

### a. SWADHARA GREH



The aim of this Swadhara Greh is to create supportive institutional framework for women victims of difficult circumstances so that they could lead their lives with dignity and conviction. It envisages that shelter, food, clothing, and health as well as economic and social security be granted for such women.

GASS has been rendering regular services to the inmates of the Swadhar center in Doddaballapur. Women are getting various awareness programme like legal aid, health and hygiene, diabetes and mental health screening, and the vocational training make them to identify jobs in and around town. The existing of the Swdhar home in this taluk is needed one and it helps many deserving women to get rehabilitation and face the challenges with courage to find solution.



Swadhara Greh women celebrated Women's day on March 8 at Mahila Samaja. They were taken to temples, Circus, Museum and Historical places in and around Doddaballpura. A Ragolli competition was organized at CDPO. They also participated in sports competitions held at Bagath Singh Stadium and Cultural programs at Mahila Samaja.

*Other Awareness Programmes held:*

SHG group meeting at Muthsandra regarding women problem and facilities provided by govt

Meeting at Thyagarajnagra, to SHG groups on domestic violence

Meeting at Durgenahalli, for SHG group at Durgenahalli on woman rights

Meet Byrapurthanda for parents group about the prevention and management physical and mental harassment

Meeting at Doddabelavangala for Collage Students on care and Protection of children and on child marriage



*Varlakshmi, 35 years old woman was found on the road side when someone phoned to Women Help Line. She used to beg in Doddaballpura. When she was found sitting near a temple, GASS staff bought her to Swadhara Greh.*

*Before she was staying in Bangalore with her 2 children and husband. Her husband was a daily laborer and was also an alcoholic. He used to physically and mentally abuse her. She was mentally disturbed and came out of the house.*

*Swadhar Greh provided her with medical treatment and counseling. She also attended a vocational training in tailoring and has learnt to make Jewelry like bangles, earring, etc. After some time, the Staff have found her address in Okalipuram and visited her house based on her information. Later the Councilor and the Police took her to her Okalipuram house where her parents were staying. Her parents, brother and sister in law came to Swadhar Greh. From her parents, her husband's phone number was got. But, her husband evaded calls and gave wrong address. However, with strict warning that his photo will be aired in TV channels, he budged and gave the right address. He was brought to Swadhar Greh and underwent counselling. Meanwhile it was found that he had married again. On further counseling session to other family members too, Varalakshmi was sent back to her husband's home. Now she is staying with her husband and kids happily.*