

## **BHAVANA – A Family of Elders** BHARATIYA VARISHTHA NAGARIK SAMITI

An all India secular, non-political, non-profit, non-government voluntary organization dedicated to the cause and care of Aged Persons and weaker section of society including Women, Physically & Mentally Challenged Persons and Destitute, registered at Lucknow under Societies Registration Act, 1860. Registration no. 662/2000-01

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## **BHAVANA'S 19th FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATED**

Nineteenth Foundation Day function was organized on Sunday, 19th August, 2018 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 141 poor and very poor but meritorious students of 28 schools. They were 92 of class 8 & below, 24 of class 9 & 10 and 25 of class 11 & 12. Among them, 10 were visually impaired. 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 five very meritorious girls, Km. Isha Singh, Km. Shikha Verma, Km. Komal Prajapati, Km. Priya Singh and Km. Ayushi Pandey as a financial support to them for studying in graduate classes.

Sri Aashwal Dixit and Km. Kavita Rawat were awarded "Late Ramesh Chandra Tewari Smriti Puraskar" of ₹15,000/- & ₹10,000/- respectively for their best performance in their exams of class 12 & class 10 respectively out of the students who received financial aid from BHAVANA. Mementoes of Commendation were also given to them.

New towels were gifted to all the students of classes 8 and below by Secretary of BHAVANA's "Mahila Sashaktikaran Prakoshtha", Smt. Archana Goel. BHAVANA's distinguished members Smt. Manjula Saxena, Sri Jitendra Nath Sarin, Sri Jagat Behari Agarwal (General Secretary Admn,) and Dr. Narendra Deo (Secretary, Vaikalpik Chikitsa Prakoshtha) collectively gave wrist watches to the students of class 11, calculators to the students of class 12 and water bottles to visually impaired students of class 9 & 10. Sri Jagat Behari Agarwal also gave a Milton kettle to each of the students of 3rd year of graduate class, a calculator to each of the students of 2nd year of graduate class and a document folder to the student of 1st year of graduate class. A short book written by Dr. Narendra Deo and published by BHAVANA, named "बिना दवाओं के कैसे स्वस्थ रहें तथा दुर्व्यसनों के घातक रोगों से मृत्यु/मुक्ति कैसे" was given to all the students. Before start of the programme, all the students were served snacks by Smt. Archana Goel.

The program commenced with the lighting of lamp and **paying homage to the departed Soul of Sri Atal Bihari Bajpai, former Prime Minister of India. BHAVANA's President, Sri V.K. Shukla gave a brief account of the life and deeds of late Bajpai ji**. Thereafter, BHAVANA's Sankalp Geet was recited by all, lead by the members of BHAVANA's **Cultural Activities Cell**. Chief Guests of the ceremony were **Mr. Justice Kamleshwar Nath, Mr. Justice Karan Lal Sharma and Mr. Justice Sudhir Chandra Verma.** Heads of several non govt. organizations were also present as distinguished guests. Prominent among them were Director, HelpAge India, Sri Ashok Kumar Singh, Former Vice Chancellor of BITS Pilani, Prof. Laxmi Kant Maheswari, Mahamantri of Lucknow Vyapar Mandal, Sri Amar Nath Mishra and Vice President of Sri Harbhaj Ram Kripa Devi Trust Charitable Hospital, Sri Ramesh Agarwal.

BHAVANA's President Sri Vinod Kumar Shukla welcomed the Chief Guests, Distinguished Guests, other guests, students, their parents, their teachers, members of BHAVANA and media persons. He briefly enumerated various welfare activities of BHAVANA. He thanked all those members and non-members who have donated generously for BHAVANA's **Shiksha Sahayata** 

**Yojna**. He declared that in session 2019-20 similar financial assistance will be provided to atleast 100 children studying in class 12 and below. He also declared that in session 2019-20 assistance of ₹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, ₹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.

At the end, Senior Vice President, Sri Sushil Shankar Saxena presented vote of thanks and requested the audience to proceed for Lunch. The programme was very efficiently and lively compered by the master of ceremony, Sri Deoki Nandan "Shant".

(V.K. SHUKLA) National President