

### JOINT ENDEAVOURS

#### Success Story: Impact of the Consultation with MLAs in Orissa, On 25 March



*Sri Damburudhara Ulaka, Chairman SC/ST Budget tanding Committee, Govt. of Orissa, raised the question in the assembly pertaining to the planning and oordination in the department, almost 20 to 25 MLAs, irrespective of political parties including the ruling parties, opposition, and independent parties raised the issues on diversion of SCP and TSP fund by various department like Home, Work and Water resource department, which is headed by the chief minister*

#### MLA consultation in Jaipur, Rajasthan, 31 March

AIDMAM, NDMJ and DAAA jointly organized a State Level Consultation on Access to Justice for Marginalized people and Dalit Women Elected Representatives (DWERs) in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The event witnessed participation of a MLA, Mr. Murari Lal Meena, Minister of Revenue & Technical Education and 10 DWERs. The main focus of the programme was proper implementation of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the proper utilization of Fund allocated under SCP & TSP in Rajasthan & Strengthening of DWERs in Rajasthan.

A similar *state level consultation was organised in Patna also, on 29 March*, by ADIMAM, DAAA AND NDMJ, where 12 MLAs and the State Minister and a Member of Parliament, the Chairpersons from State Human Rights Commission, Scheduled Caste Commission, and Scheduled Tribes Commission were present.

#### National Consultation on SCs & STs (PoA) Act, 1989 and Tribal Sub Plan, 26-27 March, Constitution Club, New Delhi

A two-day consultation was jointly organized by NCDHR, Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal People and National Coalition for Strengthening SCs & STs (PoA) Act (NCSPA). The objective was to strengthen the SCs & STs (PoA) Act and Tribal Sub Plan. The consultation had presence of the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Mr. Mukul Wasnik, and other respectable members were Mr. P. S. Krishnan and Prof. Ramdayal Munda, Rajya Sabha MP, and Ms. Vasavi Kiro, the Member of the Jharkhand Commission for Women.

More than 150 activists mainly from tribal peoples' movements and organizations participated, and deliberated on their experience with implementation of the Act as well as Tribal Sub Plan.



At the end of the consultation, the participants declared a resolution and planned some critical strategies for strengthening the implementation of these two critical tools for protection and development of the 8.2% Scheduled Tribes population of India.



*Solidarity with the disaster affected people of Japan and protest against nuclearization, 18 March, India Gate*





#### NCDHR-ALL INDIA DALIT MAHILA ADHIKAR MANCH (AIDMAM)

##### *Dalit women network meeting in Lucknow, 30 March*

A Dalit women network meeting was organized in Lucknow, wherein, 23 dalit women activists from ten districts participated. The district co-ordinators shared the situation of state, district and block level legal service authority, which are non functional and not delivering what is expected from them. All participants stressed on the need for a stronger solidarity network of Dalit women and need for capacitation programme on domestic violence and available legal aspects. The meeting concluded with the resolution to create strong state level dalit women elected representative network to address the concerns of Dalit women.



##### *Participation in Women's festival, organised by Jamia Millia Islamia University, 13 March, New Delhi*

AIDMAM participated in the Women's festival, organized by Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, held at Anglo Arabic School, Ajmeri Gate.

The event witnessed participation of different stakeholders dealing with gender and Minority concerns. The event provided us a good opportunity to share the issues of Dalit women, their triple marginalization and vulnerability. This drew attention of the students groups and faculty from different departments, namely, law, Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Dental sciences and physiotherapy towards the issue.

##### *Women's day Rally in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh*

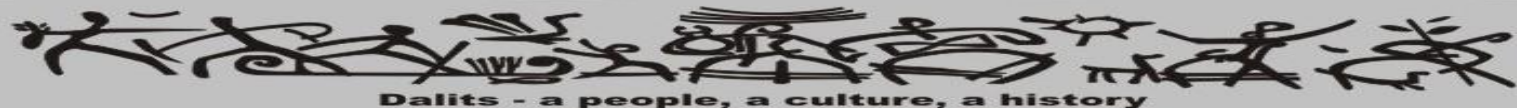


##### *Round Table meeting & AIDMAM network meeting, 01 March, Aurangabad, Bihar*

A round table meeting between district level officials, representative from UNDP, the DWERs and the Chairman of Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe Commission, Dr. Yogendra Paswan, was organized in Aurangabad. The DWERs presented their concerns in front of the Chief Guest and the district officials present in the meeting. AIDMAM appraised the participants on the social, economic and political conditions of Dalit community with specific reference to Dalit women, and Dalit Women Elected Representative in Bihar.

##### *AIDMAM invited for a guest lecture by Amity University, Noida, UP, 01 March*

AIDMAM was invited to deliver a guest lecture to the students of MBA programme in Rural Management. After the screening of a documentary which talks about caste practices in today's India. The students were explained the marginalization and vulnerability Dalit women face when the dynamics of caste, gender patriarchy find their manifestations in the form of violence and atrocities against them. Subsequently, the processes of exclusion of Dalits during and post disasters were explained.



### NCDHR-DALIT ARTHIK ADHIKAR ANDOLAN (DAAA)

*On the 23rd of March the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) bulldozed 750 houses in the Gayatri colony, New Delhi- 80% of which belong to Dalits-DAAA intervention*



On 25 March, on receiving news of demolition of 'jhuggies' in one colony of New Delhi, mostly belonging to Dalits, NCDHR together with its allies mobilised the victims of the demolished colony to file a petition through HRLN in the Delhi High Court, seeking its immediate intercession in the case. On the very first day, the human rights defenders present collected about 150 applications detailing the long standing nature of the colony and peaceful occupation of the 'juggis' by the residents. The homes were bulldozed by the DDA without prior notice to the residents. The court gave stay order with immediate effect and proceeds are being made now with regular follow up.

### *State level follow up consultation with MLAs on SCP & TSP, 23 March, Red Cross Bhawan, Orissa*

A state level consultation was organized with 15 MLAs on the SCP & TSP with the objective of raising the SCP & TSP issues in the forthcoming SC/ST Budget discussion, scheduled for 25 March 2011, in the Orissa Assembly. Through this consultation the aim was to sensitize the MLAs on the issues pertaining to the Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan policy and its status in Orissa.

### *Analysis of the Delhi Budget for the year 2011-12*

Delhi state budget for the year 2011-12 was presented on 25 March, and analyzed by DAAA team. As per the analysis, it is found that this year the Delhi Govt. has allocated only 2.61% of the total State Plan Budget for the SCs, which is very less in comparison to their population in the state. Advocacy and lobby agenda will now revolve round these findings to make the governments allocate in proportion to the population of SCs.

### *Analysis of SCP & TSP Budget 2011-12*

After the Rajasthan Govt. presented the Budget on 09 March in the Vidhan Sabha, DAAA team in Rajasthan immediately analyzed the SCP and TSP allocation in 2011-12 state budgets. Due to our continuous advocacy and lobby with the Rajasthan govt., this year the govt. of Rajasthan has allocate 11% for SCP and 8% for TSP of the Total State Plan Budget, which is more than the allocation made for SC/ STs in comparison to previous years.

### NCDHR- DAAA-NATIONAL DALIT WATCH

[www.nationaldalitwatch-ncdhr.blogspot.com](http://www.nationaldalitwatch-ncdhr.blogspot.com)



### *Workshop on Vulnerability Mapping and Inclusion monitoring in the context of disasters, from a Dalit Perspective, 10-11 March, in NCDHR, New Delhi*

The objectives of the workshop were (i) to develop a clear conceptual and practical understanding of exclusion of Dalit communities in disasters and learn methods to monitor and record such practices of exclusion; and (ii) to equip the state / organizational representatives to train their frontline staff in inclusion monitoring during and after disasters.

While NDW would capacitate task forces, a cadre of 25-30 volunteers in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Assam, where it is currently operating, it also expects other humanitarian agencies working on DRR to work on such a model and replicate the same in their field of operation.





### NCDHR-NATIONAL DALIT MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE (NDMJ)

#### *Advocacy with National Commission for Scheduled Castes, 10 March*

NDMJ representatives met with the Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Dr. P.L. Punia and the Joint Secretary of the Commission, Shri T. Theethan, at their office. Thorough discussion took place on the amendment process initiated by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and also the possible role of the Commission towards the strengthening of SCs/STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Rules. Subsequently, copies of the Proposed Amendment to the Act were shared for presentation and deliberation by the Members of the Commission.

#### *Meeting with the Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SCs & STs, 1 March*

NDMJ representatives met with Shri Gobinda Chandra Naskar, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SC & ST. The current stand of the Committee vis-à-vis the review of the SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act & Rules was discussed. He suggested us to directly present some concrete instances of violation of the Act and Rules for highlighting the exiting hiatus between the Act and its implementation. Mobilisation of Dalit movements and organizations during their review of the implementation of the Act in various States was also promised by NDMJ.

#### *Hearing of Witnesses in Mirchpur Carnage case at Rohini Court, New Delhi*

The Mirchpur Carnage case which we have been closely following up along-with HRLN (Human Rights Law Network) was transferred out of Hissar district of Haryana to the Special Court at Rohini in Delhi. We went to the location where the victims and witnesses are stationed and counselled them. A briefing was given to them on how to testify at the hearing. Three of our lawyers motivated them to voice out the truth in the court. In the run-up to the case, we also briefed the media (Outlook) and enabled them to cover the matter in their April issue.

#### *Survivors Meeting with Authorities Bhopal, 28th – 29th March 2011*

On 28<sup>th</sup> March, a number of survivors of major atrocity cases gathered at Pastoral Centre Bhopal. Then survivors & witnesses of some of the atrocity cases sat for one-day “dharna” at Board Office Square, and then on 29<sup>th</sup> March they submitted memorandums to the Chief Secretary, District Magistrate, SDM & Director General of Police.

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