESSAGE**

#### **Lt Gen Shankar Prasad, PVSM, VSM**

It brings me great joy to witness the remarkable growth of the War Widows Association (WWA) over the past few decades. Under the visionary leadership of the late Dr. V. Mohini Giri Ji, the WWA established itself as a well-recognized NGO, providing solace, comfort, and dignity to war widows. Her passing away has left a profound void that is difficult to fill.

The present committee, under the capable leadership of President Mrs. Damayanti V. Tambay Ji, along with other dedicated members, is commendably continuing the extraordinary work initiated by the late Dr. Mohini Giri Ji. It is to their credit that the WWA continues to excel in all areas, offering guidance and support to our "Vir Nari's" during these challenging times.

I extend my heartfelt wishes to the War Widows Association for continued success in all its endeavours.

(Shankar Prasad)

29 August 2024



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13th August, 2024

1. I take this opportunity to congratulate the War Widows Association and its office bearers for the sincere and hard work put in for the year 2023-24.
2. The kind of work carried out by WWA speaks volumes of their humane approach and the noble gesture of providing healing touch to the War Widows and to their families. This kind of yeomen service is the most important service that is expected by the traumatised families of the Armed Forces Brave Hearts who have sacrificed their lives for the nation.
3. I would like to wish the WWA all the best for a satisfying future and wish to assure them of my continuous support.
4. JAI HIND.

Yours sincerely,

(Lt Gen VG Khandare)



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

Dear Ms Damayanti Tambay

Writing the mail as a MESSAGE for the association's Annual Report gives me tremendous pleasure.

Over the past year, the association has done excellent work towards the welfare of War Widows through various activities.

I have also had the good fortune to help the members by way of advice ,on various matters concerning Pension and SPARSH.

I wish the association continued success in its efforts towards helping the War widows.

I extend my helping hand again for the coming *year to any member who needs help in any matter* in the future.

With warm regards

**Cdr Ravindra W Pathak I.N. (Retd)**



### ***Message from Meera Khanna, Advisor, WWA***

I write this message with an irreplaceable void in our hearts and in the fabric of the War Widows Association, an organization Dr. Mohini Giri built with unwavering dedication, a deep sense of purpose and which she guided till the last day of her life

**Mohini ji** was more than just a leader; she was a beacon of hope for countless war widows who found solace and strength in her vision. With compassion, courage, and an indomitable spirit, she dedicated herself to lifting others, turning her vision into a powerful reality. She lived by the adage that, "True strength is found in the service of others."

Her everlasting and incredible legacy is the War Widows Association whose commitment to supporting war widows is rooted in the belief that they deserve not just compassion but also tangible assistance as they rebuild their lives. This year, association has remained as always a steadfast beacon of hope, providing critical support and services to these courageous women who bear the silent wounds of conflict.

The words of Maya Angelou resonate deeply with the association's mission: "I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it." The war widows we serve exemplify this resilience. They are women who, despite their unimaginable grief, refuse to be diminished by their circumstances. It is as Dr. Giri deemed the privilege of the WWA to stand beside them, offering the resources and care they need to rebuild their lives.

Over the past year, the association has expanded its reach, offering vital services such as counseling, helping the veer narries to access the social security, obtain the benefits given by the government, economic support in the wake of the immediate crisis of widowhood etc. These initiatives are not just about providing immediate relief but about helping these women regain their autonomy and sense of purpose. Each story of recovery and renewal is a testament to the enduring human spirit and the importance of the work of WWA.

But the work is far from over. Each war widow we serve is a reminder of the countless others who still need our help. In the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." It is this spirit of collective effort of donors, people who believe in the cause, the network of non-profit organisations that resonate with the association, and above all the armed forces that drives the organisation forward and fuels the determination to make a lasting difference in the lives of those the association serves.

**Meera Khanna**

*Trustee & President*

*Guild of Service*

*Advisor*

*War Widows Association*



***Message from Mrs. Ashali Varma, Advisor, WWA***

Aye Mere Watan ke logon

I write this on our 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day to pay my respects to the War Widows Association, to remember all those who died protecting our country and the courageous women, children, and parents, they left behind.

I write with a sad heart because we lost a larger than life, lady, who was at the forefront of this organization for over 50 years—Smt. Mohini Giri. No matter how frail or sick she was in the last years she still led from the front, and I marveled at her tenacity and grace. Always smiling, always guiding and resolute.

Today, the President of the Association, Damayanti Tambay, who also worked tirelessly and was part of a team Mohini Giri put together, is carrying on the excellent work. I feel especially privileged to have been appointed as an advisor to the War Widows Association and being invited to and being able to participate in their meetings and events. I got to know so many brave widows and their struggles, and how some followed their husband's footsteps in joining our Armed Forces.

The Association, which my mother – Mrs Mohini Bhagat, began working for in 1975, has grown and helped thousands of widows get on their feet and lead secure and productive lives. From getting their pensions on time to help securing schools for the children, to jobs and benefits and security, the War Widows Association, works tirelessly on any issues affecting bereaved families of the Armed Forces.

I have worked in many organizations, including some under the United Nations that claim to help children and women both in India and abroad but never have I seen the actual benefits going directly to those in need, as in my years with this Association. In the United Nations organizations, with their bloated budgets, one was not allowed to ask how much of the money actually went to beneficiaries.

I commend the stellar work of the War Widows Association and without any hesitation, I would request anyone who can be a volunteer or in any way help the War Widows Association, to do so.

**Mrs. Ashali Varma**

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. There have been substantial numbers of activities concerning the welfare of Veer Nari during Financial Year 2023-24. 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 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 Veer Nari.

With best wishes

Jai Hind

Sincerely,

**Ramakant Dwivedi**  
ADVISOR  
*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 Rajya Sainik Boards and Zila Sainik 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 war widows and their families are able to become socially and economically strong. To make this possible the following activities are undertaken.

1. Interaction with Ex-servicemen's League and Zila Sainik 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.



## INAUGURATION OF HOMEOPATHY CLINIC ON 7/4/2023

The Homeopathic clinic was inaugurated by Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri together with Gen V G Khandare, PVSM, AVSM, SM on 7th April 2023 at 11.30 A.M. The premise of the War Widow Association in Shaheed Bhawan was beautifully decorated with flowers and colourful rangoli on that day.



The General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare welcomed all the honourable guests, the Chairperson, WWA, Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri, WWA advisor Gen V G Khandare and Mrs. Meera Khanna, Gen R K Raina, Group Captain Tewari, all Veer Naries and many members of the Guild for Service present on this occasion.

At the onset a prayer was sung by the children who used to attend the English classes in WWA followed by a melodious bhajan devoted to Lord Ganesha was sung by Mrs. Prema Kala. Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri addressed the audience and thanked them to be a part of the initiative taken by War Widow Association to provide free Homeopathic treatment to all the Veer Naries and their dependants. She announced that the Homeopathic treatment is also free for underprivileged class of the society.



Gen V G Khandare in his speech appreciated the noble work and efforts done by WWA for humanity. The President WWA Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay threw light on the vision of WWA about the purpose of opening this Homeopathic clinic. Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi talked regarding the advantages of replacing allopathic medicines with Homeopathic medicines and why more and more people are now accepting this medical treatment in today's scenario. She also answered certain queries of the audience and cleared their doubts. Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi apprised everyone about the timings and day of opening of the Homeopathy clinic in WWA i.e. every Friday from 11 am to 1.00 pm In the end the General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare gave vote of thanks requested all to join for tea and refreshments.







## Yoga Session on 21.04.2023 in WWA

On 21st April 2023 a Yoga session was held in the inner hall of WWA premises at 11A.M. It was attended by the President WWA, Mrs. Damayanti V.Tambay, General Secretary WWA, Mrs. Anjali Karkare, Treasurer Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi , Administrative officer WWA, Mrs. Prema Kala, Mrs. Pammi Bhardwaj and Mrs. Kamlesh Jain member of WWA.

Mr. Ajay Kumar Shastri a well known Yoga expert from JNU conducted the class under his supervision and guidance. Everyone brought their personal yoga mats and enthusiastically performed yoga for one hour and 45 minutes. He gave a live demonstration and involved all the staff members and those present to do various Mudras and Asanas. He also answered queries from various members amongst those present regarding some common problems like pain in the back, neck pain , arthritis, etc He also gave a few remedies of some common problems like weak bones due to lack of calcium etc. He mentioned names like Kachnar gugal Ayurvedic remedy for blood clotting inside the body, Asthi Paushtakvati for weak bones etc.

He stressed the importance of introduction of some organic seeds like Flax seeds or Alsi to be consumed every day to clear the system and removal of fat globules in the blood stream. The session ended with a total relaxation mode with Shav asana. The yoga session everyone was totally relaxed and refreshed. Tea and biscuits were served after the session. A small token of gratitude was given to Mr. Ajay Kumar Shastri as a mark of appreciation and respect.







## FELICITATION OF VEER NARIES on 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

**Mr Giridhar Gopal Gulati**, Chairman and Managing Director of the United Group of Institutions honoured the Veer Naries on the occasion of their **Founder's Day Celebration** in the college auditorium at the Knowledge Park III, Greater Noida.

**The Chief Guest Maj Gen Prem Gulati**, a highly decorated Army veteran who spoke about his experiences in the Army and the role of students in nation building in today's scenario.

From the team of WWA the function was attended by Mrs. Damayanti Tambay , President WWA, Mrs. Devayanti Devi, Vice President WWA, Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary WWA, Mrs. Neelam Devi, Joint Secretary, other members Mrs Shammi Malhotra, Mrs. Parvesh Ghai and Mrs. Kamlesh Jain, Mrs. Sarika Gulati, Mrs. Radha Sharma, Mrs. Devayanti Devi, Mrs. Ganga Negi, Mrs. Beena Devi, Mrs. Jayanti Devi and Mrs. Poonam Katoch, Administrative officer WWA, attended the function and were honoured on the stage by the host and the Chief Guest by way of a shawl , plaque and a cheque of Rs. 15000 each.

The students and faculty members of many schools and inter colleges were also honored by the Chairman, the Chief Guest and other Guests of Honour. A guest speaker Mr. Lokesh Nathani, who gave motivational talk especially for students giving them various tips on how to give their best even in times of stress etc. and spoke about career counseling etc.

After the felicitation was over there was a nice spread of the lunch in a huge hall on the ground floor. All the guests were very well looked after by the staff and students of the institution throughout the function. It was certainly a well organized and a grand function.







## Camp organized in the premises of WWA with CGDA Officials

The senior officials from CGDA Head Quarters were invited by Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA on Wednesday, 17th May 2023 in the premises of WWA, Shaheed Bhawan, New Delhi at 2 pm to share their expertise and have one to one interaction with the representatives from the War Widow Association. Dr. Bhartendu Singh, Joint Controller CGDA deputed the three senior officials Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, SAO, Mr. Santosh Panjiyar, AAO and Mr. R S Mishra, AO to conduct this meeting.

All the members were intimated by sending a detailed circular on the EC Forum and Kargil Awaz Forum about the meeting organized with the senior officials from CGDA. All the participants were requested to bring their original papers such as PPO, bank account book etc as needed for the discussion. The following members from WWA attended the meeting:

- Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA,
- Mrs. Raj Sharma, Vice President WWA
- Mrs. Devyanti Devi, Vice President WWA
- Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary WWA
- Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi, Treasurer WWA
- Mrs. Kamlesh Jain, Member WWA
- Mrs. Ganga Devi, Member WWA
- Mrs. Beena Devi. Member WWA
- Mrs. Poonam Katoch, Administrative Officer
- Mr. Jagat Singh Saini, Office in charge

They were received and welcomed by the President, WWA and all the other representatives from WWA. Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi , Treasurer WWA took the initiative to introduce the team from CGDA to the respective members of WWA.

The team from CGDA was well versed with all the procedures followed at CGDA for disbursement of pension etc. They updated all the participants about the likely problem areas regarding pension, arrears due to them from time to time, gave clarity on how to calculate the actual pension as on date as per the slab of years of service put in by their husbands in respect to their last rank. The CGDA team very efficiently answered all their queries and could resolve all the pension related issues of war widows individually.

On the request of Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary WWA, they provided an insight on OROP and SPARSH too. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Senior Accounts Officer gave the Demo about opening and handling the SPARSH portal. He made everyone understand the significance of this portal and how one can update their mobile numbers and change in address etc.

On behalf of all the members of WWA President Mrs. Damayanti V. Tambay expressed her gratitude and appreciated the efforts of CGDA officials. Furthermore she conveyed her special thanks to Mr. Bhartendu Singh through his team. In the end Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary WWA, gave vote of thanks. In her speech she individually praised each and every



member of CGDA team for their updates and fruitful discussion. She also thanked Mrs. Damayanti V. Tambay for taking the initiative to invite senior officials from CGDA and organize an open house discussion at such a forum. The whole event was well organized by the administrative staff of WWA and went off smoothly.





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## YOGA SESSION AT WWA PREMISES ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

To keep up the spirit of yoga and to celebrate the 'The International Yoga Day' a yoga session was organized in the premises of War Widow Association, Shaheed Bhawan with Mr. Ajay Kumar Shastri, a renowned yoga teacher from Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi. He has been training students in yoga for more than twenty years in JNU.

The Veer Naries along with the staff of WWA was invited to participate in the specially organized yoga session. The two hours yoga session started at 11.00 am. It was a sight to see the happiness and enthusiasm with the President WWA, Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, General Secretary, Mrs. Anjali Karkare, Administrative officer, Mrs. Poonam Katoch and all the office staff participated in this yoga session. Mr. Shastri himself demonstrated all the Yoga Asanas and made everyone do the same starting from easy ones and then graduating onto the difficult ones. Side by side he did explain their benefits in details and the diseases they cure. He also threw light on the simple home remedies in curing the common diseases and the food we should avoid or eat in order to keep ourselves fit.

Overall it was a beneficial and fruitful session. Everyone enjoyed and actively participated in this session wholeheartedly. In the end there was a question and answer round where he answered the queries of the participants. They all looked active and physically fit after the enriching session of yoga.





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The WWA gifts a cheque of Rs. 11,000/- to all Veer Naris and the staff for their children's wedding. On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the President Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay along with Mrs. Anjali Karkare , the General Secretary, Mrs. Devyanti Devi, Vice President , Mrs. Ganga Devi member and Admin Officer Mrs. Poonam katoch presented a cheque of worth Rs. 11,000/- to the Veer Nari Mrs. Suman Tripathi when came to Shaheed Bhawan to invite the President and all others for the wedding of her daughter.





## INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS DAY

The Guild for Service under the guidance of Dr. Mrs. V. Mohini Giri organized and celebrated 'The International Widows Day' on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 at 11.30 am at Maa Dham, Chattikara road, Vrindavan. The Veer Naries and staff of War Widow Association were cordially invited by the Chairperson Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri. The six member team comprising General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare, Vice President Mrs. Devyanti Devi, Treasurer Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi, Administrative Officer Mrs. Poonam Katoch, members Mrs. Ganga Devi and Mrs. Bimla Devi attended the celebrations.

On this special day the chief Mahanta of the Pashupati Nath Temple in Nepal was the Chief Guest along with many other distinguished guests from other peethams and colleges. The programme started with the Mrs. Rama Vaidyanatha's Bharatnatayam dance performance followed by Bhajans on live music. All the dignitaries and distinguished guests present in the function expressed their gratitude and boosted the moral of all the ladies staying in the Maa Dham. The Chief Mahanta of Pashupati Nath temple honoured Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri, Veer Naries and all the residents of Maa Dham by presenting them a shawl. The community meal was served after the function was over.





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## MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM DIRECTORATE OF EX - SERVICEMEN 1 HQ MOD (NAVY) ON 11th JULY 2023

The officials from the Directorate of Ex- Servicemen 1 HQ MOD (Navy) CMDE Alok Ananda, YSM, CMDE (ESM Affairs) and CDR Saikat Mondal, CDR (ESM Affairs) made a courtesy visit to the War Widow Association at Shaheed Bhawan at 3 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to discuss varied issues concerning war widows and how to resolve the problems faced by them at different levels. They shared the vision of their organization and had a fruitful discussion with Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA, Mrs. Raj Sharma, Vice- president WWA and Mrs. Poonam Katoch, Administrative Officer WWA representing War Widows Association.

Many important and grave issues related to emotional and financial sufferings of Veer Naries were pointed out followed by the discussion on how to eradicate these problems. During the discussion the Vice-President WWA, Mrs. Raj Sharma very aptly said that War Widow Association is a '**RAY OF HOPE**' for all Veer Naries who need our services. Many cases already dealt and resolved by the team of War Widow Association were brought into limelight by Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA. She also apprised them about the problems personally projected to her by the Veer Naries during her unofficial visit to them outside Delhi. Furthermore she requested CMDE Alok Ananda, YSM, CMDE (ESM Affairs) to share the gallery of immortals from navy with WWA. We also Offered that in case they need volunteers to visit Naval Veer Naries, we would be happy to accompany them on such visits.

We are hopeful that the views and experiences shared in this open forum will certainly help in the well being of war widows of all the three armed forces. War Widow Association always appreciates and welcomes the organizations working for the cause of Veer Naries with open arms.







## KARGIL DIVAS CELEBRATIONS WITH VEER NARIES ON 26/7/2023

The team of the War Widows Association headed by the Chairperson WWA Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri visited the Veer Naris at Vijay Veer Aavas, Kargil Apartments at Dwarka, New Delhi on the day of Kargil Divas on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the morning. In the community hall the Veer Naries place the picture of their husband and put a garland of marigold flowers around it on the stage. After that a Havan was done. The President WWA Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay and the Administrative Officer Mrs. Poonam Katoch also attended the Havan ceremony organized at the community hall inside Kargil Apartments to pay homage to the Martyrs of Kargil war. The team from WWA took three boxes of sweets to distribute as Prasad after the Havan ceremony. After the Havan, everyone present there moved to the ground for the flag hoisting ceremony. The Chairperson WWA Dr. Mrs. Giri hoisted the tricolor and everyone sung the National Anthem. Team WWA interacted and spent time with all the Veer Naries and their families. Many photographs were clicked at individual levels.









## FAREWELL OF Mrs. PREMA KALA ON 29th JULY 2023, SATURDAY

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023 a formal farewell party was organized for Mrs. Prema Kala who served in the War Widow Association for more than two decades as the Administrative officer. All the members of WWA and advisors were for invited for the farewell party. The farewell party was attended by the chairperson Dr. Mrs.V Mohini Giri, President Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, Senior Vice- President Mrs. Raj Sharma, Vice-President Mrs. Devyanti Devi, Advisor Mrs. Meera Khanna, Patron Lt. Gen V G Khandare PVSM, AVSM, SM, General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare, Joint Secretary Mrs. Nilam Singh, Treasurer Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi, Administrative officer Mrs. Poonam Katoch, members Mrs.Geeta Dod, Mrs. Kumud Kohli, Mrs. Sarika Gulati, Mrs. Deepmala Mohan, Mrs. Deep Jajmaan, Mrs. Ganga Devi, Mrs.Jayanti Devi, Mrs. Manorama, Mrs. Meera Devi, Mrs. Rekha, Mrs. Beena, Mrs. Bimla Rana, Mrs. Shanta Devi, Mrs. Veera Kumari, Admin staff from Guild for sevice, Mrs. Shahida, Mrs. Poonam Devi, and Office Incharge Mr. Jagat Singh Saini .

The General Secretary WWA, Mrs Anjali karlare welcomed Mrs. Prema Kala and all the members seated there. All the members first gave their formal introduction and side by side everyone talked about their worthwhile experience working with Mrs. Prema Kala. Lt. Gen. V G Khandare, Patron WWA also shared with Veer Naris his most memorable experience and moments while in active service in the army and how he had the pleasant occasion to interact often with Brig Sandeep Kala (Prema ji's spouse).. Mrs. Deepmala Mohan sang lovely numbers in her melodious voice to entertain all. Then Mrs. Prema Kala was requested to show her singing talent and she sang 'Jab deep dhaley aana jab sham dhaley aana' in her lovely melodious voice. The staff attending the farewell from Guild for Service also sang lovely semi classical songs. Besides these the Chairperson motivated all the members to sing bhajans in chorus. Mrs. Prema Kala and Mrs. Deepmala Mohan were presented a token of gratitude by the Chairperson Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri. Mrs. Prema Kala cut the cake with the Chairperson. Then the photo session carried on for some time. Everyone wanted to capture this emotional moment. Mrs. Prema was also given gifts on behalf of the WWA as well as by individual members. All attendees were requested to move for lunch later.







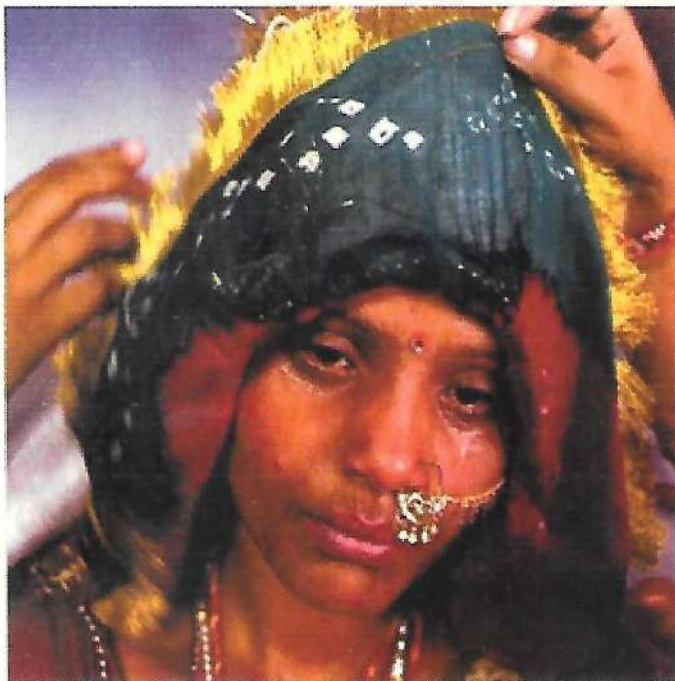




## WAR WIDOWS ASSOCIATION



**Widows of war & conflict are subjected to violence, discrimination, social stigma, marginalization, and are deprived of all rights .**

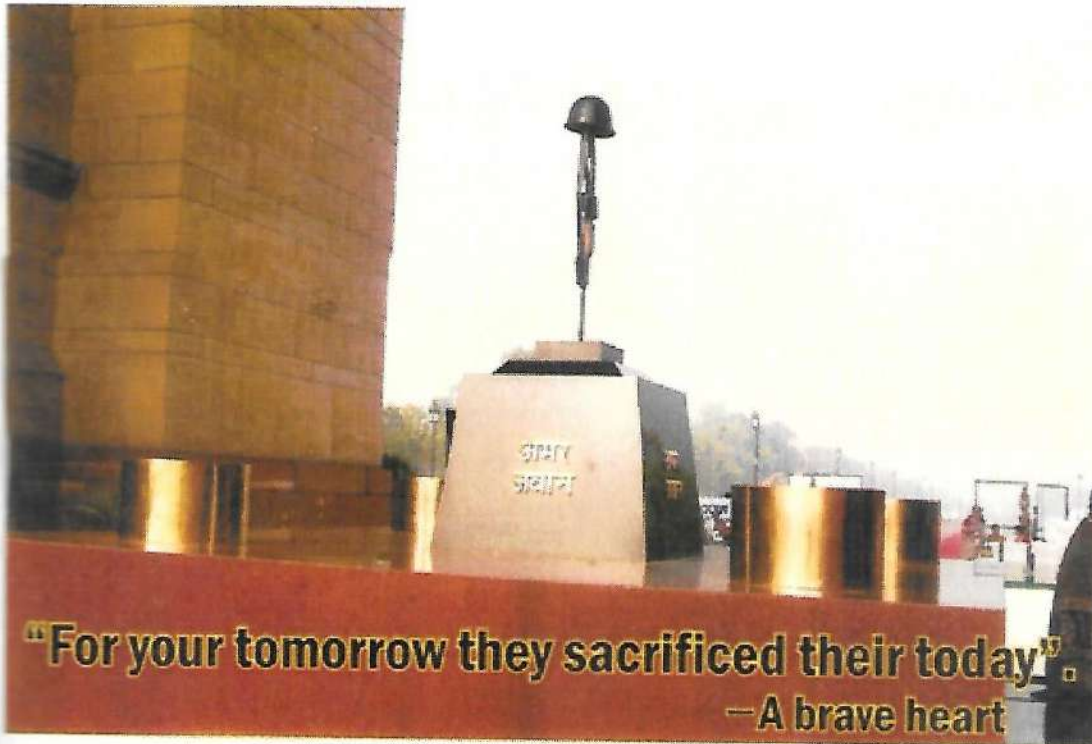


**Right to life is guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India to all citizens.**

**Do widows enjoy this right in the Indian society ?**



## WAR WIDOWS ASSOCIATION



**Widows must be informed  
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## VISIT TO MAYOOR SCHOOL AT NOIDA ON 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Mrs. Anjali Karkare, General Secretary of the War Widow Association and a Veer Nari too was invited to the Annual Day Celebration of the Mayoor School at Noida on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023. On that day a movie was also screened in the auditorium of the school for the senior students based on the book "THE SAGA OF A BRAVEHEART". The book is written by Mrs. Shakuntala Ajit Bhandarkar on the life of her husband late Lt Col Ajit V Bhandarkar. Mrs. Shakuntala Ajit Bhandarkar is also a member of the war widows association. A Veer Mata Mrs. Pammi Bhardwaj was also invited by the school. The Principal of Mayoor School Mrs. Avasthy received and greeted very warmly all the guests.

The movie showed late Lt Col Ajit V Bhandarkar's childhood too and many scenes were shot at the actual location where he had served being in Army. In the movie many of the officers who had served with him also talked about his courage, intellect and his valour in the battle field. The aim of screening the movie on the life of courageous officer Lt Col Ajit V Bhandarkar was to motivate the young minds to serve the motherland and choose Army as their career. It goes without saying that such a beautiful depiction of movie must have served its purpose of motivating the students to join army after the school. The entire event was a success.





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## MEETING WITH Mrs. SHAKUNTALA AJIT BHANDARKAR ON 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

Mrs. Shakuntala Ajit Bhandarkar wife of the brave heart Lt. Col Ajit V Bhandarkar decorated with Shaurya Chakra visited the office of War Widow Association on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Mrs. Bhandarkar is a Veer Nari and a member of WWA presently stays in Bengaluru. She interacted informally with the President WWA Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, General Secretary WWA Mrs. Anjali Karkare and the Administrative Officer WWA Mrs. Poonam Katoch and discussed various issues related to Veer Naries. She was invited by the Mayoer School to screen the documentary that she made on her husband's life. Mrs. Tambay presented a token of gratitude to her.





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## **Veer Naries Visited The Rashtrapati Bhavan to meet the Hon'ble President of India on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

A group of 12 Veer Naries of various wars and conflicts were given the privilege to meet Mrs. Droupadi Murmu, the Hon'ble President of India on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 4.30.pm. Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA coordinated The meeting was arranged by the office of WWA on the advice of Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri, the Chairperson of WWA and the coordination was done by Mrs Damayanti V Tambay, the President of WWA.

All the ladies were very excited with the thought of visiting the President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The contingent was set off at the decided time and arrived at the Rashtrapati Bhavan allotted time after all the security checks. They were made to sit in an Anteroom and were offered refreshments and later taken to a large conference hall where there was a very large oval table where Mrs. Droupadi Murmu was seated.

After exchange of greetings and pleasantries Mrs Droupadi Murmu welcomed all the Veer Naris who introduced themselves one by one. Madame President greatly appreciated the sacrifice made by the brave hearts and the hardships their widows had experienced in their lives. A couple of widows submitted their representation pertaining to their personal matter for the help from the President of India.

There was a suggestion and a letter submitted by the President of WWA Mrs. Tambay that those who laid down their lives in the defense of the nation should be awarded a 'Padak' and this padak would be handed over to the NOK, parent/ widow of the brave heart. In fact the representation suggested that this should be done by the Government with effect from 1947 conflict onwards covering all subsequent wars etc. Dr. Mrs. Mohini V Giri the Chairperson of WWA invited the Hon'ble President of India to honour one of our yearly programmes with her gracious presence.

The group found her to be a very soft spoken and an elegant lady with a very broad outlook which is a part of her nature. The veterans thanked the President for giving her precious time and felt extremely happy after the meeting.





## FULL CIRCLE CLINIC WORKSHOP ON 29.9.2023 'TALKING TO KANI'

The first series of the FULL CIRCLE CLINIC WORKSHOP was organized on 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 at 11.30 am. The topic of this workshop was '**TALKING TO KANI**'. This workshop was the brain child of the treasurer WWA and the Homeopathic doctor Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi. The purpose of this workshop was to encourage the participants to share and give vent to the deep rooted feelings and to feel better mentally. Those who were listening could also contribute in consoling the speaker and share their experience if they had also faced a similar situation in their lives. The Chairperson WWA Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri , Vice Presidents Mrs. Raj Sharma and Mrs. Devyanti Devi, General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare attended the workshop. There were almost thirty participants of varied age groups. This forum gave the privilege to meet and hear the remarkable Veer Naris /Veer Matas/Veer Pitas and the Veer Parents who have who have always displayed immense strength and resilience in the face of adversity. They endured the unimaginable loss of their loved ones but still inspire others with their unwavering courage and indomitable spirits.

After listening to all the speakers it was we all realized that in the face of adversity, it is the human connections, love, and acts of kindness that holds' the greatest value and reminds us of the beauty and resilience of the human spirit. They inspire us to be better, to cherish the relationships we have, and to live each day with a grateful heart. Such activities fill our hearts with kindness and a sense of purpose and renewed commitment to be a better person. After the event the chairperson Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri gave a small gift to all the participants as a token of gratitude. It was followed by refreshments.









## **MEDICAL CAMP TO CHECK THE BONE DENSITY ORGANIZED BY Dr. Mrs. SHUBHA TRIPATHI IN WWA ON 10.10.23**

On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 a Medical Camp was organized in the premises of the War Widows Association under the supervision of Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi. The camp started with the arrival of the Chairperson WWA Mrs. V Mohini Giri. The General Secretary WWA, Mrs. Anjali Karkare welcomed the Chairperson and all the guests and then she requested the Administrative officer WWA, Mrs. Poonam Katoch to brief the participants about the procedure of the Bone Density test and the two forms that were given to all. Once the process was made clear to the participants Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi talked in details about the symptoms, cure, causes and effect of poor bone density. She explained in details how one can improve his/her bone density and maintain a proper bone structure in their bodies. A handout was provided to all the participants. Many Veer Naries from the Vijay Veer Awas, Dwarka, the full Staff of Guild of Service and GHSEE Pvt Ltd attended the medical Camp and many people from close vicinity of WWA also came for their check up and got their test done. There were almost 65 people who keenly participated and were benefitted by it. All their queries were well attended and answered by Dr. Tripathi. One by one all the participants were made to sit near the machine and their left foot was put inside the machine. Within minutes the report of their bone density came out of the printer attached to the machine by the assistant. After the test Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi attended all the patients one by one and discussed their bone density report in details and instructed them about the further treatment, exercises to be done on daily bases and the diet to be taken. She also gave the calcium tablets in the severe cases. All the participants found this test very useful and requested the chairperson to conduct more such camps.











The President WWA , Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay attended the '8<sup>th</sup> ARMED FORCES VETERANS' DAY ' celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in New Delhi along with Col Ravinder Randhawa, a war widow and GSOI IT Lt Col Anchal.





## **CELEBRATING 'MOHINI GIRI'**

### **A FULL AND FILLED LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNDER PRIVILEGED**

On 10<sup>th</sup> of January the Guild for Service and the War widows Association together organized a function '**Celebrating Mohini Giri – A full filled Life in the service of the under privileged**' to pay homage to Late Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri, the Founder Chairperson of both these organizations. The programme was compered by Ms. Latha Nair, Member in Charge, Sannidhi School Najafgarh. It was as follows:

1. INTERFAITH PEACE PRAYER AT 3.00 PM: Bhai prayer, Buddhist prayer, Christian prayer, Hindu prayer, Islamic prayer, Jain prayer, Parsi prayer, Sikh prayer.
2. TRIBUTE BY MEERA KHANNA, Truatee and President on behalf of the Guild AT 3.36 PM.
3. READING OUT THE MESSAGES AT 3.40 to 4.10 PM:
  1. President by Dr.Mala shree Lal Convenor Rajasthan intervention, Guild
  2. Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh by Manali Singhal, Trustee, Guild.
  3. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi by Sujaya Krishnan (IAS)member Guild
  4. Bhajan by kumud Diwan
  5. Tribute by Damayanti V Tambay, President War Widows Association.
  6. Film Life and times of Mohini Giri
  7. Song by Dr. Giri's disciple in singing Sarita Toppo
  8. Messages from ascross the world
  9. Still we rise: excerpts from the film by Meera Diwan
  10. Tributes
4. Later the following Family members and friends paid tribute to her:
  1. Mr. GIRISH GIRI : SON
  2. Mrs. SARASWATI GIRI: DAUGHTER
  3. MEMBER SECRETARY:NCW
  4. Dr. SYEDA HAMEED: SHAGIRD COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND
  5. LAKSHMI VEKATARAMAN on behalf of the late President R Venktaraman's family
  6. KALYANI RAJ, PRESIDENT AIDWA
  7. MARIAM DHAWALE, GENERAL SECRETARY AIDWA
  8. VASANTHI RAMAN. PRESIDENT CWDS
  9. PAM RAJPUT VICE PRESIDENT MAHILA DAKSHITA SAMITI
  10. ANNIE RAJA GENERAL SECRETARY NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDIAN WOMEN
  11. Mrs. JYOTSANA CHATTERJEE FOUNDER JOINT WOMEN'S PROGRAMME
5. AT 4.50 PM there was BHAJAN by RENE SINGH
6. WRAP UP AND INVITATION TO TEA.



## Celebrating Mohini Giri



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## 5<sup>TH</sup> MARTYRS' MEMORIAL LECTURE ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

The 5<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Memorial lecture was organized by WWA on 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the auditorium of United service Institution of India at Shankar Vihar, New Delhi. All the guests and members were requested to reach USI at 10.30 am. All guests were served tea in the adjacent hall and interacted with each other. This was the first programme organized after the demise of the founder Chairperson of WWA Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri. WWA also lost the former President of WWA Mrs. Jasjiwan Kaur recently. The portraits of both were placed at the entrance to enable all the participants to pay tribute to them. The Chief Guest for the day Air Marshal Dr Padma Bandopadhya Padma Shri, (Retd) PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Lt Gen Shankar Prasad (Retd) PVSM, VSM and Lt Gen V G Khandare (Retd) PVSM, AVSM, SM laid wreaths along with the President, Vice – President and the General Secretary WWA.

After tea all guests were seated in the main hall for the lecture. The topic of the lecture was **“THE INDUCTION OF WOMEN COMBATANTS INTO THE ARMED FORCES: OUTCOME AND CHALLENGES”**. The Chief Guest, Patrons, President and General Secretary were requested to be seated on the dais. At the beginning two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed souls. The President Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay delivered the welcome address. She apprised the audience about the how WWA resolved the varied problems faced by the Veer Naris and the achievements of WWA in the recent past. After that General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare requested the Guest of Honour Lt. Gen V G Khandare (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, SM, Principal Advisor, Ministry of Defense, Govt. of India to address the august gathering. He gave a very short synopsis on war widows.

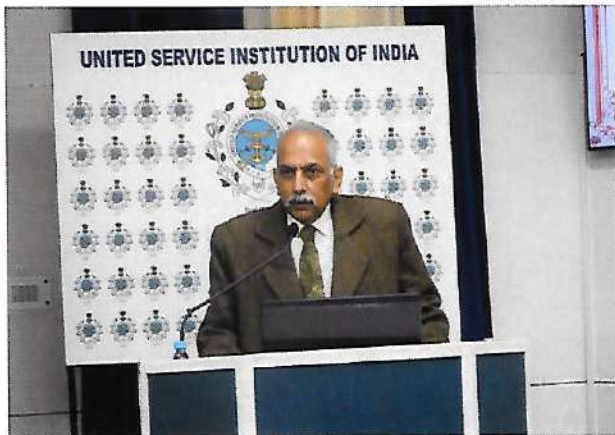
Then General Secretary then requested the Chief Guest Air Marshal Dr. Padma Bandopadhya (Retd) Padma Shri, PVSM, AVSM, VSM to give the keynote address. Mrs. Anjali Karkare said that WWA is truly honoured by her presence. She said Air Mars hal Padma Bandopadhyay joined Air force in 1968 as a doctor and the first lady to be promoted to the rank of AirMarshal with an amazing ground breaking career in the Air Force as a flying doctor and highly decorated. The General Secretary thanked her for her very enlightening narration about her career and what all she faced as a serving lady officer. Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay gave a much focused speech on ins & outs of women combatant officers. She enumerated her experiences with slides giving a true picture of what all she faced and the problems that exist for women who are in the armed forces.

After this Lt Gen Shankar Prasad gave a short speech on the related topic. Mrs. Anjali Karkare while administering the vote of thanks in the end thanked the chief guest, patrons, Dr. Mrs. Jyotsana Chatterji, Mrs. Meera Khanna, Sanjay Krishna, Nirmala Mallik, Gautam Sen, Dr. Ramakant Dwivedi, Dr. Indra Bahadur Thapa president NPP Nepal, Sushrata Sen and others for taking out to time to attend our function and make it a grand success in this cold climate.

We all remembered Dr. Mrs. V Mohini Giri fondly and missed her a lot throughout the function for her work in giving WWA a firm footing and the guidance we received from her from time to time in all these years. In the end a shawl was presented to the chief guest and anga vastra to the patrons. The congregation was invited for lunch and later dispersed.















## WREATH LAYING CEREMONY OF Lt COLONEL RAJESH GULATI, SM

Mrs. Sarika Gulati, a Veer Nari paid tribute to her brave husband Lt Col Rajesh Gulati, SM of 220 Regiment of Army Aviation Core paid tribute on his Martyrdom Day. He was martyred on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 during Operation Rakshak in. In his memory and to pay tribute to Lt Col Rajesh Gulati a formal Wreath laying ceremony was conducted by his wife, son, the officers and the ladies of his unit at the National War Memorial located at India Gate, New Delhi. The WWA President Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, Admin Officer Mrs. Poonam Katoch, Mrs. Shweta, a Veer Nari, Veer Mata Mrs. Pammi Bhardwaj and Veer Pita Mr. Shikhawat also paid tribute to him on that day.







## WREATH LAYING CEREMONY FOR SHAHEED MAJOR S M DEO, SM

On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in a formal wreath laying ceremony was conducted at the National War Memorial located at India Gate, New Delhi WWA representative from Maharashtra and a Veer Nari Mrs. Neela Deo Phadnis along with her daughter Anjali paid tribute to her brave husband Major S M Deo, SM who was martyred in 1965 war. President WWA, Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, General Secretary WWA, Mrs. Anjakli Karkare, Administrative Officer Mrs. Poonam Katoch and Veer Mata Mrs. Pammi Bhardwaj also paid tribute to the warrior of 1965 war Shaheed Major S M Deo who laid his life while saving our motherland.







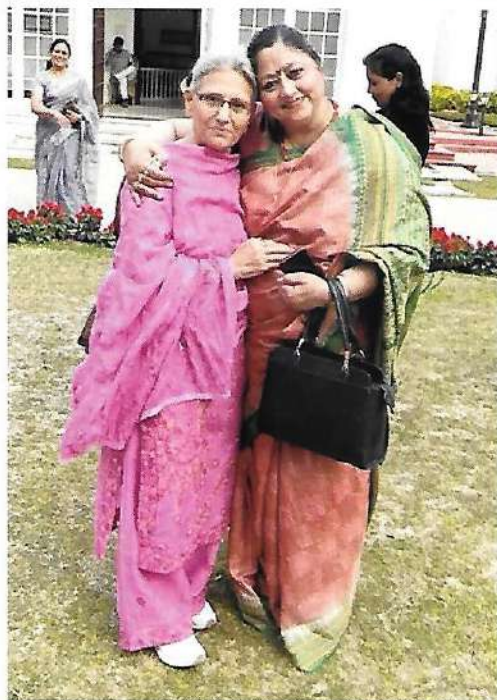
On the occasion of the marriage of Ajay Kumar, son of Veer Nari Smt. Jayanti Devi, on 28th Feb 2024. Attended by President, Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay and many Veer Naries.



## REPORT ON THE BHAJAN SANDHYA ORGANIZED ON 1.3.2024

A Bhajan Sandhya was jointly organized by the War Widows Association, Guild for Service and Gandhi Smriti on 1.3.2024 at 3.30 pm onwards at Kriti Mandapin Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti located at Tees January Marg, New Delhi to celebrate **'THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO DISCRIMINATION AND THE WEEK OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY'**. All Veer Naris were invited to participate in this celebration. Mrs. Gursharan Kaur, wife of the former Prime Minister Mr. Manmohan Singh was the Chief Guest for the day. Mrs. Sushma Seth, a renowned film star of yester years and Mr. Vijay Goel, BJP leader and Director of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Mrs. Syeeda Hameed were amongst the other distinguished guests who graced the occasion. The programme started with welcome speech by WWA President, Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay followed by interfaith peace prayer by children from Delhi. Prayers of all religions were recited by these children that made the environment very serene. Mrs. Sudha Raghuraman acclaimed vocalist and composer presented bhajans of different parts of India which were enjoyed and appreciated by the audience present there. Tea and snacks were served to all guests after the programme.







## VISIT OF Mrs. ARCHANA PANDE, PRESIDENT AWWA TO SHAHEED BHAWAN ON 20.3.2024

On the invitation of Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, President WWA on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Mrs. Archana Pande, President AWWA visited the War Widows Association at Shaheed Bhawan along with her staff officer Lt. Col. Gayatri Sharma and the private secretary Mrs. Poonappa at 12.30 pm. She was received by the President WWA Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare and the Administrative officer Mrs. Poonam Katoch. Mrs. Pande first visited the Homeopathy clinic and met the Homeopathy doctor Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi and the veer naris from Kargil Avas Dwarka who were the patients. Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi explained her in details the day to day working of the Homeopathy clinic and the number of patients under treatment and taking medicines regularly from the homeopathy clinic. She also visited the play school and the sewing class area on the ground floor. After that Mrs. Archana Pande was escorted to the main office on the first floor where she and her team was honoured by the President WWA, Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay and were presented bouquet and Angavastra by her, General Secretary Mrs. Anjali Karkare and the Treasurer and Homeopathy doctor Mrs. Shubha Tripathi. She also met all the members of the Executive Committee. This was followed by a very fruitful interaction between the AAWA Chief and the WWA team. Lot many creative activities, job opportunities and beneficial projects useful for Veer Naris were discussed. Tea and snacks were served later. In the end the guests gracefully departed after bidding WWA goodbye and assuring more such visits.















## WWA WORKS FOR SOCIAL CAUSE

A charitable homeopathic clinic in the premises of Shaheed Bhawan has been established at War Widow Association, New Delhi as a welfare measure for war widows, veterans of Indian defense forces and also for marginalized sections of our society. It is open five days a week from Monday to Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM. Both chronic and acute cases are dealt with here by Dr. Mrs. Shubha Tripathi (BHMS). She is assisted by Shri Narinder Singh who is a qualified pharmacist. Medicines are dispensed free of charge here.

Homoeopathic remedies aim to stimulate the body's own healing mechanism, by boosting up immunity of our system to activate the inherent healing power in us. These are effective not only for acute ailments like diarrhea, fever, UTI, URTI cold and cough but also for autoimmune disorders like fibromyalgia. Homoeopaths believe that physical disease often has an emotional component too. This is taken into account when making the diagnosis and prescribing the remedy, by taking comprehensive case history.

Established by the vision of our chairperson Dr. Mrs V Mohini Giri and under the leadership of Mrs. Damayanti V Tambay, the clinic has been running successfully for the past one and half years with positive reviews of effective treatment from hundreds of patients from all walks of life.





## SEWING CLASSES AT WWA

Free of cost sewing classes are being run in the premise of WWA throughout the year from Monday to Friday from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Mrs. Sushma Ghai, the sewing teacher is a diploma holder in stitching. She is a capable and proficient teacher. The focus of conducting the stitching classes is to teach the various skills of embroidery, cutting and stitching of clothes to the Veer Naries, their children and the people of the marginalized section of the society. Our aim is to help them in becoming self sufficient, independent and get employment outside. It is indeed a small gesture on our part towards women empowerment.





## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF WWA FOR 2022-2025**

1. **DR. MRS. V MOHINI GIRI ----- CHAIRPERSON**
2. **MRS. DAMAYANTI V TAMBAY ----- PRESIDENT**
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4. **MRS. DEVYANTI DEVI ----- VICE PRESIDENT**
5. **MRS. ANJALI KARKARE ----- GENERAL SECRETARY**
6. **MRS. NILAM DEVI----- JOINT SECRETARY**
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10. **MRS. GANGA DEVI----- MEMBER**

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### **OUR CONSULTANT**

**DR. MRS. JYOTSNA CHATTERJI**



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DETAILS OF DONATION RECEIVED FROM 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024

NAME OF DONOR	DATE	MODE OF RECEIPT	AMT OF DONATION	PAN
<b>RAMSWAROOP NAYAK</b> ADARSH NAGAR CHHATTARPUR M.P.411040	12.04.2023	1932	11000	AAMPN3474F
<b>ADMIRAL KAILASH KOHLI AND Mrs. KUMUD KOHLI</b> 30, SUNDER NAGAR ,DELHI-110003	29.07.2023	1939	4000	AEIPK4221P
<b>STRANGE EXPORTS</b> C-133,SECTOR-66 GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR NOIDA-201303	30.10.2023	1951	2002	AAIPP1301R
<b>ANIL BOUNTRA</b> C-4/201,SECTOR-36,BUDH NAGAR NOIDA-201303 SECTION 80G	30.10.2023	1952	2002	AADPB9979N
<b>RAMSWAROOP NAYAK</b> ADARSH NAGAR CHHATTARPUR MADHYA PRADESH-411040	01.12.2023	1953	21000	AAMPN3474F
<b>KRISHAN LAL BHATIA</b> 89, NAVJIVAN VIHAR, NEW DELHI 110017	18.03.2024	1959	1000	AADPB4616L
<b>SANT KRISHNA NAND SEWA TRUST</b> 110, NAVJIVAN VIHAR MALVIYA NAGAR, NEW DELHI	18.03.2024	1960	21000	ABETS5831Q
<b>SHUBH LATA MALHOTRA</b> C/O MADHURAJAN DUGGAL, DDA FLAT NO.56,GULMOHAR ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110049 SECTION 80G	31.03.2024	1961	20000	AAAPM4676J
			<b>82004</b>	

### DETAILS OF DONATION GIVEN FROM 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024

#### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT ( ONE TIME)**

##### **TO VEER NARIES**

10000/-@281

2810000

2810000

#### **DONATION TO CHARITABLE SOCIETIES**

##### **GUILD OF SERVICES**

529600

##### **JOINT WOMEN PROGRA**

240000

769600

#### **DONATION VEER NARIES CHILDREN MARRIAGE**

66000

66000



## Gallery of Immortals



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