

Celebration of National Girls Child Day 24 January

2024



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Preface

24 January 1966, Indira Gandhi took the oath of office as Prime Minister of India. Therefore, 24 January is celebrated as National Girls Child Day in India. The tradition of National Girls Child Day in India began in 2008, initiated by the Ministry of Women Welfare and Child Development. This was because it was the first time in the history of India that a woman was appointed as the Prime Minister of the country. This marked a revolutionary change towards women's empowerment.

Objective

Promoting gender equality: National Girls Child Day aims to promote gender equality and combat gender stereotypes that discriminate against girls.

Empowering girls: The day focuses on empowering girls with education, skills, and opportunities to realize their full potential.

Protecting girls' rights: By raising awareness about the rights of girls, National Girls Child Day aims to protect them from gender-based violence, child marriage, and other harmful practices. This is due to the realization that girls in India face many challenges, including gender-based violence, child marriage, and limited access to education and healthcare.

These challenges not only hinder the personal development of girls but also adversely affect the overall progress and development of the country. With these goals in mind, National Girls Child Day is celebrated.

Procedure For the National Girls Child Day Celebration

A meeting was held with the organizers of National Girls Child Day to discuss the activities planned for National Girls Child Day. A discussion was also held on the rights and participation of girls to ensure that girls and the community can be fully involved. At the same time, the organizers were instructed to inform all members of the village groups and organizations one day in advance.

Programs and Dialogue

On this occasion, National Girl Child Day was celebrated by Vaagdhara in collaboration with community-level organizations such as Gram Sawaraj Samooh, Saksham Samooh, Baal Sawaraj Samooh, in 1041 villages in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat. During this time, many activities were organized at the community level to



promote gender equality, end gender stereotypes that discriminate against girls, and raise awareness about girls' rights. Programs, activities, and awareness campaigns have been organized to convey this message. Girls in the tribal areas are not aware of their rights and are therefore deprived of their rights. Girls' rights are essential for human society. The girls of the tribal community must ensure their safety and take care of their education, health, and nutrition. Therefore, Vaagdhara is continuously making joint efforts with the community so that the girls of the community can play their part in society. Various types of child-friendly activities were conducted in which members of the Bal Swaraj Samooh, members of the Gram Swaraj Samooh, members of the Saksham Samooh, members of the Krishi evm Adivasi Swaraj Sangthan, parents, and others participated.

Block wise Participants details:

Block Name	Number of participants in the National Girls Child Day								
	BSS & Schools Girls	GSS & SS		Teachers		KASS		PRI	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sajjangarh	4956	46	60	236	354	110	75	16	65
Kushalgarh	6636	59	78	316	474	116	58	22	68
Vajna	4200	43	55	200	300	61	7	34	16
Thandla	1680	39	35	80	120	40	40	23	8
Anandpuri	5712	57	64	272	408	57	79	32	43
Jalod	3360	61	56	160	240	60	60	42	23
Fatepura	1260	49	34	60	90	20	10	24	13
Gangadtalai	1260	79	81	60	90	160	160	16	34
Ghatol	10836	85	92	516	774	316	474	46	67
Pipalkhoont	1302	40	45	62	93	47	41	9	32
Sabala	1260	32	26	60	90	50	70	16	32
Aspur	1260	53	78	60	90	45	0	13	14
Total	43722	643	704	2082	3123	1082	1074	293	415

Main Events



During the program, the main activities were conducted with the girls in the following manner: Local poems, games, music, a child rights awareness rally, Antakshari, Sitoliyan, Khon-Khon, Kabaddi, tug of war, 100-meter race, high jump, long jump, village level discussions on issues like unemployment, migration, agriculture, education and dialogue on government schemes, awareness on nutrition, scholarship schemes, free education, Mid-Day Meal, Chief Minister Raj Shree Plan and discussions on

issues related to real agriculture were organized at the village level in collaboration with the Bal Swaraj Samooh, Gram Swaraj Samooh, Saksham Samooh, and Krishi evm Adivasi Swaraj Sangthan.

Furthermore, during the program, the girls interacted with the members of the Gram Swaraj Group and Saksham Group about the problems at the village and school levels. It turned out that many schools do not have clean and separate toilets for girls. Due to this, problems like low attendance and dropping out of school among older girls arise. At the same time, the



members of Gram Swaraj Samooh and Bal Swaraj Samooh have taken an oath to stop evil practices like child marriage and child labor so that initiatives can be taken to create a child-friendly environment at the village level. After discussions on these issues, Gram Swaraj Group and Saksham Group have been working on solutions at the village and community levels. It is important to focus on girls' priorities so that they can lead safe and healthy lives. Their education must be promoted and it must be ensured that they can take an equal place in society.

Conclusion: The National Girls Child Day program has created a new environment in the villages in terms of girls' education, health, and rights. Moreover, the community will be able to take initiatives related to education and girls. Sensitization for girls will lead the community to solve problems. In addition, this program will help raise awareness about the issues of girls' education and health in the community.