



Annual Progress Report 2015-16

Date	Activity
07-04-2015	MDS celebrated the 'World Health Day-2015' on 7 th April, 2015 as this day is celebrated every year as the global health awareness day, sponsored by World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO too organizes regional and local events on the day and some events continue even beyond 7 th April. Treating it a mission, this April 2015 month is celebrated as the "World Health" theme showing generosity towards this noble cause to help improve the quality of health of the disadvantaged people.
11-04-2015	MDS undertook various activities on 11 th April 2015 to disseminate central government concrete steps taken for assessing farmers affected by crop losses which include: liberalisation of norms for input subsidies to farmers ; accepting 33% crop loss assistance criteria instead of 55% loss or more; also including those farmers whose crops were damaged during February and March 2015; providing increased by 50% assistance for agricultural crops, horticultural crops, annual plantation crops, perennial crops & sericulture, monetary assistance to change every year on basis of inflation rates, banks to restructure crop loans and speedy settlement of farmers' claims by insurance companies, etc. Rural farmers were felt very happy to know many new things and government decisions about their favour.
13-04-2015	MDS on 13 th April 2015 acted as Knowledge Partner in, 'Haryana User Meet-Geospatial Technology, 2015-a platform and Language Independent Endeavour', held at Apparel House, Gurgaon. Patron, MDS also chaired three technical sessions and other volunteers including MDS Office Secretary, participated in three-day full time activities of the event.
14-04-2015	MDS organised various activities to celebrate 124 th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratan, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 14-4-2015 and reiterated that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (1891-1956 C.E.) was popularly known as Babasaheb or Dr Ambedkar was a multifaceted personality. He was an Indian lawyer, politician and academic personality. As independent India's first law minister, he was the principal architect of the Constitution of India. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was born on April 14 th 1891 into a poor Mahar family, a lower caste community. He converted himself into Buddhism and inspired many other lower caste people to turn into Buddhism, realising the inequalities and untouchability prevailed in the Hindu community. He brought reservation law in India for the lower-class communities & died in his sleep on December 6 th 1956 at his home in Delhi.
14-04-2015	On the request of Jiji Press (Japan), a leading Japanese news agency who made special request to MDS through telephonic & email requests by mobile no.9818524709 and email <divyakanth@gmail.com>, MDS extended all possible help to them in field for doing a story on "bride trafficking" in India. Accordingly, Ms. Divya Kanth and her Bureau Chief Mr. Ryota Dei interacted with ladies in Mewati villages including village Bhango and Chharora and interacted with some other brides/ ladies who were recently settled in Mewat.
16-04-2015	Patron, MDS acted as an expert member on 16 th April 2015 for conducting Review of 9 (nine) Haryana Space Application Centre (HARSAC) Scientists and Administrative Staff for promotion to next grade at Directorate, S&T Govt. of Haryana, Panchkula.
16-04-2015	MDS Office Secretary on 16 th April 2015 applied in prescribed form to formally act as the Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE) by having Common Service Center (CSC) in Taoru block (Mewat).
24-04-2015	MDS undertook many activities in villages of Haryana during 'National Panchayati Raj Day-2015' on 24 th April 2015. Main focus of these activities remains on dissemination of concept of participation in the decision making process of every voter in their respective village governance through Gram Sabha (GS) and Gram Panchayat (GP) and raising most relevant and priority issues of their villages like school education, health, hygiene & cleanliness, child development, women empowerment, rural development and good governance. The website of Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India viz. www.panchayat.gov.in was also propagated. At the same time saying of Mahatma Gandhi that, 'if we would see our dream of Panchayati Raj , i.e. true democracy realized, we would regard the humblest and lowest Indian as being equally the ruler of India with the tallest in the land' was found much favour.
24-04-2015	MDS Office Secretary was called for interview on 24-4-2015 in Mini Secretariat, Nuh (Mewat) w.r.t. his application dated 16-4-2015 for Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE) to have Common Service Center (CSC) in Taoru block (Mewat) & he was appeared before the interview



	committee accordingly.
27-04-2015	<p>MDS on receipt of first communication from Mr Jitendra for field help in Mewat, who said that he got its Patron's mobile no from one of his old friend Dr Jagveer Rawat, and after contacting the Patron, MDS who immediately gave him email, i.e. (mds4india@gmail.com), an email to contact a 27-year-old NGO fully able to co-ordinate the field activities and also able to provide logistics help, if required for the Mewat visit through its Office Secretary, Mr. Mohd Shahid who is full time and located at block Headquarter Taoru (Mewat), the Branch Office of MDS.</p> <p>He was also told that the MDS Office Secretary was found quite competent wherein he recently extended help on the request of JJI Press (Japan), a leading Japanese news agency who made special request to MDS to help them in doing a story on "bride trafficking" in Mewat. Patron, MDS also suggested him to send a copy of email to him on his email address<drsubhankhan@gmail.com> for any follow up & assistance if needed in other parts of Mewat region. However, they could not made out due to their personal logistic problems which they informed MDS on phone later, however, MDS assured that, if they require any sort of help in future from Mewat Development Society (MDS), they can browse its website (www.mdsindia.org.in) or send an email on the above given email addresses for any requirement. As per communication received by Patron, MDS on dt. 27-04-2015 from Sorit Gupto< sorit@cseindia.org> had to go to Mewat for the story on the agrarian crisis in the region due to unseasonal rains. Since as per his communication, he didn't know anyone over there, he asked MDS through his colleague Jitendra to help him in this regard. Later he comes to know that he talked to MDS but by that time contact were established he already left for Mewat. Meanwhile Jitendra was also travelling for his story and due to some communication and network issues he was not able to send him MDS phone number and other detailing. On this Mr. Sorit Gupto sent his sincere apologies to MDS as per him, it was fault from his end and hoped that MDS will provide him help and proper guidance on agrarian issues in the future which was agreed upon. MDS also communicated that, it is good that he could independently did his story on agrarian issues in Mewat which was really something commendable and highly relevant and therefore requested him for a copy of report once it is published and also said no issue of any kind of apologies as the writer communicated to MDS vide email.</p>
01-05-2015	<p>MDS organised various activities on 'International Labour Day-2015' in Mewat on 1st May 2015. The International Workers' Day is also known as 'Labour Day' and, is a celebration of labourers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement, anarchist, socialists, and communists and occurs every year on the specific day, i.e. May, 1st. every year which also coincides with the Celtic spring festival. Since, the date was chosen for International Workers' Day by the Second International to commemorate the Haymarket affair, which occurred in Chicago on 4th May 1886 and this 'Day' has its origins in the labour union movement, specifically the rules made by eight- hour day movement, which advocated 'eight hours for work', 'eight hours for recreation', and 'eight hours for rest'. When MDS disseminated this historical origin an evolved system among workers, they found it very interesting and useful.</p>
04-05-2015	<p>MDS participated in 'International Buddha Purnima Diwas Celerations-2015' held on 04-05-2015 in Delhi.</p>
08-05-2015	<p>MDS participated on 8th May 2015 in celebrations of, 'World Red Cross Day-2015', as 50th Anniversary of adoption of its seven fundamental principles with the theme, 'Power of Humanity'. These main principles taught were (i) Humanity, (ii) Impartiality, (iii) Neutrality, (iv) Independence, (v) Voluntary Service, (vi) Unity and (vii) Universality. These have been contributing immensely in ensuring that Red Cross help reaches all, without prejudice to anyone. MDS told to people that it is a day, when everyone gets motivated by efforts made by millions of Red Cross members across the globe, which culminate and make it such a massive humane movement. They were further motivated that it's time to contribute more for humanity and our nation. People were motivated /requested to join hands with the Red Cross Societies and become members and volunteers of these societies and donate whole heartedly. The website <http://www.indianredcross.org/> was also propagated.</p>
12-05-2015	<p>MDS celebrated 'International Nurses Day-2015' on 12th May 2015, for giving knowledge about (Nurses)-Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife (RNRM), Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM), Lady Health Visitor (LHV) as well as propagating the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's website<www.mohfw.nic.in>.</p>
17-05-2015	<p>MDS has submitted an 'Application to NCPUL for seeking financial support under its 'Scheme for Establishment of 'Urdu Study Centre' on 17th May 2015 to run One Year Diploma Course in Urdu Language' in Distance Mode, in Taoru block of the Muslim minority backward region,</p>



	Mewat (Haryana).
20-05-2015	Four persons from MDS undergone training at Fabindia Office, C-40, Okhla-II, New Delhi about survey questionnaire designed by Ms. Aarushi Sinha, an Independent Consultant for Fabindia, Social Impact Assessment Study & She signed a formal agreement with MDS, so that MDS extend help & participate in 'Craftsperson Survey-Fabindia Social Impact Assessment Study' and 'Vendors Survey- Fabindia Social Impact Assessment Study' and after seeing the seriousness of research workers of MDS Fabindia requested MDS for data entry of questionnaire used for conducting /implementing the 'Craftsperson's Survey-' and 'Vendors Survey'- on 20 th May 2015. Later, Fabindia work of this study /data tabulation and first stage analyses was also awarded, which was then satisfactorily done.
22-05-2015	Approval of selection of MDS, Office Secretary, as VLE for CSC, i.e. Operator- Cum- Manager of the Common Service Center (CSC) in Taoru block (Mewat); against application dt. 16-4-2015 and interview dt. 24-4-2015, was received on 22 nd May 2015 about selection & for establishing & running Chharora Cluster (including villages Bhajlaka & Silkho) centre at Chharora vide mail from Mr. Mohd Aarif, e-Govt. District Project Manager (DPM), CSC Project-Mewat, Haryana, DITS Office, 2 nd Floor, Mini Secretariat, Nuh (Mewat), who asked to start the system setup at Chharora CSC center without delay. He further said 'Your CSC login Ids will be providing to you soon but only those VLEs who will be done the system setup at CSC center as per instruction by MD Hartron & DC Mewat. In addition, he emphasised to establish the CSC at nearby PHC (Primary Health center) or identified building for Gramschiwaliya (Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra) at Chharora Panchayat. A design or format for CSC Board was also sent along with the instruction that 'does not change anything in this broad' and arrange it as soon as possible.
23-05-2015	MDS received a mail on 23 rd May 2015 from the e-Govt. District Project Manager (DPM), CSC Project-Mewat, Haryana, DITS Office, Nuh (Mewat), stating that 'Your CSC login id and password has been sent to you through bulk SMS. With this mail two important attachments helpful for registration process and to register profile with CSC ASAP and Process of Registration with CSC were explained and used successfully. Also on the same day Sms received about user id as HR03 700108 and password as KA0cvG on Mohd Shahid Office Secretary, MDS mobile who responded immediately to the e-Govt. District Project Manager, Mewat mail dated 23-5-2015 that it was thankfully received and we are trying to follow the instructions sent for registration as described in DPM's mail and will approach DPM for seeking the solutions for any difficulty if faced during completing it. Regarding Chharora VLE, it is communicated that 'your Portal Service Password has been created successfully; your new Service Password is MDSINDIA, please use this Service Password for accessing the Apna CSC portal. Registration details/information needed: WEBSITE LOG IN: www.csclive.in; CSC LOG IN ID CHHARORA: HR032700108; PASSWORD CHHARORA: CSC: KA0cvG; CSC Information are as follows: State- Haryana; SCA- Haryana State Electronics Development Cropn. Ltd; Bidding Zone- Gurgaon Division; District- MEWAT; Block- TAORU; Location- CSC Center -CHHARORA; VLE Name- MOHAID SHAHID; Email Id- shadbajhot@gmail.com; Registration Status- Registered (Part); CSC PC Id- HR03270010801; Ver.- 1.0.7; Status- Registered (23/05/2015 21:57:40; Service Password=MDSINDIA; Wallet Password=212212'.
23-05-2015	MDS, Office Secretary, on 23 rd May 2015 while thanking for his selection as a VLE for establishing CSC center at Chharora cluster-Chharora, Bhajlaka & Silkho villages-communicated vide email dated 22 nd May 2015 of DPM, that we are exploring the possibilities in consultation with Gram Panchayat, Chharora for establishing the proposed CSC center at PHC (Primary Health Center) or Gramschiwaliya (Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra) at Panchayat level as mentioned in their email dated 22 nd May 2015 and we are also getting prepared the 'CSC Board in the language and exact sample received as in DPM email for the Chharora cluster center. It was also assured that we shall keep them informed about the progress of establishing the Chharora Cluster CSC Center in Taoru block of Mewat district and will definitely seek clarification for the unanticipated problems, if faced any in establishing and running the CSC center as expected in your mail.
26-05-2015	MDS has undertook dissemination of programme of the Union government that was completing one year on 26 th May 2015, particularly its flagship programmes including 'Atal Pension Yojana'; 'Digital India'; 'Make in India'; 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana'; 'Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana'; 'Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana'; 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana' and 'Swachh Bharat Mission', etc.
30-05-2015	MDS volunteers, on the eve of 'World No Tobacco Day-2015', have carried out various



	dissemination activities in villages namely, Bhajlaka, Chilawali, Maseet, (Thana Alam). Mr Mohd Quasim Mewai, a senior volunteer of MDS also shared his personal experiences of his bad habits of Chewing tobacco and effects as reported by 'Today Reporter' Taoru on 31 st May 2015. Also, on this occasion Delhi MDS volunteers have participated in the AIIMS Public Lecture & Panel Discussion on 'Quit Tobacco, Chose Health' organised on 'World No Tobacco Day' held at Jawaharlal Auditorium, AIIMS, New Delhi on 30 th May 2015.
05-06-2015	MDS conducted 'Awareness Meetings for Environment Protection' on 5 th June 2015, on the 'World Environment Day-2015', at Chharora and Buraka Taoru villages wherein Patron, MDS in his special Lectures said the illegitimate and unplanned cutting of trees and unscrupulous mining in Aravalli's are main causes of environmental degradation, water scarcity and air pollution in the area and nearby villages. He said, to protect the environment, creation of awareness among local people in these villages in particular and the area in general is a must. The blind modernisation process races are not taking environment issues seriously. The increased vehicles and reduced number of trees are leading to continual environmental degradation. Before two decades, the Aravalli's of Mewat were lush green, but today due to mindless tree cutting and mining these Aravalli's looks barren. Trees are also cut to broaden the roads & construct buildings, however, heavy reduction in number of trees is leading to decreased availability of Oxygen to people to breathe. A few inputs of his Speech are reported by 'Gurgaon Today' newspaper dated 6 th June 2015. Also, MDS, to mark World Environment Day- 2015, on 5 th June 2015 told success stories about innovations, use and applications of Information and Communications Technology for Development (ICTD) that help to promote environmental conservation to rural common people. Also, all forms of ICT like mobile, radio, internet, digital content, blogs, robotics, multimedia, etc., and their role and relevance to development and environmental conservation were disseminated on this occasion.
08-06-2015	The application submitted by MDS on 17 th May 2015 to NCPUL for seeking financial support under its 'Scheme for Establishment of 'Urdu Study Centre' to run One Year Diploma Course in Urdu Language' in Distance Mode, in Taoru block of the Muslim minority backward region Mewat (Haryana) was re-submitted on 8 th June 2016 to NCPUL as directed vide its letter no. F-15 4/UD/2014-15 dated 26-5-2015, & to comply the decision dated 11-12-2013 of the 'Committee on Distance Learning (Urdu)', without any major changes, except change of dates for seeking financial support from NCPUL for kind consideration for financial support to run the above stated one year diploma course in distance mode in Taoru block of the Muslim minority backward region Mewat (Haryana). However, no response was received from NCPUL. A reminder was also sent in follow up, but in vain.
10-06-2015	MDS volunteers attended a Lecture on, ' <i>Mah-e-Ramadan aur Uskey Taqaze</i> ' delivered by Maulana M. Rafeeq Qasmi, Secretary, Jamaate-e-Islami-Hind on 10 th June 2015 at India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC), New Delhi.
21-06-2015	MDS volunteers realising that 'Yoga is a state of total well-being where the mind is free of all worries has participated in the events of 'International Day of Yoga' on 21 st June 2015.
29-06-2015	Patron, MDS participated on 29 th June 2015 as an expert in the Brain Storming Session to develop a 'Post Graduate Course in International Rural Development through Distance Mode', organised by School of continuing Education, (SOEC), IGNOU, New Delhi at its campus.
01-07-2015	MDS Office Secretary, on 01 st July 2015 was invited being duly selected VLE, Chharora Cluster in inauguration of 'Digital India Week (1 st July-7 th July, 2015) Programme' by PM of India in Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, organised by Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India and accordingly participated in 'the launch ceremony of Digital India Week by Prime Minister, wherein top CEOs from India and abroad committed to invest Rs 4.5 lakh crore towards this initiative. As per the CEOs, the investments would be utilized towards making smart phones and internet devices at an affordable price in India which would help generate jobs in India as well as reduce the cost of importing them from abroad. Major nine Key points of Digital India Programme discussed were: (i) Broadband Highways, (ii) Universal Access to Phones, (iii) Public Internet Access Programme, (iv) e-Governance – Reforming Government through Technology, (v) e-Kranti–Electronic delivery of Services, (vi) Information for All, (vii) Electronics Manufacturing – Target NET ZERO Imports, (viii) IT for Jobs, and (ix) Early Harvest Programmes. The Reliance Industries Chairman, Mr Mukesh Ambani said 'his company would invest Rs 2.5 lakh crore across different Digital India heads', which have the potential to create employment for over five lakh people and he also announced setting up of the 'Jio Digital India Start Up Fund' to encourage young entrepreneurs who are setting up businesses focused around the Digital India initiative. Early Harvest Programme basically



	<p>consists of those projects which are to be implemented within short timeline. These are, IT Platform for Messages: A mass messaging application developed by DeitY that will cover elected representatives and all Government employees and over 1.36 crore mobiles and 22 lakh emails are part of the database. According to this plan the Data Collection and Data Cleansing are ongoing processes. Government Greetings to be e-Greetings: A basket of e-Greeting templates have been made available and crowd sourcing of e-Greetings through the MyGov platform has been ensured. Crowd sourcing has also been used to create designs for Independence Day, Teachers' Day and Gandhi Jayanti greetings and E-Greetings portal would be made live on 14th August 2014. Biometric attendance that cover all Central Government offices in Delhi to begin with and over 40,000 Government employees from 150 organisations have already registered on the common Bio- metric attendance portal at <http://attendance.gov.in> (link is external). In this programme, over 1,000 bio-metric attendance terminals are under installation at entry gates of various Central Government buildings which will be connected with Wi-Fi Access points and mobile connectivity. To facilitate, Government employees, they will be able to mark their attendance from any of the central Government offices in Delhi. Wi-Fi in All Universities on the National Knowledge Network (NKN) would be covered under this scheme. Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is the nodal ministry for implementing this scheme. Secure Email within Government would be the primary mode of communication within government and the government e-mail infrastructure would be suitably enhanced and upgraded. Up gradation of the infrastructure under Phase-I for 10 lakh employees has already been completed. Under Phase-II, infrastructure would be further upgraded to cover 50 lakh employees at a cost of Rs.98 Cr. and DeitY is the nodal department for this scheme. MDS is one of the actively involved NGO in this work.</p>
<p>01-07-2015</p>	<p>At MDS Headquarter, as major activities carried out during 'Digital India Week-1st July, 2015 to 7th July, 2015' by CSC Chharora include registration through <http://apna.csc.gov.in/>. A mechanism was developed wherein for Log-in to VLE Login option was made, where after Username, Password and Service Password could be registered with CSC-SPV. On entering the dashboard one may click on VLE Services option and on Clicking VLE Services option appears, thereafter clicking on "Digital India Week-VLE activity Monitoring Tool" appeared. In this way, also, appeared A form, in which the details may be entered and corrected then it asked and clicked on submit option. It was noted that in VLE image, the size of the photograph uploaded was between 20-30 KB and in Center Image, the size of the photograph was between 100-200 KB. Then the entrance/front part of the CSC center with banner was clicked and after submitting the page a pop up appeared sharing Username and Password. This Username was also our OMT ID and Password was the registered Phone number. On entering the page home page appeared and by Clicking on Activity Plan option and On clicking below another page appeared, indicating Weekly Activity for the VLE Chharora i.e. activities which had to be performed between from 1st July, 2015 to 7th July, 2015 by Chharora VLE . In the similar manner Chharora VLE had filled the details of activities conducted during each Day & VLE also looked at the summery of each day and edited the activities wherever required. Besides, Digital India Week activities includes creating awareness about 'Digital India' as an initiative of Government of India to integrate the government departments and the people of India and with having aims at ensuring that the government services are made available to citizens electronically by reducing paperwork. This initiative also includes plan to connect rural areas with high-speed internet networks. Digital India has three core components, viz. (i) the creation of digital infrastructure, (ii) Delivering services digitally and (iii) Digital literacy. It was also informed that as per current estimates the project is slated for completion by 2019. A two-way platform will be created where both the service providers and the consumers stand to benefit. The scheme will be monitored and controlled by the Digital India Advisory group which will be chaired by the Ministry of Communications and IT. It will be an inter-ministerial initiative where all ministries and departments shall offer their own services like to the public Healthcare, Education, and Judicial Services etc. The Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model shall be adopted selectively. In addition, there are plans to restructure the National Informatics Centre. This project is one among the top priority projects of the Govt. Benefits of Digital India were also told as the Government of India has initiated a giant leap forward to transform the country into a digitally empowered knowledge economy. It will help in leveraging India's globally acclaimed IT competence for the benefit of 120 Crore Indians. It is expected that it will help in reducing corruption, getting things done quickly and will help in reducing paper work. To make a mention of some of the facilities which would be available through this initiative includes Digital Locker, e-education, e-health, Digital Signature and national scholarship portal. There</p>



	were various Challenges too before Digital India like the Government of India entity Bharat Broadband Network Limited which executes the National Optical Fibre Network project will be the custodian of Digital India (DI) project. BBNL had ordered United Telecoms Limited to connect 250,000 villages through GPON to ensure FTTH based broadband. This will provide the first basic setup to achieve towards Digital India and is expected to be completed by 2017. The Digital India initiative must be read along with the Draft Internet of Things (IoT) Policy of India. However, the problems, the challenges and the deficiencies in the Indian legal structure remain the same. As far as the Status of Digital India is concerned, Digital India is in the progress mode. As per govt sources, the Apex Committee is going to analyse its progress very soon and the Media reports have also hinted at development of policies for Digital India very soon.
11-07-2015	MDS office bearers participated in celebrations of 'World Population Day-2015' on 11 th July 2015 as an annual event which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues. Awareness was made among the people that this event was established by the Governing Council of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 1989 and was inspired by the public interest in five billion day on 11 th July 1987, approximately the date on which the world's population reached five billion people.
14-07-2015	MDS volunteers participated in the 'Workshop on Sensitization of Human Rights and Good Governance at Grass Root Level' organised by, 'Haryana Human Rights Commission's at Municipal Corporation Auditorium, NIT, Faridabad on 14 th July 2015, wherein Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment was the Chief Guest & presided by the 66 th Chairperson, 'Haryana Human Rights Commission'. Also on the same day at 12 Noon, some MDS volunteers took part in Vanmahotasavaharyana' being inaugurated at Anaaj Mandi, Chhecherauli, Distt. Yamuna Nagar', wherein the Chief Minister, Haryana was the Chief Guest.
15-07-2015	MDS volunteers participated in, 'World Youth Skills Day-Curtain Raiser-2015' programme, celebrated by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), on 15 th July 2015 wherein awareness is created about government of India's efforts for skill development including announcement of the Development of 'Skill Development and Entrepreneurship' on 31 st July 2014; formation of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 10 th November 2014 and using National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) and Sector Skill Councils etc. in more vigorous way.
15-07-2015	MDS participated in the 'National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) 2015 -16' on the theme- 'Urja Kiran', on 15 th July 2015, sponsored through RRAs by the Union Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change .
22-07-2015	MDS volunteers participated in an invited function titled, 'Eid Millen Dinner and Photo Exhibition of Two Grand Mosques (Makkah & Madinah)' at India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC), New Delhi on 22 nd July, 2015.
23-07-2015	MDS volunteers participated in Programme , titled, Smart Consumer Series Talk on 'Right to Information –A strong weapon to empower you', organised by Consumers India at Gulmohar Hall, Habitat Centre New Delhi , on 23 rd July 2015. Distinguished panellists include Shri Wajahat Habibullah, Former Chairman, National Commission for Minorities (First Chief Information Commissioner of India) & Patron, Consumers India; Shri Subhash Chandra Agrawal, Reputed RTI Activist and Dr Jayashree Gupta, President, Consumers India.
28-07-2015	MDS volunteers participated in, 'World Hepatitis Day-2015' on 28 th July 2015' a slogan was popularised as 'Hepatitis B-Dareng Nahin, Jeetenge'. In public, this Slogan was raised by MDS volunteers to create awareness and commitment. They were also encouraged to vaccinate their newly born, which is freely available at all government facilities. The method of vaccination was also told as: first dose within 24 hours of childbirth and three more in the first year and be victorious over Hepatitis B. Their nearest ASHA or ANM may also be contacted for the purpose and more information may be obtained from govt. websites, viz. <www.mohfw.nic.in>.
29-07-2015	MDS volunteers participated in Celebration of NDTV & Aircel organised, 'World Tiger Day-2015' held on 29 th July 2015 at Royal Ballroom, The Imperial, Jan path Lane, Connaught Place, New Delhi.
01-08-2015	MDS volunteers participated on 1 st August 2015 in paving the way for elimination of Malaria by making people aware that the basic symptoms of Malaria are fever; chills; headache; body ache and nausea and vomiting. It was told to them that if anyone have these symptoms then such person should immediately contact health worker or visit the nearest health facility/center (ii) get his/her blood tested with RDT or Microscopy and if found positive for Malaria, take complete treatment with specific drugs as per medical/doctor's advice. It was observed that



	specifically pregnant ladies and children are at higher risk for Malaria. They were also told that diagnosis and treatment for Malaria is free of cost at all government facilities; hence common people should also join the fight against Malaria. People were specifically made aware about preventions including (i) Malaria mosquito breeds in clean still, standing water bodies, hence do not allow stagnation of water around their houses, (ii) properly cover all water storage containers, (iii) release mosquito larvae eating Bambusia fish into wells, ponds and large pools of water. People were also made aware that in high Malaria endemic rural areas, get their houses sprayed with insecticide on time; (ii) to prevent mosquito bite, use bed nets & mosquito repellents, (iii) full course of treatment for Malaria be taken, don't ever leave in mid-course. For more information on the subject important related website of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India were propagated as, < www.nvbdc.gov.in >.
01-08-2015	MDS volunteers participated in, 'World Breastfeeding Week (1 st -7 th August 2015)' launched under the National Health Mission. Women were told that they should know that (i) initiating Breastfeeding within one hour of birth and feeding the first yellowish thick milk products their child from illness and diseases, (ii) exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months prevents diarrhoea and pneumonia, (iii) Breastfeeding prevents under nutrition as well as obesity in their child and (iv) Breastfeeding improves child's Intelligence Quotient (IQ). Special information/tips were provided to working mothers as (i) Breastfeed often whenever you are with your child, (ii) if away, can still give her child mother's milk by expressing her breast milk, (iii) expressed breast milk can be kept at room temperature for six hours in cool place and 24 hours in a refrigerator, no need of boiling, (iv) continue Breastfeeding as long as possible, (vi) explore possibility of taking the child to work place (crèche) and (vii) contact nearest health facility for support and guidance. All women participants were made aware about the ministry's websites < www.mohfw.nic.in/NRHM > and another website < www.nrhm.gov.in > for more information on the subject
22-08-2015	MDS office bearers & volunteers participated in the national conference on, 'Constitutional Mandate to Preserve Unity in Diversity & Caste Census Data-2011', organised by AMODE - Adivasi, Minority, OBC, Dalit & Economically Weaker of India held on 22 nd August 2015 at Speaker Hall, Constitutional Club, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
25-08-2015	MDS volunteers participated in 'Geospatial Technologies for World Class Infrastructure Construction and Management Seminar', jointly organised by Trimble and Geospatial Media and Communications Pvt. Ltd. at ITC Maurya, New Delhi on 25 th August 2015.
26-08-2015	MDS volunteers participated on 26 th August 2015 in Delhi State Branch of Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), 'Foundation Day of Youth Hostelling Movement' celebrations organised at International Youth Hostel, 5, Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
26-08-2015	MDS volunteers participated in Monthly Knowledge Sharing and Networking Meeting of Global Compact Networking India (GCNI) on 'Industry and Academia Partnership in Developing Inclusive Approach in Skilling Young India' at University Placement Cell, Committee Room-1, First Floor, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi on 26 th August 2015.
02-09-2015	MDS office bearers and volunteers participated in 'Celebrations of Cultural Evening-cum-Film Show on Mr Soekarno, First President of the Republic of Indonesia & the National Day of Indonesia (which factually falls on 17 th August), on 2 nd September 2015 organised jointly by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia & India Indonesia Friendship Society in association with India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC), at IICC, New Delhi.
06-09-2015	MDS office bearers participated in 'Teacher's Day Function-2015' celebrations organised by Al-Hira Public School, Dasna, Ghaziabad (UP) on 6 th September, 2015 at its campus and Patron, MDS acted as Guest of honour during the occasion. Also, MDS office bearers and MDS volunteers organised Quran Khani at its head quarter, village Chharora, on 40th Day of Death Anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalan, former President of India on 6 th September 2015.
06-09-2015	Patron, MDS, acted on 6 th September 2015 as Guest of Honour on 'Teachers Day-2015' at Al-Ansar Foundation Trust, Dhanbad. Also, signed an MOU between MDS and Al-Ansar Trust, Dhanbad to smoothly operate proposed Maithan University project mainly from Delhi being its Founder Chancellor.
07-09-2015	MDS office bearers and volunteers participated in a programme titled, 'Interactive Discussions on the topic titled, 'Conversations on Urbanisation', to engage in identifying the challenges that confront in the process of rapid urbanisation and to find sustainable solutions, jointly organised by ICRIER and India Habitat Centre (IHC). Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson, ICRIER,



	led the Tenth Conversation on ‘Restoring Municipal Finances on Monday, September 7 th , 2015 at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), New Delhi.
08-09-2015	MDS office bearers and volunteers celebrated the ‘International Literacy Day-2015’ on 8 th September 2015 and freely distributed literature of National Literacy Mission Authority, Ministry of Human Resource Development, GOI and propagated its websites, viz. < www.mhrd.gov.in >
10-09-2015	MDS office bearers and volunteers participated in ‘Climate Change Conclave India: Developing a Greener Tomorrow’ on 10 th September, 2015 at La Meriden Hotel, New Delhi
13-09-2015	Office bearers of MDS participated in the ‘Third meeting of CRUSADE Forum on 13 th September 2015 at ‘Hanny Motors’, Old Delhi Road, opposite Bikaner Sweets, Gurgaon (Haryana).
25-09-2015	Patron, MDS inaugurated on the 25 th September 2015 the Mobile Planetarium set up on the eve of ‘World Ozone Day-2015’, distributed Scientific Literature including of Indira Gandhi Planetarium, Lucknow and delivered a Key Note Address at Jahangirabad Institute of Technology (JIT), JETGI Campus, Dewa Road, Jahangirabad Fort, Jahangirabad, Barabanki, UP.
26-09-2015	MDS volunteers participated in the ‘73 rd Foundation Day of CSIR’ ceremonies on 26 th September 2015.
28-09-2015	MDS office bearers and volunteer’s celebrated ‘Word Rabies Day-2015’ by creating awareness among rural general masses on 28 th September 2015 that they must have sufficient knowledge. About a rabid dog biting that is responsible for more than 95% rabies cases. This disease can also be transmitted by bite of rabid cat, monkey, mongoose, jackal and similar animals. It kills an estimated 20,000 in the country every year; however safe & effective treatment is available in India and facilities for animal bite management are available in various government hospital anti-rabies treatment centres. People were made aware that rabies is practically 100% preventable by timely and appropriate treatment. A few major tips were also told to them including wash wound with soap and running water immediately; apply available disinfectant such as iodine or spirit or alcohol or household antiseptic; contact the nearest doctor for timely & appropriate treatment. The educated youth were told about the ‘National Rabies Control Programme’ running under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI. They may contact the department and their website for details.
28-09-2015	MDS volunteers participated on 28 th September 2015 in 11 th Formation Day of ‘National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)’ ceremonies. People were made aware about NDMA that envisioning a safer and disaster resilient India. Youth were made aware about the specific website, i.e. < www.ndma.gov.in > on which more update can be seen anytime.
29-09-2015	MDS representatives participated in ‘an assembly of premier NGOs’s, Foundations & socially responsible organisations’, held during, 29 th -30 th September 2015 at Epicentre, Gurgaon Exhibition & Convention Centre, Gurgaon, Delhi NCR on dated 29 th & 30 th September 2015.
30-09-2015	MDS office bearers participated in celebrations of ‘International Week of the Deaf-2015’ on 30 th September 2015 as a mile stone of inclusiveness and empowerment. Awareness were created about Government initiative of establishment of ‘Indian Sign Language Research & Training Centre’ which have to pay decisive role in helping & empowering 5 million strong deaf community of India; emphasise development of academics, sign language interpreters, research & development of new technology; its executive council consisting of experts from National level organisations of the Deaf Universities/Academic institutions and independent experts in Indian Sign Languages and to provide equal opportunities to hearing impaired persons in all spheres of life. People were made aware about nodal agency, i.e. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI. It websites were also popularised, viz. < www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in >; and < justice.nic.in >.
01-10-2015	MDS office bearers participated in celebrations of ‘International Day of Older Persons/Senior Citizens-2015’ on 1 st October 2015. It was reminded that care of the elderly people is a part of our culture; hence let us care for elders. Also, awareness camps were organised in few villages of Sohna block of Gurgaon district in Haryana to disseminate the importance about honouring elders. People were told about other programmes of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI including pauperisation of its website, i.e. < www.socialjustice.nic.in >. Some Do’s like do some form of physical activity every day such as yoga and regular walks ‘elder friendly house environment such as proper lighting etc., ‘be alert and active; take part in social activities; observe recreation and entertainment; healthy balance diet; have a good sleep & observe hygienic practise; use assistive



	<p>devices like walking stick, walkers etc., ‘pay attention to body parts and foot ; appropriate immunisation/vaccination; have regular medical check-ups and take medicine only as prescribed by doctor were told. Similarly, Do Not’s like do not ignore mild pains and take timely medical help; physical inactivity; self-medicine; unhealthy diet; alcohol abuse tobacco use & smoking; excessive use of tea & coffee; and exposure to environment hazards etc. were discussed and told to the masses for their welfare in the rural camps organised for the purpose. It was also stressed that elderly people need love and affection of family and friends and regards from their children, therefore people should spend quality time with the elderly people in their home and neighbours. People were also made aware about services that are available at designated centres in their places including regional geriatric centres district hospitals; community health centres; primary health centres and sub centres. Free literature about National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE), was made available from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI and its website was popularised.</p>
02-10-2015	<p>MDS office bearers participated in celebrations of ‘Mahatma Gandhi’s 146th Birth Anniversary and International Day of Non-violence’ on 2nd October 2015 and organised awareness camps in a few villages of Taoru block of Mewat district in Haryana for it.</p>
02-10-2015	<p>MDS office bearers participated in celebrations of ‘Women Convention Challenges before Indian Women in Contemporary India’, organised in Conference Room, 2nd Floor, N.D. Tiwari Bhawan, Near Gandhi Peace Foundation, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, Near ITO, New Delhi on 2nd & 3rd October, 2015.</p>
03-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers organised awareness camps in the month of October in Mewat to make people aware about protection against seven deadly diseases, namely (i) Diphtheria; (ii) Whooping Cough; (iii) Tetanus; (iv) Polio; (v) Tuberculosis; (vi) Measles and (vii) Hepatitis-B. People were told that a programme for free vaccination-full Immunization, Full Protection with the name Mission Indradhanush-Zindagi Indradhanush Banayein-is launched by government from which people should take advantage. MDS has organised awareness camps in rural areas and made people aware that if there any child missed any vaccine, now there is the chance in second phase to fully immunize them. The second phase begins from 7th October 2015, as a special drive to fully immunize all children up to 2 years against all 7 diseases that are preventable and pregnant women against TT. Awareness was created about Immunization Schedule: Give TT-1 to early in pregnancy, TT-2 to 4 weeks after TT-1, and TT Booser if received 2TT doses in a pregnancy within the last three years; For infants (birth till 12 months) are vaccination schedule should be as follows: BCG-at birth or as early as possible till one year of age, (ii) at birth or as early as possible within 24 hours-Hepatitis B Birth dose; at birth or as early as possible within the first 15 days-OPV Zero dose, OPV1, 2 &3, then DTP1, 2&3 after that at 6 weeks, 10 weeks & 14 weeks–Hepatitis B 1, 2 & 3 respectively and then HB containing Pentavalent 1, 2 & 3. For measles, people were told that 1 dose be given during 9-12 months & give up to 5 years ,if not received at 9-12 months age, JE first dose-9 completed months and vitamin A (1st dose) -9 completed months. For children above 16 months, people were made aware that DTP ist booster should be given when 16-24 months, OPV booster when 16-24 months and Measles (2nd dose) when 16-24 months, JE (2nd dose when 16-24 months and Vitamin A (2nd dose) when 16-24 month. People were made aware about the website of the ministry, i.e. www.mohfw.nic.infor more and for more updated and correct information about the time schedule and other programmes.</p>
03-10-2015	<p>MDS organised a few camps to create ‘awareness about protection from Dengue’ on 3rd October 2015. People were told that they should immediately visit their nearest health centres if see any symptoms of dengue like fever, rash, body ache, headache, joint pains, pain in eyes and unexplained bleeding. Programmes of AYUSH, i.e. Ayurveda; Homeopathy, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani and Siddha were popularised as such treatment are easy to follow particularly in rural setting.(I) Ayurveda: As taking light, nutritive, warm and easily digestible foods, Ensure proper rest and sleep, and maintain personal & environmental hygiene and consume 2 gram Shunthi (dry ginger) powder twice daily of Guduchi (Giloye) powder in 100ml (1/2 glass) of boiled water Doze for children between 6-12 years of age will be half and for children below 6years will be one fourth. One tea spoon of honey can be added to the infusion; and/or one litter of water boiled with 10-15 Tulsi leaves and 10-15 germs Dhaniya (coriander) powder for ten minutes and cooled to room tempature may be consumed at intervals of 3-4 hours in a day. People were also familiarised about the detailed guidelines for Ayurvedic practitioners at <www.ccras.nic.in>. Similarly, for (II) Homoeopathy- treatment & precautions like for prevention take one dose of Eupalorium perfoliatum 30 (30 by Children) daily for 3 days. Guidelines for homoeopathic practitioners were told to be seen at website<</p>



	<p>http://www.ccrindia.org>. (III)Yoga & Naturopathy, it was told that give more of liquid diet like fruit juices, tender coconut water, lemon honey water or wheat grass juice or any other liquid; plain Luke warm water enema can be taken daily for few days; ice cold wet pack on the forehead and abdomen for high fever; patient can also practice Nadishudhi/Anulomaviloma pranayama, itails & Sarkari and Bhramari pranayama (may be each 9 rounds twice daily); guidelines for Yoga & Naturopathy may be browsed at website<www.ccrindia.org>, for (IV) Unani –use mosquito like Raghan-i-Neem, Raughan-i-Kameela,take 200 mL water boiled with 11 leaves of Barg-i-Reehan (Tulsi) twice daily, Sprinkle Khaksi seeds in the patient’s bed, take Pomegranate Juice 50 mL thrice daily, take Kalongi Powder 3g twice daily, to boost Immunity: Khamira Marwareed 4g twice dally with 20 mL Arq Barg-i- Papita or Sheer-i-Buz,gudelines for Unani practitioners at www.ccrum.net and (V) Siddha- for prevention of Dengue Nilvavembu Kudineer-60 mL daily in morning for adult,30 mL for children thought the dengue season; for treatment of Dengue Nilvavembu Kudineer Deccoction (add Papaya leaf if available) 60 mL daily in morning for adults, 30 mL for children till cure.Guidlines for Siddha practioners may be seen at website< www.siddhacouncil.com>.Besides the above audience of camps were made aware about websites of Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (www.ccas.nic.in); Central Council for Research in Unani Medicines (www.ccrum.net); Central Council for Research in Siddha (www.siddhacouncil.com) and Central Council for Yoga & Naturopathy (www.ccrum.org) and Council for Research in Homoeopathy (www.ccrindia.org) to know more updated knowledge about these therapies.</p>
04-10-2015	<p>MDS organised a few awareness camps in two blocks of Mewat on 4th October 2015 about ‘Stop Sex Selection, Save the Girl Child’. The audience were made aware that Preconception Sex Selection and Pre-Natal Sex Determination (PC&PNDT) is a criminal Offence’. During all awareness camps, salient features of PC&PNDT Act 1994 were discussed at length and relevant literature arranged from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI was distributed freely. The website of the ministry (www.mohfw.nic.in) was also propagated.</p>
05-10-2015	<p>MDS commemorated ‘World Habitat Day-2015’ on 5th October 2015 by organising a few awareness camps in Mewat district (Haryana). It was stressed that on this day we have to realise that the most important belief and practice is, ‘Public Spaces for All. Thus, a campaign was launched to improve quality of public spaces. In awareness campus, the website of Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, GOI, viz. http://mhupa.gov.in was also propagated.</p>
08-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers participated in a ‘Public Lecture & Panel Discussion on Prevention of Blindness’ held on 8th October 2015 at Jawaharlal Auditorium, AIIMS, New Delhi on ‘World Sight Day-2015’. Awareness was also created about the websites of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI as<www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in>and<www.socialjustice.nic.in></p>
09-10-2015	<p>MDS participated in celebration of ‘National Postal Week (9th -15th October 2015)’and agreed with the Indian postal authorities when they said that ‘we care, we share and we reach everywhere’ while celebrating ‘World Post Day-2015’ on 9th October 2015. Awareness was created among the people that India post provides mail, parcel, and money transfer, saving scheme, life insurance and social security services with the largest postal network in the world. Its website, i.e.<www.indiapost.gov.in> was also popularised.</p>
10-10-2015	<p>MDS Patron, participated in ‘Aprendemos-2015’-15th National IT Seminar on, ‘Cyber Security: Issues and Challenges’, held on 10th October, 2015 and jointly organised by Management Education & Research Institute (MEARI) and Delhi Chapter of Computer Society of India (CSI) at campus of Management Education & Research Institute (MEARI), 53-54, Institutional Area, Janak Puri, New Delhi.</p>
11-10-2015	<p>MDS celebrated the ‘World Obesity Day-2015’ on 11th October 2015, wherein during awareness camps people were told that ‘What health hazards are you at risk of?’ On this World Obesity Day-2015’, MDS made awareness that about some health hazards of people being overweight. And people were made aware that obesity is a rising concern in our society today and can cause several health-related problems. Let’s look at what are the various health hazards of being obese like type 2 Diabetes; high blood pressure ;cholesterol; acidity , early heart diseases; gall stones etc. In addition, audience were told that it doesn’t just end there; there are also a few other conditions that they and I won’t normally associate obesity with. People were told the observation and statements of eminent doctors and experts in this filed such as for: joint pain, per Dr Mohan Desai, Orthopaedic Surgeon, KEM hospital, Mumbai, who specialises in hip, shoulder and knee ailments, “Carrying too much weight on one’s body directly puts more stress on the joints, especially the weight-bearing joints like the knees and hips. When you weigh more than you should, you’re putting more force on that cartilage. And when you put</p>



	<p>more force on the cartilage, it's going to wear out quicker."; Similarly, as per Dr Shashank Shah, HOD, Dept. of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery, Fortis Hospital Mulund, Mumbai, "The problems resulting from obesity like Poly Cystic Ovarian Disease can lead to infertility." Also said some other doctors that Obesity is a condition where there is an imbalance in a woman's hormonal level which leads weight gain, excess hair growth, erratic menstrual cycles etc.; Sexual Dysfunction: Being overweight can cause men to face sexual problems like erectile dysfunction; Some types of Cancer: Research has linked obesity to various types of cancers including cancer of the breast, kidney as well as endometrial cancer, colon cancer, gallbladder cancer etc.; Sleep Apnea: It is commonly seen in people who are overweight. Severe cases of sleep apnea can also lead to heart attack. People in the camps were told that they at least make sure to avoid five weight loss mistakes which includes (i) Eat Lot, Exercise Lot (ii) Starving for Longer (iii) Stay Hungry All Day and Overload in the Night (iv) Drink Too Less Water and (v) Not Taking Enough Protein.</p>
15-10-2015	<p>MDS gave a call to action towards avoidable blindness and on the occasion, of 'World White Cane Day-2015' on 15th October 2015 and renewed/took pledge to provide quality education, skill training and an accessible infra-structure to our blind and visually impaired fellow citizens. Awareness was also created about the websites of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI as <www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in> and< www.socialjustice.nic.in>.</p>
15-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers also organised a few awareness camps on 'Global Hand washing Day-2015' on 15th October 2015.</p>
16-10-2015	<p>On 16th October 2015 MDS volunteers also took active participation in '3 Days (from 15th -17th October)-Winter School Training Programme in Field of Geospatial Technology', organised by Society for Geo-informatics & Sustainable Development (SG&SD) & sponsored by NRDMS, Department of S&T, Govt. of India, held at Natural Resource Management Centre (NRMC), Sohna, Gurgaon (Haryana).</p>
19-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers participated in Seminar on 'Empowerment & Mainstreaming of Muslims Through Education', held at C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, organised by Committee on Development of Urdu Language & Jobs in India, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI), Ministry of HRD, GOI, New Delhi on 19th September 2015.</p>
21-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers participated on 21st October 2015 in celebration of 'Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day-2015', organised through a few camps to create awareness about it that 'Iodized salt is the best means to prevent many diseases like abortion; retarded mental and physical growth; still birth; birth defects; goitre, i.e. swelling in the neck; low I.Q. Levels; incomplete foetal brain development or damage and poor learning abilities etc.' Thus, it was stresses that people should buy only iodized salt that is easily available. Also, made awareness about the programmes of Health Mission National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme (NIDDCP), Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India.</p>
25-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers attended a Talk on, 'Is Lead Poisoning Killing You Slowly?' on 25th October 2015 as Smart Consumer Series by various experts at India Habitat Centre (IHC), New Delhi.</p>
27-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers & office bearers participated in celebrations of 'Maharishi Valmiki's Birth Anniversary' on 27th October 2015.</p>
31-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers actively participated in 'Ekal Study Circle Meet on Digital India Mission in context of Rural & Tribal Bharat' on 31st October 2015 at India International Centre Annex, New Delhi. After that MDS volunteers actively participated in Himalayan Slide Show by Mr Raju Gill, Tractor held at India Habitat Centre (IHC), New Delhi on the same day.</p>
31-10-2015	<p>MDS volunteers remembered on 31st October 2015, two great leaders of India, namely, 'Sardar Vallabhai Patel on his birth day' and 'Smt. Indira Gandhi, first women PM of India on her 31st Martyrdom'. Both leaders of India having multifaceted personalities. The famous words of Late Smt. Indira Gandhi during her last address to public speech were reminded to people, wherein she announced that, 'I am alive today; I may not be there tomorrow. I shall continue to serve until my last breath and when I did, I can say that every drop of my blood will invigorate India and straiten it'. People were told that this day is also remembered as 'National Unity Day' being the birth day of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, the Iron Man & Architect of Modern India.</p>
08-11-2015	<p>MDS representatives attended an 'Ustad Iqbal Ahmed Khan's Musical Story Telling Based on Composition of Hazrat Ameer Khusro (RA) in Association, the Rudaad-e-Shireen-acelebration of womanhood', organised by Ek Disha Foundation (NGO)-in association with other NGOs at IICC, New Delhi on 8th November 2015.</p>



11-11-2015	MDS celebrated the ‘National Education Day-2015’ on 11 th November 2015 by commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (11th November 1888 to 22 nd February 1958), the great freedom fighter, eminent educationalist and the first education minister of Independent India. Awareness camps were organised in about half a dozen villages of Mewat to disseminate the idea that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad who happened to be MP from that area only and was a great visionary and architect of a secular, liberal, modern and universal education system and his principles will continue to guide for achieving education for our children. MDS also encouraged local people to let us salute and pay our homage to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and also take a pledge to make India shine in the field of education.
19-11-2015	MDS volunteers have remembered first women Prime Minister Late Smt. Indira Gandhi on her Birth Anniversary on 19 th November 2015. This day is also celebrated as ‘World Toilet Day’ and accordingly disseminated the message that ‘Toilet is a Necessity’ and ‘Use Toilet’. In this connection ‘Swachh Bharat Mission’ and its objectives and websites www.mdws.gov.in and www.moud.gov.in were popularised.
26-11-2015	MDS Volunteers celebrated ‘Constitution Day-2015’ on 26 th November 2015 by creating awareness about our constitution & particularly its preamble were made, wherein it is stated that , ‘we, the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic and to secure all its citizens: JUSTICE, social, economic and political; LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation’. People were reminded that our constituent assembly this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, adopted, enacted & gave this constitution ‘to ourselves’.
27-11-2015	MDS celebrated ‘6 th Indian Organ Donation Day-2015’ on 27 th November 2015 to create awareness among people that ‘be a part of the movement to promote organ donation’ and participate in the launch of ‘National Organ & Tissue Transplant Registry’ as well as felicitation of families of donors and felicitation of best performing state of the country on 27 th November 2015. The website of ‘National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)’ was popularised as www.notto.nic.in as well as its 24X7 toll free helpline number, i.e. 1800-11-4770 for more and updated information.
29-11-2015	MDS Patron participated in the ‘Environment Protection Committee meeting of Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI)’ held on 29 th November 2015 at 5, Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
02-12-2015	MDS representatives actively participated in the ‘CSI-2015 Golden Jubilee Annual Convention Celebrations on Digital Life’ from 2 nd December to 5 th December 2015 wherein its volunteers also presented technical papers and the Patron and Secretary MDS also attended ‘Kavi Sammelan’ organised on this occasion on 4 th December 2015 at the Bharati Vidyapeeth Educational Complex, New Delhi.
03-12-2015	MDS Patron attended ‘Developers Submit Meet’ on 3 rd December 2015, organised at the occasion of ‘16 th Esri India User Conference-2015’, held at Hotel Kempinski Ambience, New Delhi.
03-12-2015	MDS Patron actively participated in the main ‘16 th Esri India User Conference & Exhibition-2015’, held at Hotel Kempinski Ambience, New Delhi during 3 rd and 4 th December 2015.
04-12-2015	MDS Patron, chaired a Technical Session titled, ‘Natural Resource Management’ in ‘16th Esri India User Conference & Exhibition-2015’, held at Hotel Kempinski Ambience, New Delhi during 3rd and 4th December 2015.
05-12-2015	MDS celebrated ‘World Soil Day-2015’ on 5 th December 2015 to encourage its farmers to take pledge to take care of their soil health. They were also familiarised about the comprehensive ‘Soil Health Card Scheme’, initiative being taken by Government, which aims collecting soils samples and testing them in laboratories to generate Soil Health Cards for every farmer in the country. They were told that government of the day has a slogan that, ‘Swasth Dhara-Khet Haraa’. Farmers were motivated to contact their local agricultural department official. It was told to them that the year 2015 is being celebrated as; ‘International Year of Soils’. People were made aware that World Soil Day signifies the importance of soil in food security and aims to raise awareness on the importance of soil health as 95% of our food production is linked to soil and we therefore need to nurture our soils. People were also made aware about soil health management practices for sustained soil fertility including soil test based application of fertilisers including secondary and micro-nutrients; use of farmyard manure and or compost, green manuring; use of bio-fertilisers, maintenance of soil organic carbon; and ploughing back crop residues and minimum tillage etc. Websites of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, Govt of India, viz.



	< http://mkisan.gov.in > and < http://farmer.gov.in > were popularised.
06-12-2015	MDS actively participated in celebrating '53 rd Civil Defence & Home Guards Raising Day-2015' on 6 th December 2015 to create awareness about civil defence & home guards commuted to the society and welfare of the citizens of the country. People were made aware about the important role of civil defence & home guards personnel such as providing the support to the citizenry in moments of crises and epitomize selfless community service ; extend a helping hand to local level district administration during emergencies, calamities and public gatherings for activities like crowd control , traffic control and setting up of first aid posts etc.; undertake social and welfare activities like raising free health check-up camps, blood donation drives, awareness campaigns on capacity building, etc.; assist in prevention, mitigation and preparedness during the calamities, either natural or man-made, in accordance with prescribed guidelines and disseminate vital information regarding disasters like earthquakes, fires, floods, etc. People were motivated to join Civil Defence & Home Guards/volunteers movement. They were informed about the official website of Directorate General (FS, CD &HG), Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI, viz. < www.ndrfanded.gov.in > for more details. .
06-12-2015	MDS has remembered the national icon of courage, 'Babu Jagjivan Ram on his Death Anniversary' on 6 th December 2015 by organising a few public gatherings on the occasion, people were told that Babu Jagjivan Ram was a great freedom fighter and administrator and therefore popularly known as Babuji. It was also told that he strove for 50 years to usher in a just and egalitarian society of India. He was great Parliamentarian too and acted as very successful Union Minister for Law. People were made aware that Babuji always championed of depressed classes and his political legacy reminds us of the passion, idealism and determined spirit of India's political leadership that not only fought and won freedom for the country in 1947, but also laid the stable foundation for a modern democratic polity of India. People were reminded that on this day we salute this great son of India and told them that they always are in touch about more information and programme on Babuji by browsing the website of Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, viz. < www.socialjustice.nic.in >. A few volunteers of MDS also visited Samta Sathal, Near Rajghat, in New Delhi also to pay homage.
09-12-2015	MDS volunteers organised awareness generation programmes to make local rural people aware to protect themselves and their families from seasonal influenza (H1N1 Flu). They were told that they should be aware about major symptoms like blood in sputum; body ache; breathing difficulty; chills; diarrhoea; fatigue; fever & cough; headache; running or stuffy nose; sore throat and vomiting etc. They were also told to follow DOs and DON'Ts about the disease. In Dos it was told that one should cover his/her mouth and nose with a handkerchief or tissue paper when cough or sneeze; wash hands often with soap and water; avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth, crowded places, stay away more than one arm's length from persons affected with flu, stay away from public places if have fever, coughing and sneezing, drink plenty of water and eat nutritious food, and sleep well. In Do not's they were told shake hands or use other greetings of physical contact; spit in public and take medicines without consulting the physician. The website of Ministry of Health and family welfare, GOI, i.e. www.mohfw.nic.in was also popularised for more details and updates about it.
10-12-2015	MDS actively participated in the, 'District Literacy Assembly Mewat', on 10 th December, 2015 organised by SRC, Rohtak, at the occasion of 'Human Rights Day-2015' celebration held at PWD (B&R) Rest House Campus, Nuh, H.Q. of Mewat district. Thereafter representatives & Guests of SRC, Rohtak visited MDS Taoru office and expressed that MDS should adopt Taoru block for their Literacy mission which MDS happily agreed.
11-12-2015	MDS official participated in the 'International Conference on Information Technology-value Claiming or Value Creating', held on 11 th December 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi
11-12-2015	MDS Participated in the Annual Talk on the ' <i>Importance of Kabala in Islam</i> ' on the occasion of 'Hussain Day' wherein half a dozen Islamic intellectuals delivered their thought provoking speeches at India Islamic Cultural Centre(IICC), New Delhi.
12-12-2015	MDS actively participated in the, 'Two Days National Conference on "An Understanding of Educational Aspirations and Attainment of Minority Girls in India"', organised by 'All India Confederation for Women Empowerment through Education (AICWETE), New Delhi in collaboration with Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India on 12 th & 13 th December, 2015 at India Habitat Center (IHC), New Delhi and India Islamic Cultural Centre (IICC), New Delhi respectively and Patron, MDS, Dr Subhan Khan also made an invited technical presentation titled, 'An Understanding of Educational Aspirations & Attainment of Muslim Minority Girls in Mewat (Haryana) on 13 th December,2015.
14-12-2015	MDS volunteers also participated in the 'FOURTEENTH D.T. LAKDAWALA MEMORIAL



	LECTURE' given on "If Mayors Ruled the World: Does this mean the same in Europe, the U.S.A., India and China?" by Dr. Benjamin R. Barber, City University of New York, Author and Founder of the Global Parliament of Mayors Project; Shri. H.K. Dua, Member of Parliament & Eminent Journalist presided the function, which was organised by Institute of Social Science (ISS), New Delhi on 14 th December 2015 at Mavlankar Hall, New Delhi.
14-12-2015	MDS volunteers also participated in dissemination of knowledge of, 'Filaria Free India' initiative undertaken by government. Realising this serious disease and easily preventable needs special acts to protect people by taking DEC & Albendazole once a year. People were made aware that during Anti-filaria week (14 th -20 th December, 2015), health workers will provide the tablets free of cost and everyone except children below 2 years, pregnant women and seriously ill patients should take the medicine that kills the intestinal worms also to help reduce filaria risk in the country. The website of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI < www.mchwf.nuc.in > and < www.nvbdc.gov.in > were popularised.
15-12-2015	MDS volunteers also participated in dissemination of Delhi Police message for public that, 'follow traffic and road safety directions', like do not mix drinking or drug taking, using mobile phones while driving, driving at a speed exceeding the specified speed limit, red light jumping, carrying persons in goods carriages, and rider and pillion rider not wearing helmet and car drivers not wearing seat belts, etc. to avoid face actions such as driving licence being seized or suspended for certain period besides fines. Awareness was also made that from today, i.e. 15 th December, 2015, intensive drive will be launched in this matter and people were told that two telephone numbers will work 24 hours' traffic helpline which are 1095 and 25844444.
17-12-2015	MDS volunteers participated in 'Monthly Knowledge Sharing and Networking Meeting on, 'Community Engagement to Ensure Sustainability' held at S.M. Sehgal Foundation, Institutional Area, Sector 44, Gurgaon (Haryana) on 17 th December 2015
17-12-2015	MDS volunteers participated in 'Dastkar-The Winter Mela-2015' organised to showcase warm weaves and Knits, herbal and organic products, mouth-watering cuisines, lively cultural performances and a fun Christmas Special Evening organised during 17 th to 28 th December, 2015 at Nature Bazaar, Mehrauli, New Delhi-74
19-12-2015	MDS participated in 'Mewat Diwas-2015', at Punhana' organised by Mewat Vikas Sabha, an NGO. The Mewat Diwas is now became an Annual feature in memory of Gandhiji's visit to Ghasera village of Mewat on 19 th December 1947 to assure Mewatis for all kind of safety and security by govt of India if they are not interested to go to Pakistan voluntarily during countries partition based on two religion theory
21-12-2015	MDS volunteers participated in 'A meeting held on 21 st December 2015 at YWCA', Ashok Road, New Delhi to prepare for the Citizens March to be held on January 30 th 2016 from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar, New Delhi against present government atrocities on common people.
22-12-2015	MDS volunteers participated to create awareness that, 'Reduce Pollution in Delhi and for that do not drive a car for a specified Day i.e. 22 nd of each month as appealed by Delhi Govt. to make it a Car Free Day' hence made every effort to contribute in this campaign to make Delhi free of pollution as well as traffic jam.
22-12-2015	MDS volunteers participated in a public lecture & Panel Discussion on 'Air Pollution: How to Safeguard your Health' by Dr. M.C. Misra, Dr. Randeep Guleria, Dr. S.K. Kabra, Dr. Nitish Naik, Ms (Dr) Suita Narain, D. Lalit Kumar, Dr. J.S. Tityal, Dr. Neerja Bhatia & Dr. K. Madan et. al organised at Jawaharlal Auditorium, AIIMS, New Delhi on 22 nd December 2015
22-12-2015	MDS volunteers celebrated 'National Consumer Rights Day-2015' by creating awareness among people that they should know about their safe and healthy food as well as combating food adulteration. People were made alert that they should know about their main rights, particularly as they have right to know details of any product or service; freedom to select any article or service; to know the MRP, expiry date, weight & quantity; against dangerous and unsafe products, get heard in consumer forum against grievances, to examine quality marks such as ISI mark, agmark, and hall mark. They were also made aware that where they must make the complaint, if any. Major six sources were told to them with full details where they can go/use in case of need. These include (i) National Consumer Helpline No.1800-11-4000,(ii) State Consumer Helpline (in regional languages), (iii) CGRC, Department of Consumer Affairs , Room No. 562, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, contact No. 011-2338-3996, (iv) District Consumer forum for complaint of up to 20 lac rupees, (v) State Commission for complaint of more than 20 lac rupees and up to one crore rupees and (vi) National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission for complaint of more than one crore



	rupees, and its contact no. is 011-2460-8801. The website of Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs, GOI, viz. < www.consumeraffairs.nic.in > was also disseminated for details.
23-12-2015	MDS Patron, Dr Subhan Khan participated as special invited delegate of MDS in The 'Launch of the Hewlett Packard Enterprise' on 23 rd December, 2015 at Hotel JW Marriott, New Delhi Aero-city, New Delhi.
29-12-2015	MDS volunteers participated '64 th Indian Foundry Congress (IFC) & Indian Foundry Exhibition (IFEX)/ Cast India Expo and participated in Largest cast source meet', held from 29 th December, 2015. The Website of 'the Institute of Indian Foundrymen' i.e. < www.ifcindia.net > was also disseminated for updated information.
01-01-2016	MDS decided that in 'New Year-2016' its volunteers & office bearers must spend maximum time with underprivileged people particularly with emphasis of problem of their women and children. The emphasis would be to make them aware and teach small things which are basics for their life.
02-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers attended a meeting on January 30 th , 2016 at Indian Social Institute (ISI), Lodhi Road, Institutional Area, New Delhi. It was organised to discuss the planning/strategy of taking of a 'Citizen's March/Rally' and on the same day participated in celebration of Solidarity Day with the Palestinian Peoples (main speakers include Ambassadors of the state of Palestinian & Arab League & eminent journalist & former editor, the Hindu, Mr Siddharth Varadarajan) at India Islamic cultural Centre (IICC).
03-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers held one day mid-term interaction with villagers of Sondh about an ongoing project titled, 'Application of Geo-spatial Technologies for Identifying & Developing Household Level Database for Scheduled Caste (SC) & Backward Classes of Villages Sondh (Taoru) in Mewat District (Haryana), sponsored by Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India which was originally a joint project of CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi and MDS, Chharora. However, the partner, CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi withdrew in between and Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India sponsored the entire work (both element, i.e. CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi+MDS), for which MDS did some extra work and successfully completed the project.
08-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers in, 'Mirza Ghalib: Aaj Ka Daur' and Ghalib Ki Ghazalonka Gayen at Triveni Sabhagar, Tansain Marg, New Delhi on 8 th January 2016.
09-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers participated in, 'Inauguration of World Book Fair 2016 held on 9 th January 2016 at Hamsadhwani Theatre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
09-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers visited Asia's biggest book fair, 'World Book fair 2016' at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, organised by National Book Trust India (NBTI) and India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) & supported by Ministry of HRD, GOI, New Delhi from 9 th - 17 th January 2016.
10-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers participated in, 27 th National Road Safety Week (10 th to 16 th January 2016) with the slogan, 'Road Safety-Time for Action'.
11-01-2016	In response to ministry email dated December 29 th 2015, as desired, the scanned copies of Registration Certificate; Request letter from Chief functionary of the association on his/her letter head with signature and seal', and association details etc, scanned copies in pdf format were sent.
11-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers participated in, 'Road Safety Walk' organised on 11 th January 2016 at India Gate, New Delhi by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways in association with Delhi Police & Society of Indian Automobile Manufactures.
11-01-2016	MDS organised meetings to remember ever lasting memory of Baharat Ratan & Prime Minister of India late Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri on his death anniversary on 11 th January 2016. His appeal to nation that, 'I appeal to our young men to inculcate in themselves discipline & character & work for the unity & advancement of the nation' were propagated during the meetings.
12-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers celebrated the 'National Youth Day-2016' on 12 th January, 2016 in Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (12 th January 1863 to 4 th July 1902). People in all places were made aware that Swami Vivekananda always said that, 'neither money pays, nor name, nor fame, nor learning, it is charter that cleave through adamantine walls of difficulties'. The website of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education & Literacy, Dept. of Higher Education, i.e. < www.mhrd.gov.in >.
14-01-2016	MDS volunteers attended the Public Lecture, delivered by Mr Rajdeep Sardesai, Eminent Journalist & News Anchor of India on, 'Role of Media in Today's India on 14 th January 2016 at



	Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIITD), Okhla, New Delhi.
14-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers participated in 'Road Safety Forum-2016-National Meet of NGOs on Road Safety', held on 14 th January 2016 at NDMC Convention Centre, Jai Singh Road, Sansad Marg, New Delhi where Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, GOI stated that, 'every citizen should understand his responsibility towards road safety, only then the motto of Happy Journey will be realized.'
14-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers participated in 'Celebration of Democracy' held by Election Commission of India (ECI) at Central Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi from 14 th -17 th January 2016 with the emphasis that 'no voter to be left behind'.
15-01-2016	MDS volunteers and office bearers participated in, 'Crime Writers Festival (CWF'16) & Film Screenings on 'murder, Mystery and Mafia' at the auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Delhi, held during 15 th -17 th January 2016.
20-01-2016	MDS official was requested by SDM and Additional Executive, Narnaul for Municipal Council Narnaul (MCN), Haryana to visit Narnaul on 20 th January 2016 & Technically Evaluate the 'Tender documents/presentation invited for '(i) Preparation of GIS Base Map, (ii) Composite Sajra Map Mosaic, and (iii) existing land use Map of Municipal Council, Narnaul (MCN)'. '.
21-01-2016	MDS Patron on the invitation/request of SDM Narnaul-cum-Administrator, visited Narnaul town on 21 st January 2016 and technically evaluated 4 firms submitted their tenders. And recommended the most competent firm/external technical expert.'
29-01-2016	MDS official attended 'International Conference on Pathways to Sustainable Urbanisation', organised by South Asia Sustainability Hub & Knowledge Network (SASH&KN) held at India International Centre, New Delhi & Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 29 th -30 th January 2016.
04-02-2016	MDS officials & volunteers participated in the 'National Geospatial Policy-DST Consultative Meeting' at on 4-2-2016 at Administrative Staff College, New Delhi Chapter, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi
12-02-2016	MDS officials & volunteers participated in 'Jashn-e-Rekhta 2016-3 days Urdu Festival' at 12 th - 14 th February, 2016 at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi held during February, 2016.
12-02-2016	MDS volunteers participated in a truly unique and mega event, 'Jal Mahotsav-a visual and experimental spectre of art and activities', organised by department of Tourism, Govt. of MP from 12 th February 2016 for 10 days to celebrate the river that makes MP what it is today to spark the festivals that become the tradition across generations. MDS volunteers took part in the oasis of tranquillity at Hanuwantiya in the Khandwa district and one volunteer took part in odd exposition of adventure sports and cultural extravaganza over the screen and ethereal landscape of Indira Sagar, which is perhaps the prefect juxtaposition to cherish life to the fullest.
19-02-2016	A project titled, 'Application of Geospatial Technologies for Identification and Development of Household Database for Schedule Caste (SC) and other Backward (OBC) in Sondh Village of Mewat District (Haryana) which was originally joint project of MDS and CSIR-NISTADS ,in its review at Jaipur NRDMS Expert Committee Meeting gave its full responsibility to Mewat Development Society (MDS) to implement the project alone as per its original objective & time frame since CSIR-NISTADS not showing much interest in it, may be having in mind the superannuation time(on 28 th Feb 2014) coming soon & ultimately backed out to carry out its part as the respective PI superannuated from CSIR-NISTADS
25-02-2016	MDS representative attended 'One Day Fee Seminar of Rich People's Group (RPG)' held on 25 th February 2016 at FICCI Auditorium, Mandi House, New Delhi.
27-02-2016	MDS Patron and two volunteers published a research paper viz. BIJIT - BVICAM's International Journal of Information Technology Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Computer Applications and Management (BVICAM), New Delhi (INDIA) Copy Right © BIJIT –2016; January - June, 2016; Vol. 8 No. 1; ISSN 0973 –5658 973 DST's Mission Mode on Program Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS) & its Developments at CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi - A Few Examples by Gagandeep Singh Narula , Subhan Khan and Yogesh, submitted in November, 2015; Accepted in February, 2016.
27-02-2016	MDS patron participated in a meeting with a team of representatives constituting Er. Mohd Mustaqim, President Al-Ansar Foundation, Dhanbad, Dr Subhan Khan, Founding Chancellor, Maithan University, Maithan, Mr. Gaurav Pasari, MBA & Trustee, Al-Ansar Foundation, Dhanbad, and Mr Saurav Pasari, MBA & Trustee, Al-Ansar Foundation, Dhanbad, met Prof. Mohd. Aslam, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi at his official residence in Khel Gaon, New Delhi on 27th February 2016 to seek advice about the preliminary planning of the Maithan



	University, Maithan as he has wide experience in the field of higher education and development.
28-02-2016	MDS official attended the felicitation function of 'His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Saheb' on his accession as the 53 rd Dai al-Mutlaq and Head of the Dawoodi Bohra Community & upon assuming as the Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University on Sunday 28 th February 2016 at India Islamic Cultural Centre(IICC), New Delhi.
28-02-2016	A draft report titled, 'Draft Project Completion Report (PCR) on Application of Geo-spatial Technologies for Identification & Development of Household Database for Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Other Backward Classes (OBCs) of Sondh Village in Mewat District (Haryana)' was prepared solely by MDS and submitted on 28 th February 2016 to DST, Govt of India for comments.
29-02-2016	Patron, MDS attended IGNOU Doctoral Committee Meeting as an expert held on 29 th at IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
29-02-2016	Patron, MDS, on All India Radio, /new Delhi got a Bat-Chit (Talk) recorded on 29 th February 2016 with Indu Shekher , Lucknow on 'Biodiversity Conservation and Pollution'.
04-03-2016	MDS celebrated 'Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jyanti' on 4 th March 2016.
05-03-2016	MDS has decided after realising that Beekeeping, has very good potential to organise a few awareness camps in Mewat on 'adoption of Beekeeping for increasing their income', which remains very popular and useful as well. People were told about the benefits of 'Beekeeping' like it increases come of Beekeepers through production of honey & other beehive products and also generate employment. People were also told on 5 th March 2016 about support provided by the 'National Bee Board (NBB)' constituted under the Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). Awareness about its activities were created as training/seminars/exposure visits for Beekeepers may be supported besides distribution of bee colonies, beehives and beekeeping equipment and development of bee breeders as well as development of nucleus stock etc. People were also made aware that NBB does? Like registration of beekeepers/agencies/organisations/societies/firms/companies involved in beekeeping and develops publications. The email of NBB under Department of Agriculture, cooperation & Farmers Welfare, GOI, i.e. < naionalbeeboard.2006@gmail.com > was popularised to contact the Executive Director, NBB for seeking further information b interested persons. The website of the ministry i.e.< wwwnbb.gov.in/mdh.gov.in > was also popularised.
15-03-2016	A project entitled, 'A Situational Analysis of Muslim Widows in Delhi, Bhopal, Lucknow, Hyderabad and Mewat' - at the cost of Rs. Rs.13,96,500/- (Rupees thirteen lakh ninety six thousand and five hundred only) for a six month study was sponsored to MDS vide sanction letter no RU-11011/28/2016-(RESEARCH), dated 15-3-2016 by Research Unit of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, New Delhi and, which was completed accordingly and final completion report is submitted to the sponsoring agency.
06-03-2016	World Glaucoma Week (6 th to 12 th March 2016) to create awareness among people that Kalamotia or Glaucoma is the third leading cause of blindness in India and it's a group of diseases that can damage the optic nerve and is a silent damage to vision as there are often no symptoms in its early stage, so left untreated, it can lead to irreversible vision loss and even blindness. MDS has told about the people who are at risk?-i.e. over 40 years age; Glaucoma in the family; those with diabetes/thyroid disease/hypertension; and have received steroid containing preparations: tablets/drops/ointments/puffs/injections etc .People were advised see eye specialist immediately, if they are having symptoms like frequent headache; rapid change of glasses; inability to adjust the Eyes to darkened rooms such as theatres/cinema halls/auditoriums; seeing rainbow coloured rings around bright light; and severe eye pain, facial pain, nausea, vomiting and headaches etc. People were given confidence that Glaucoma can be controlled, early detection and regular treatment is the only way to preserve vision and prevent blindness due to Glaucoma. They were also advised to visit nearest PHC, Govt Hospital, Medical Colleges & Regional Institute of Ophthalmology (RIO) and selected NGOs hospital in their localities for free investigation and treatment. The website of National Programme for Control of Blindness , implemented by Ministry of Health &Family Welfare, Directorate of General of Health Services, GOI, i.e. < www.mohfw.nic.in/npcb.nic.in >
07-03-2016	MDS celebrated, 'Maha Shivaratri' on 07 th March 2016.
08-03-2016	MDS office bearers and volunteers participated in 'Women of Worth - the Women of Worth Conclave', a event jointly organised by NDTV and L'Oréal Paris on 8th March, 2016 to mark the International Women's Day in Hotel Taj, New Delhi.
15-03-2016	MDS celebrated 'World Consumer Rights Day (WCS-)-2016' on 15 th March 2016 in Mewat and sensitised the audience about the 'antibiotic resistance', as the theme of the WCS-2016.It



	<p>was advised in the campaigns to stop the sale of meat raised with the routine use of antibiotics in major international restaurant chains. MDS took World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) as an awareness day, and it was observed by organising different camps in Mewat on March 15, 2016. Participants of these camps were made aware that the WCRD was first celebrated in 1983 and became an important annual occasion for mobilizing citizen action and solidarity within the international consumer movement. Also, this day is an opportunity for promoting the basic rights of all consumers, demanding that those rights are respected and protected and protesting about the market abuses and social injustices which undermine them. It was also told that the day is organized by Consumers International (CI), which is the world federation of consumer groups that serves as the only independent and authoritative global voice for consumers and was founded in 1960. Currently it has over 220 member organizations in 115 countries around the world. Further awareness was generated that each year, the CI Council selects a theme for their member World Consumer Rights Day activities, such as: “Our money, our rights” in 2010, “Consumers and Water” in 2004 or “Unethical Drug Promotion” in 2007. This year-2016 the theme is ‘Antibiotics off the menu’</p>
19-03-2016	<p>MDS volunteers actively participated in ‘Krishi Unnati Three Days (19th to 21st March 2016) National Fair’ at Mela Ground, IARI, Pusa, New Delhi. It was a confluence of knowledge in agriculture and allied sector, inaugurated by Prime Minister of India. The major highlights of the fair were: exhibition of agricultural and horticultural products, animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries, new farm machinery and equipment, sale of high yielding seeds and plants, and farm interactive sessions. This mela was organised by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, Govt. of India.</p>
22-03-2016	<p>MDS volunteers attended a public lecture & panel discussion on, ‘How to Save yourself from Knee Joint Pain-‘Prevention & Treatment’ on 23-3-2016 at Jawaharlal Auditorium, AIIMS, New Delhi</p>
25-03-2016	<p>MDS celebrated, ‘Good Friday’ on 25th March 2016.</p>
30-03-2016	<p>MDS actively participated in ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) which was launched as a ‘Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)’- a nation-wide Campaign for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)’ People were made aware on 30th March 2016 about , ‘Inclusiveness & Accessibility Index-an accessibility initiative for an empowered India’. People were explained that Inclusiveness & Accessibility Index is a toolkit that was created under the accessible India campaign to access & benchmark the systems & processes of various organisations for their accessibility and inclusivity. Participants were also made aware why do we need Accessibility Index. This index aims at assessing the current stage of inclusiveness and accessibility of persons with disabilities by an organisation that can also act as a guide for taking progressive steps to increase support, inclusiveness & accessibility towards persons/employees with disability. The participants were also told how the Inclusiveness & Accessibility Index will benefit the persons with disabilities. It is a benchmark against best practices for organisations, which will pave their way for taking progressive steps to increase support, inclusiveness & accessibility for persons of disabilities. Lastly, the participants were also made aware about how will the Inclusiveness & Accessibility Index benefit organisations. They were told it will help organisations to fully utilise diverse talent pool, reduce employee turnover, increasing employee loyalty, morale and productivity in the organisation, resulting in creating a positive brand image and expanding customer base through new products and services. The website of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI, i.e. <www.accessibleindia.gov.in>; and <www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in> and <www.socialjustice.nic.in>. etc. were popularised.</p>