International women’s day was celebrated on 5\(^{th}\) March 2017 in Allahabad. There were 350 women from urban slums and rural villages. The women marched in holding placards on which slogans on women empowerment were written. There was a cultural programme of awareness songs, dances, speeches, skits etc. based on women empowerment for three hours. The eminent speakers from different walks of life enlightened the women on various government schemes, legal rights of women and the need for women to awake and be empowered. Though many of them were illiterate they listened with full attention. At the end all had lunch and happily returned to their homes.

On 8\(^{th}\) March we celebrated women’s day in the village. About 30 people gathered together and sang awareness songs and spoke of the importance of the day mainly of women empowerment. All were happy for having taken part in the celebration.

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