

Banwasi Sewa Ashram

Govindpur, Sonbhadra, U.P.

ग्रामस्वराज्यसे सर्वोदय

Recent Events at Banwasi Seva Ashram (Jan, 2015 to April, 2015)

- VHSNC members trained by BSA:** National Rural Health Mission training was given for Village Health Sanitation Nutrition Committee members by a team of 24 volunteers of Banwasi Seva Ashram in all 501 Gram Panchayats of Sonbhadra district, under the training coordination of Mr Umesh Kumar Chaube from 15 December 2014 to 31 March 2015. A total number of 3,642 VHSNC members were trained in how to fulfill their responsibilities like: process of formation of the VHSNC's. They learned how to manage the government funds, how to organize meetings of the VHSNC, and how to regularly monitor the implementation of the NHRM scheme.
- Women's camp (Mahila Sammelan) and Village Self-Rule meeting (Gram Swaraj Sangoshti) (26 to 28 April, 2015) :** Under the guidance of resource person Ms Radha Bhatt, president of Gandhi Peace Foundation Delhi, 62 women leaders from 24 villages and Ashram women staff shared their experiences and the problems that actually occur in villages. They reflected and discussed issues openly concerning their role to promote women's empowerment and their health status, women's rights and women's education. Issues related to Gram Swaraj promotion were discussed in depth. Village self-reliance, organic agriculture as well as the problems of youth involvement in agricultural labour were other important topics that featured in the discussions. The camp was attended by 14 members-secretaries of the Ksetriya Gram Swaraj Sammittee and 12 teachers, 13 Ashram Village Development and 25 women staff and the 62 village women leaders, and a number of farmers.