

BHAVANA'S 17th FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATED

Seventeenth Foundation Day function was organized on Saturday, 20th August, 2016 by Bharatiya Varishtha Nagarik Samiti (Bhavana) at Rai Uma Nath Bali Auditorium, Lucknow. On this occasion, first installment of the financial assistance was released to 130 poor and very poor but meritorious students of 32 schools. They were 92 of class 8 & below, 21 of class 9 & 10 and 17 of class 11 & 12. Among them, 13 were blind. Financial assistance of Rs.600 for class 8 & below, Rs.900 for class 9 & 10 and Rs.1000 for class 11 & 12, being the first installment of the total assistance in respect of every student was released through cheques payable to the respective schools. It was made clear that second and last installment of same amounts will be paid only in respect of those children whose results of half yearly examinations will be found to be good.

Simultaneously, cheques of Rs. 6000/- each were given to very meritorious girls, Km. Isha Singh and Km. Shikha Verma, as a financial support to them for studying in B.Sc. (First year). Bhavana's General Secretary (Admn.) Sri Jagat Behari Agarwal gifted Document Bags to them. The financial support was sponsored by Km. Aanchal Bharadwaj of Sydney (Australia). She is grand-daughter of Bhavana's President, Sri Vinod Kumar Shukla.

Packets containing 8 stationery items were given to each of the 130 students by the Secretary of Bhavana's Women Empowerment Cell, Smt. Archana Goel. She also gave stainless steel Bhojan-thaals to blind children and stainless steel Tiffin-boxes to students of classes 9 & 10. Smt. Manjula Saxena, Sri Jitendra Nath Sarin, Sri Jagat Behari Agarwal & Dr. Narendra Deo jointly gave wrist watches to students of class 11 and calculators to students of class 12. Books in hindi named "Swastha rehney ke saral upai", written by Dr. Narendra Deo & published by Bhavana, were also given to all the students. Smt. Shyambala Singh & Smt. Veena Saxena hosted refreshments for all the children.

The program commenced with the lighting of lamp and reciting of Bhavana's Sankalp Geet by all, lead by the members of Bhavana's Cultural Activities Cell. Chief Guest of the ceremony was Retired Judge of Allahabad High Court, Justice Sri Nath Sahai. Heads of several non govt. organizations were also present as distinguished guests. Prominent among them were President, Varishtha Nagarik Mahasamiti U.P., Sri Shyam Pal Singh and Head of RK Foundation, Sri Ajit Kumar Guptha.

As a good-will gesture, Sri Ajit Kumar Guptha gifted a Tiffin-box made of very good quality food-grade pvc to all the children and a Power-bank to all the guests & Bhavana-members (one to each family). He also announced that Bhavana-members are welcome to visit Amrapali Water Park as many times as they want. He said that he will be happy to provide free transport also to them.

Bhavana's Senior Vice President Sri S.S. Saxena thanked all those members and non-members who have donated generously for Bhavana's Shiksha Sahayata Yojna. Sri Saxena declared that in session 2017-18 financial assistance of Rs.1200 will be provided to at least 100 children studying in class 8 and below. He also declared that in session 2017-18 assistance of Rs. 1800 will be provided to those children in class 9 & 10 who will secure 60% or more marks in their annual exams of class 8 & 9 respectively this year. Similarly, Rs. 2000 will be provided next year to those children in class 11 & 12 who will secure 60% or more marks in their annual exams of class 10 & 11 respectively this year.

In his address, the chief guest, Justice Sri Nath Sahai, said that till now he had come across only such organizations of senior citizens who discussed either their own problems or spiritual issues. In Bhavana he found that the discussions are about caring of the weaker section of society. He appreciated this gesture which makes Bhavana stand tall against all other organizations of Elders. He said that he is not saying this out of courtesy but because he is highly satisfied with the activities of Bhavana. He further added that he is of the opinion that Bhavana should have more programmes on spiritual subjects.

Earlier, the distinguished guests sitting on the dais expressed their views one by one. At the end, Vice President, Sri Arvind Kumar Goel presented vote of thanks and requested the audience to proceed for Lunch. The program was very efficiently and lively compeered by the master of ceremony, Sri Deoki Nandan "Shant".