

BHARATIYA GRAMEENA MAHILA SANGHA



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Karnataka Branch - 560037

The Bharatiya Grameen Mahila Sangh is a not-for-profit, non political and non sectarian National Organization, founded in 1955, with Branches in all states across India.

The Karnataka State Branch was founded in 1960 by Late Padma Bhushan Smt. Yashodhara Dasappa and Late Smt. C. Sharada. Bharatiya Grameena Mahila Sangha Bangalore completed its 61st year of operation this year.

The Primary goal of BGMS is the welfare and upliftment of Women, Children, aged and partially impaired.

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3. Smt. Vilasini	Vice President
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5. Smt. Jaya Gopalakrishna	Secretary
6. Smt. Amika Jayaram	Treasurer
7. Smt. Anatha Lakshmi	Committee Members

Projects

BGMS functions on a 5 acre premises leased by Govt of Karnataka and runs the following projects approved by Govt of Karnataka. The projects are monitored by Dept of Women and Child Welfare.

- Kanwashrama – Destitute home for children
- BGMS Sishukunj Vidhyalaya – Free English medium School
- Swadhar – Short stay facility for Women
- Santhavana – Counselling centre for Women
- Anandham – Old age home for women

All its projects functioned and progressed well during 2020-21. This report captures the main activities of the projects this year.

Message from the

Secretary's desk

Dear Friends

This year started on a happy note with the inauguration of our new office building and a new toilet block. We are thankful to the generous donation of Mr. B.R. Ganesh of Team Technology and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar for the new office building and FAI for the toilet block.

During these unprecedented times of the pandemic, BGMS has been able to manage its affairs with the help of well wishers, donors, supporting organizations and staff members.

Though many students were sent back to their parents/guardians in accordance with the instruction of the Government, there were around 100 inmates who had to stay back because of lack of alternatives.

The staff of BGMS rose to the occasion and managed the day to day activities according primacy to the health of the inmates. The teachers of the school too conducted online and offline classes as per the directives issued by the Government from time to time.

Swadhar short stay home and Santvana counselling centre also functioned well with restrictions in place. Our biggest challenge was to protect the inmates of the old age home Anand dham from infections. Protocols were strictly adhered to and we are proud to report that BGMS did not have even a single infection during the year.

We are thankful our regular donors who were supportive even in these trying times. Some donors even personally visited BGMS to understand our needs and to extend support. We are grateful to all of them.

The managing committee adapted to the new norm of Zoom meetings and conducted its meetings online.

We have provided information on the salient aspects of the various projects of BGMS in this report. We hope and pray that the situation becomes normal soon and we will be get all our inmates back here and we will be able to serve the society as we have always been doing.

With Best Wishes

Smt. Jaya GopalaKrishna

Secretary

Aims and Objectives

The Primary goal of BGMS is the welfare and upliftment of Women, Children, aged and partially impaired.

- To provide Care, shelter, protection, and overall development of children who are in need
- To educate children who are from disadvantaged/BPL family, who aspire to achieve something in life through education
- To provide shelter, protection and vocational training for distressed women
- To provide individual counseling for distressed and family counseling for broken family and relationship problems. To provide legal guidance and awareness if needed.
- To provide shelter, food, medical care and respectable living for elderly women, widows, orphan abandoned by the family.

Kanwashrama - Destitute Home

Kanwashrama provides a home like environment to the girls and boys. Housed in seven cottages namely Kedige, Savanthige, Sampige, Mallige, Gulabi, Kamala and Parijatha the inmates are given affectionate care by the house mothers. They help the inmates enjoy their study time, play time and activity time with discipline and bonding.

Due to the pandemic and as per government orders, children were sent back to their near and dear ones in March 2020. The year started with Lockdown. Utmost care was taken to prevent children and elderly from pandemic.

Staff and management were in touch with parents/guardians to understand the condition of the children and if any help was needed.

Children who could not extend their stay due to lack of online facilities for education and living conditions started returning to the shelter home from August.

Admissions to ashram were restricted for only CWC referred children. There was a drop in number of admissions.

Current strength is

Girls – 69

Boys – 52

Total Number of Inmates – 121

Facilities Added

The following facilities and equipments were added in 2020-21 with contribution from donors

- A New Administrative block with counseling room, meeting room and a small library for children was added with the help of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and Team Technology
- A new Toilet block for children was added with the help FAI Indiranagar

Activities

Bal Sabha conducted every Sunday morning where children are encouraged to exhibit their talents like singing, dancing, drawing, painting yoga etc.



Bala Sabha



Drawing



Extra Curricular Activities



Dance Practice

Yoga class

Festivals Celebrated

Shankaranthi

Deepavali

Christmas

Medical Checkup

General Health check up done through Volunteer doctors

Corona Test conducted for all children and other inmates

Inspection Conducted

Department of Women and Child welfare conducted inspection of DH on

20th Aug 2020

16th Nov 2020

22-Jan-2020

CWC Committee 1 conducted Inspection of DH on 5TH Feb 2021 and Guided the management committee and the staff about policies and new rules and regulations



Girls Block



Awareness Program



Dental Hygiene awareness



Sankranti Celebration

BGMS Sishukunj Vidhyalaya – Free English medium school for underprivileged



Transforming lives with Care

The school is affiliated to the Karnataka state education board and has 300 students from 1st standard to 10th standard. BGMS Sishukunj Vidhyalaya provides free education to the inmates of Kanwashrama and also a few day scholars. Apart from imparting quality academic education, the children are also provided avenues for after school activities like Sports, Music & Dance, Yoga, Scouts & Guides, Bridge and Chess classes, Shloka classes, science experiments etc. Health checkup programs, awareness programs and talks by eminent people from different walks of life are regularly conducted.

Slow learners and children who have studied in non English-medium schools are provided additional coaching by volunteers. Dedicated teachers and volunteers have helped in this journey producing excellent results consistently with a pass percentage of around 95% in class X board exams. The students have also won laurels in interschool sports and cultural competitions.

Children after completing 10th move on to a new world with confidence. Some of them are helped with scholarships for higher education and vocational training.

Strength (20-21)

Total Number of Students – 298

Students of Kanwashrama – 220

Day Scholars - - 68

Board exam results

100% pass percentage was achieved in 10th board exam of 2019-20. 2 students secured distinction, 15 students secured I class and 2 students secured II class.

20-21 Academic year

Due to the pandemic BGMS Shishukunj closed offline classes and conducted online classes for class 6 to 10 and also made available recorded modules for classes 1 to 5. Teachers were in regular contact with children and were available for any clarifications and to help students. Teachers were working in close cooperation with staff and management of BGMS considering the need of BGMS children.

Physical classed for 10TH Std was started from Jan 2021 and for 6th to 9th standard classes from Feb 2021. All precautions were taken to follow covid appropriate behavior and avoid contact with outside visitors.

Awareness and Informative programs conducted during the year

Awareness on Child Safety and Security

Awareness on Safe cooking and proper use of LPG cylinders

Talk on Health and Hygiene for adolescent girls

Talk on moral, right and wrong behaviors

Talk on importance of conserving environment

Extra Curricular activities

Science experiments for students started on weekends

Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm.

GSK award for excellence in extracurricular activities on 4th Mar 2021



Republic day celebration



GSK award for excellence in extracurricular activities



Swadhar – Short stay facility for women

Swadhar Greh for women approved by the department of Women and child development is started with the aim of providing residential facility for women in distress and who are without any social and economic support, who have suffered trauma and abuse at the hand of their husbands/in laws/others or who have suddenly find themselves without a home.

They will be provided with counseling, legal aid, guidance and vocational training to enable them to take steps for their readjustment in family /society

Vocational training includes various trades like tailoring, home nursing, cooking, computer training, beautician's course etc to rehabilitate them economically and emotionally. Training program is either in-house or they are sent to nearby vocational training centers depending on their choice/interest. Young inmates are encouraged to continue their formal education as well.

The main objective is to help them to rebuild and restart their life with new confidence and renewed hope.

Year 2020 April started with Lockdown due to pandemic. BGMS took at most care of existing inmates and their children. Activities were conducted to keep them engaged. Awareness program and festivals were celebrated as usual.

Efforts were made to reconcile with families and our counselors were successful in reuniting the inmates with their families in many cases. Follow up calls were made regularly to find out their well being and online counseling is done on regular basis to help them to cope. Inmates who were without families were trained and helped to get employment as well. Counselors' are in regular touch with them.

A brief details about the admissions and activities conducted

Physical Progress Report 20-21

1. Name of State: Karnataka
2. Number of Swadhar Greh Functioning:2016
3. Number of Swadhar Greh Inspected during current year:2020-21
4. Month wise details of inmates of Swadhar Greh: April 2020 to March 2021

Month	Previous Month			New Admission			Discharged			On Last Day		
	W	C	T	W	C	T	W	C	T	W	C	T
April-2020	11	5	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	16
May-2020	11	5	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	16
June-2020	11	5	16	0	0	0	4	1	5	7	4	11
July-2020	7	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	11
August-2020	7	4	11	0	0	0	1	2	3	6	2	8
September 2020	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
October 2020	6	2	8	2	3	5	4	2	6	4	3	7
November 2020	4	3	7	3	5	8	3	5	8	4	3	7
December 2020	4	3	7	2	3	5	2	3	5	4	3	7
January 2021	4	3	7	2	0	2	2	3	5	4	0	4
Feburay2021	4	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	3
March 2021	3	0	3	3	1	4	3	1	4	3	0	3

Strength

Women supported – 23

Children accompanying women – 17

Resolution

Reconciled with husbands/in-laws – 4

Restored to parents relatives – 3

Employment provided – 4

Went on their own – 15

Others - 8

Awareness Program

Awareness program was conducted by counselor Ms. Vidya about Anti dowry. Inmates were given information about the law and how to avoid getting into unpleasant situation and how to cope with them.

Awareness program on “simple marriage” was conducted.

Information about career options and training availability was provided.



Festival celebrated

Dussehra

Vara Mahalakshmi

Shankaranthi

Deepavali

Christmas

Women's day on March 8th.



Ambedkar Jayanathi on 14th April



Activities



Inspection

Department of Women and Child welfare conducted inspection of Swadhar Greh on

27th July 2020,

18th sep 2020

19th Nov 2020

16th January

Santhwana – Counselling facility for women

The scheme was sanctioned by Government of Karnataka under Women and child development department, during the year 2000-01 with an objective to assist women who are victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual abuse and dowry harassment.

It aims at providing legal assistance, temporary shelter, financial relief and training to enable them to be self-reliant and also to achieve social and economic empowerment.

We have Santwana help line managed by highly qualified and trained counselors in operation round the clock to provide guidance, counseling and assistance to women in distress.

Women counseled over phone – 123

Women counseled in person – 42

Total women counseled – 214

Family counseling – 66

Guidance provided – 150

Accommodated in Short Stay home – 15

Month	Contacted through Phone	Family counseling	Shelter provided	Visit to the center
April	31	15	NIL	2
May	8	3	NIL	3
June	8	4	3	2
July	5	3	NIL	1
Aug	4	1	NIL	1
Sep	14	4	NIL	NIL
Oct	12	6	NIL	1
Nov	14	8	NIL	4
Dec	7	5	4	6
Jan	5	4	5	2
Feb	5	4	1	4
Mar	10	9	2	1
Total	123	66	15	27

Inspection

Inspection of Santwana Kendra was conducted on 24th Feb 2021



Legal Awareness program

Anand Dham-Old Age home for women



BGMS provides old age home facility Anand Dham to help women senior citizens live with dignity.

Facilities available

60 beds

2 sick room

5 bath rooms

5 toilets

8 toilet / bath rooms

Kitchen

Dining hall /Common area

Prayer room

24 hrs Hot water

Strength

30 women inmates are housed in the facility

Activities being conducted

News paper / books

Bhajan time both morning and evening

Yoga and exercise

Able inmates are helping in the Kitchen, gardening and other daily activities

Medcial facilities

BP / Sugar check up in house

Covid test conducted for all inmates

Inmates were taken to nearby medical center and vaccinated for COVID on March 23 2021



Lunch Time



Fun time with children



Covid Test

Thank you for making a difference

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Our heartfelt thanks to all our donors. Thank you for helping. May god bless you abundantly