



**THE 85TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF  
DR. VASUDHA DHAGAMWAR AS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DAY**

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*Location: MARG HQ, Delhi, Gorakhpur, Kushinagar, West Champaran, Karnal, Begusarai, Nagpur, Bhandara.*

On **28th February 2025**, the **85th birth anniversary of Dr. Vasudha Dhagamwar**, the founder of the **Multiple Action Research Group (MARG)**, was celebrated at various working areas. This event honored Dr. Dhagamwar's immense contributions to women's empowerment, her lifelong dedication to social justice, and her advocacy for marginalized communities. The celebrations were organized in collaboration with MARG's dedicated community workers, women's groups, and local authorities.

## MARG Headquarters, Delhi



The central celebration took place at the **MARG Headquarters** in **Delhi**, marking a significant occasion for reflecting on Dr. Vasudha's legacy and inspiring solidarity among women workers. The event commenced with an insightful introduction to Dr. Dhagamwar's life and work, presented by **Jigyasa**, an intern at MARG. She provided participants with an overview of Dr. Dhagamwar's impactful contributions to women's welfare, which set an uplifting tone for the entire session.



Following this, a series of energizer activities were conducted to encourage interaction and bonding among the participants. Women were asked to introduce themselves and share their leisure activities, sparking lively conversations. Additionally, a creative exercise was organized, where participants were divided into two groups and tasked with drawing or writing about a woman leader they admired. This exercise allowed them to express their thoughts on the qualities they valued in a leader, offering a rich insight into the aspirations of women regarding leadership.



Afterward, Mr. Noor Alam, the Executive Director of MARG, addressed the gathering. His passionate speech on women's rights and MARG's continuous efforts to champion these causes inspired the participants to recognize their own rights and the importance of advocating for themselves. The event concluded with the chanting of two empowering slogans: **"Awaaz Do, Hum Ek Hai"** and **"Mahila Sammaan, Mahila Adhikaar"**, which echoed the spirit of unity and women's empowerment.

## Siswa Gopal Panchayat, Kushinagar

In Siswa Gopal Panchayat, Kushinagar District, Community Justice Worker Mamta Dubey organized a heartfelt celebration with 42 women in attendance. During the event, Dr. Vasudha Dhagamwar's biography was shared in detail, and the attendees were encouraged to adopt her values of empowerment, justice, and public welfare. The session also focused on critical social issues, including child marriage prohibition, domestic violence, caste discrimination, child labor, and gender equality. Mamta Dubey highlighted her grassroots efforts in educating over 2,000 people about health and justice issues, emphasizing the importance of women standing up for their rights.



As part of the event, Mamta formed a self-help group for 15 women and introduced them to self-employment opportunities, including making artificial jewelry and crafting lamps from cow dung. Training sessions for these skills were planned, marking a practical approach toward economic empowerment.

## Sikta Village, West Champaran District

A similar event was held in Sikta Village, West Champaran District, attended by 60 women, including Mukhiya Rajan Chaurasia and Sarpanch Bunilal Paswan. The program focused on Dr. Dhagamwar's life and her contributions to women's empowerment. Discussions on issues such as child marriage, domestic violence, and caste discrimination were held, and Rekha Devi, a social worker, shared her personal journey of overcoming fears and now confidently helping others in her community.



The event also included a discussion on self-help groups and the collective savings of women. The idea of a sewing center for skill development was proposed, and Sarpanch Bunilal Paswan pledged his support in ensuring that any form of violence against women would not be tolerated.



## **Takli Gram Panchayat, Nagpur District, Maharashtra**

In **Takli Gram Panchayat, Nagpur District**, a similar celebration took place at the Health Center, with several women, including community health workers and members of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). The event involved detailed discussions on Dr. Dhagamwar's contributions and the importance of women's rights. The participants were also involved in a tree plantation activity outside the healthcare center to commemorate the occasion. The event concluded with an interactive session where women shared their thoughts on women's empowerment, followed by refreshments. Community Justice Worker Sahitra Rawat delivered a vote of thanks, marking the end of a meaningful celebration.



## **Kesalwada, Bhandara District, Maharashtra**

In **Kesalwada, Bhandara Block**, MARG celebrated Dr. Dhagamwar's birthday with a special evening event. The gathering included Gram Panchayat Sawika Nanda Bhure, Bank Sakhi Neha Nital, and Community Justice Workers such as Aruna Karemore and Archana Sonwane, among others. The women discussed their thoughts on the status of women in society, and they raised powerful slogans supporting women's empowerment. Refreshments were provided to the participants, and the event ended with a vote of thanks from Aruna Karemore, further instilling a sense of unity and pride.

## **Sadpur East Panchayat, Begusarai District, Bihar**

In **Sadpur East Panchayat, Sahebpur Kamal Block, Begusarai District**, the event also celebrated Dr. Dhagamwar's life and her contribution to women's rights and justice. Community Justice Workers Rakhi Kumari, Rajni Kumari, and others led the celebration, underscoring the need for continued advocacy for women's rights and social justice.



## **Naurta Village, Karnal District, Haryana**

The **village of Naurta, Indri Block, Karnal District**, hosted a celebration where the works of Dr. Dhagamwar were shared in detail. The event was attended by Sarpanch Smt. Neelam Devi and other women from the village, who participated in discussions about women's rights and empowerment, reflecting Dr. Dhagamwar's enduring influence.



## **Mahua Dabar Village, Gorakhpur District, Uttar Pradesh**

In Mahua Dabar village, Piprauli Block, Gorakhpur District, a session was conducted where Dr. Dhagamwar's work in founding the MARG organization and her dedication to women's empowerment was shared. The program also covered essential topics like domestic violence laws, women's helplines, and health issues. A discussion on cybercrime awareness was held, with participants receiving information on how to protect themselves from online threats. Women also raised concerns regarding social issues like alcohol abuse and domestic violence, highlighting the ongoing challenges in their communities.



The **85th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Dr. Vasudha Dhagamwar** was an impactful occasion across the field areas, bringing together women from various communities to reflect on her contributions, celebrate their empowerment, and discuss important social issues. The events provided valuable opportunities for women to come together, share their experiences, and learn about their rights, while also fostering a sense of solidarity and unity. Through workshops, discussions, and skill development initiatives, the celebration of Dr. Dhagamwar's legacy continues to inspire and empower women to lead lives of dignity and justice.