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NCDHR-ALL INDIA DALIT MAHILA ADHIKAR ANDOLAN (AIDMAM)

Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation on January 18-19, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

As a part of the PACS project on Health Rights and Entitlement of the Socially Excluded Communities and Women under NRHM, AIDMAM participated in their process of developing the Monitoring and Evaluation system, reporting tools and MIS, on January 18 -19 in Bhopal. This process was facilitated by Oxford Policy Management (OPM) and a draft set of formats and tools had been developed, and CSO partners were invited to give their inputs and suggestion on it. The team members of OPM along with the team members of PACS National and Madhya Pradesh had also participated in the workshop.

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Demolitions: A Regular Intervention

On January 24, Karol Bagh demolition case was up for hearing in the Delhi High Court (whereby 15 Dalit families were evicted in July 2011 by an unruly act of the authorities). The initial petition was filed before the demolition, but the demolition occurred before the initial hearing could take place. Because of the change in circumstances (and the fact that we had filed an application for amended prayers to reflect the fact that we wanted relocation/ rehabilitation since they were no longer in possession of their property), the judge asked us to redraft a fresh petition that reflects the current facts. DAAA will now be complying with the directions received from the court, though it is unclear as to why the judge waited till date to direct this, when the new facts were apparent on July 29, at the first hearing of the matter, as well as in subsequent hearings that took place in between.



Follow up on Dalit youth's custodial death

After a long struggle for justice in the case of a Dalit youth, Amar, who succumbed to custodial torture by the Delhi Police, the case was listed in the Delhi High Court on January 13, before Justice Mukta Gupta. After listening to our arguments she directed the State to file a status report of the present case regarding steps taken by the authorities on our applications to the various departments. The next date of hearing in the present case is February 1, where Advocate Chandra Nigam and her team will be arguing out the case.

Pre-budget consultation with the Orissa Finance Minister

DAAA was invited by the Orissa Finance Minister, Sri Prafulla Chandara Ghadei for their pre-budget consultation programme. Many CSOs including the corporates, trade union, farmers' union, economists, and budget experts participated in the consultation. Paul Divakar, General Secretary of DAAA, Fr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Director OROSA and Mr. Adikanda Singh, state coordinator were present and made a presentation on behalf of DAAA, NCDHR. The CAG report was also filmed by the media and the discussions were quite fruitful. The finance minister assured to look into the issue of fund diversion very seriously.

Fact finding mission to the Dalits houses that were burnt and destroyed, Orissa



The Orissa team conducted a fact finding on the cases of atrocities that took place in a Dalit village. On January 21, almost 42 Dalits houses were looted, burnt and destroyed completely by the so called dominant castes in the village of Lathor, Panchayat Lathor, block Khaprakhole of Balangir district of Orissa. The incident is seen to be having a political dimension to it, executed by the right wing groups.

NCDHR-NATIONAL DALIT WATCH (NDW)

Thane cyclone social audit

National Dalit Watch conducted the [Thane cyclone social audit \(Press release 2\)](#) through a team of social activities in the state of Tamil Nadu, to look into the situation of Dalits. The social audit re-confirmed the same tragic state of affairs for Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, as established conclusively by experiences of past disasters that disasters magnify the existing caste based discrimination, leading to extreme forms of exclusion, thus exacerbating their vulnerability manifold. NDW is now contemplating an inclusion monitoring survey in the worst affected regions of the Cuddalore and Vellupuram districts which will be the basis for further required actions and advocacy..

Ongoing efforts to ensure entitlements to Dalits post Orissa floods 2011

After having filed individual applications for compensation of Dalit victims post Orissa floods in 2011, an RTI has also been filed to know the status of and beneficiaries of the relief work being carried out in the flood affected areas.

Extension of Vulnerability Mapping and Inclusion Monitoring In Mehboob Nagar, Andhra Pradesh and Dhemaji, Assam

VM-IM exercises are expanded to the newly identified flood and cyclone prone regions in the states of Assam and Andhra Pradesh, in the selected 40 villages. A new set of volunteers have also been identified for these exercises. During the course of this exercise, the CRF/NDRF guidelines will also be disseminated to the villagers to educate them on the government schemes available for relief and rehabilitation. First phase of the VM-IM pilot exercise identified villages of Assam and Andhra Pradesh were completed last year, as a result of which communities came out with specific vulnerabilities they face in various phases of DRR as well as in accessing government public services.



NCDHR-NATIONAL DALIT MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE

NDMJ in consultations with the NAC for Amendment to SC & ST (POA) Act & Rules, January 6 and 30, 2012

National Advisory Council is in the process of drafting amendments for the SCs & STs (PoA) Act & Rules. Therefore, they regularly invite NDMJ in their consultations. On January 6 & 30, NDMJ participated in these consultations. Now we are in the process of drafting the amendments based on the inputs received from the last two consultations along-with the Joint Secretary of NAC.

Additional Affidavit to PIL in Andhra Pradesh High Court

In a Writ Petition No.1019 of 2006 in Andhra Pradesh, an additional affidavit has been filed, and is to come up for hearing after the court vacation, before Justice Eashwaraiah. The Advocate General for the respondents has taken time for their reply. A PIL was filed in 2006, challenging the inaction and ineffective implementation of the SC & ST (POA) act of 1989 and Rules 1995, seeking directions to the State, Centre and State Executive in implementing the spirit and objectives of the said Act in order to protect the rights of the victims of atrocities.

Campaign for Dignity in a Dalit village, East Champaran, Bihar

NDMJ came to know of the plight of the Dalits of a village degradingly named 'Bail-khana' (ox- shed), where they were served notice to vacate the village. Although the village has been in existence for generations, with even a full-fledged panchayat ward (no. 35) being demarcated, the villagers are being noticed to vacate on the pretext of being illegal occupant. NDMJ organized a public action on January 15, demanding an official re-naming of the village as 'siddharth-nagar' (birth name of Lord Buddha) as well as legal registration of the village.

Dalit Children's Right to Food, Bhopal, January 20-22, 2012

NDMJ along-with Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion (CSEI) participated in the Convention on Children's Right to Food in Bhopal from January 20- 22. We participated in the preliminary discussions with many organizations and individuals on the issue of Right to Food of the most vulnerable and excluded community children with focus on ensuring state accountability. The discussions primarily centered on the Right to Food Campaign to recognize that exclusion and discrimination continues to determine one's access to security, livelihood, property, work opportunities, which are critical to "right to food". Dalit Children especially, have low access in all the above and hence face greatest insecurity with regard to food. We thereby pushed to expand the understanding of social exclusion and caste discrimination around food and water, so that the Dalits' right to food can be addressed.



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