The Conference focused upon social and economic empowerment of SC women and children, issues relating to manual scavenging and security and protection from atrocities. There was wide participation from various stakeholders including Central Government Ministries, State Governments, experts and representatives of CSOs, who presented their views during the Conference.

AIDMAM’s solidarity in Women in Governance network (WinG)
On January 29, 2011, AIDMAM facilitated a panel discussion held by WinG on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, WinG is a unique network of women who are striving to be change agents in a world dominated by patriarchal and casteist traditions. The members of WinG are all women from marginalized communities who are working for women’s rights and trying to assist in creating space for women to become leaders in their communities. The conference brought together Dalit women and women from North East states to share and brainstorm over common issues and devise a clear strategy to build capacities of women towards leadership, both in civil society as well as governance. Concept of Human Security was further analyzed from the perspective of women. Situations and contexts of human rights defenders were further probed to understand the unique challenges of women human rights defenders.

In order to chalk out specific strategies to demand the entitlements of the Yamuna flood affected people in 2010, a preliminary meeting of all concerned organizations and individuals was arranged by NDW, on January 7, 2011, at NCDHR office.

Prior to this, a survey was conducted to ascertain the extent of inclusion / exclusion of Dalits in relief and rehabilitation measures during the Yamuna floods of 2010. The survey was undertaken in the areas of Vijay Ghat, Shastri Park and Mayur Vihar phase I & II, from October 19-25, 2010. The findings revealed that despite most victims of the flood turned out to be Dalits and other marginalised sections. Despite the major loss of crops and other belonging, the Delhi government has not yet announced any compensation to the agricultural labourers cultivating the river bed for years on lease basis. Moreover, no damage assessment has been carried out by the government post flood, which has led to the exclusion of victims from their rightful compensation. With this meeting, the process from gathering of representation/applications from the victims to their submission and meeting with the authorities was mutually decided upon.

**Community consultation** with the community surveyed at Shastri Park, on Jan 29, to inform them of further planned actions, following the above meeting. IGSSS representatives attended the meeting.

**In Karnataka**, NDW works collaboratively with the Human Rights Forum for Dalit Liberation-Karnataka on disaster risk reduction. On January 8, 2011, HRFDL-K organised a state committee meeting to discuss the activities and strategies for the long pending rehabilitation of (2009) flood victims. It has been decided to carry out the programme in three worst affected districts of Bijapur, Raichur and Bellary (Srigoppa), covering specifically two Panchayats areas.

**Advocacy and lobby by Dalit Watch-Andhra Pradesh**

- Engaging with the political party floor leader for raising the issues of dalits in disasters;
- Dalit MLA’s for a meeting on Disaster Management and to discuss issue of inclusive disaster management;
- Facilitation of Mehboobnagar (‘09) flood victims’ (those in the DW-AP list of victims) meeting with the Tehsildar. The Tehsildar has sent a request letter for their compensation (copy in possession with DW-AP) to the district collector noting down their damages;
- Facilitation in formation of a union of the victims of ‘09 flood in Kurnool district and their meeting with the collector.
- From January 22, 2011 onwards the excluded victims have been voicing their issues/grievances in the Racha Banda programme, organised by the Govt. of AP. This is attended by the elected representatives, ministers, officials, and also the Chief Minister, who visit the villages to listen to their grievances and act on them thereon.
- The unionisation of members in flood affected villages in the mandals of Kollapur, Alampur, in Mahaboob Nagar district and the Erramatam and Mucchumari villages of Kurnool district have taken place.

NCDHR was visited by about 25-30 students of BSW & MSW from IGNOU and teachers of the Jamia Millia Islamia University, on January 22, 2011. This was an orientation visit for them to a human rights organization, to gain perspective on Dalit human rights, the work done, issues and challenges faced at work, together with gaining an understanding on the organisational structure, its functioning and systems.
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A training of the Police at Orissa Police Academy- the Director General of Police invited NCDHR as a resource agency for an on-going training of 200-300 Sub-Inspectors and three IPS police officers in Orissa Police Academy, Bhubaneswar. On 29th January 2011, senior most representatives of NCDHR-NDMJ addressed 158 Cadet Sub Inspectors on “Implementation of SCs & STs (PoA) Act, 1989 and Role of Police”, at the Academy. They shared various techniques of implementation of the Act in their respective beat areas. The academy has also prescribed the study of the Act under their “Human Rights” curriculum.

On the same day, a state level NGO forum meeting to monitor the SCs & STs (PoA) Act and SCP & TSP in Orissa was convened on January 29, 2011 at ActionAid office in Bhubaneshwar. A unanimous decision was taken on selection of district level NGOs to monitor the cases, link them to the local police station and activate district and state level vigilance monitoring committees by involving the local MLAs and MPs, and strengthening the Dalit and Tribal headed NGOs along with involving Bureaucrats and police administration.

This was followed by the release of Oriya Report Card on 20 years of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, in collaboration with OMASA (Odisha Manabika Adhikar Surakhya Abhiyan), in Bhubaneswar. The objective of the consultation was to review and evaluate the status of implementation of 21 years of the Act and bring necessary amendments for effective implementation of the Act in the state of Orissa. MLAs, an Ex-MLA and a former Union Minister from different political parties were present in the programme, besides over 125 participants (Advocates, Law students, CBOs and Activists, Electronic & Press Media personnel, Academicians etc). They also assured to raise some questions in the forthcoming Assembly session on the issues of SCs and STs.

NCDHR-NDMJ is the democratic, secular, non-party movement of Dalit survivors, defenders, academics, organizations headed by Dalits to initiate, advocate and involve in mass action to address the issues of caste based discrimination and violence, primarily the untouchability and atrocities to ensure dignity, equality and justice.
About Us

The National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) started its work in 1998. Since its inception, it is committed to the elimination of any form of discrimination based on caste. It collaborates with various groups led by dalit women and men activists, with support and solidarity from organizations, academicians, individuals, people’s organizations and institutions who are committed to protect and promote human rights. Its main aim is to strengthen the institutions delivering justice to Dalits and build peoples capacity to access their rights and entitlements. NCDHR emphasizes on:

► Dalit women’s rights to access justice and economic entitlements,
► Budget tracking and enabling Dalit communities to utilize the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan towards their development,
► Responding in a systematic manner to the scenario of exclusion Dalit communities face during disaster and post
► disaster in the processes of relief & rehabilitation,
► Strengthening the criminal justice administration and streamline its access to the vulnerable sections among Dalits.
► Monitoring election procedures and ensuring equal & fair participation of Dalits; &
► Strengthening the land and livelihood rights of Dalits.

The Movements of NCDHR

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► National Dalit Movement for Justice -NDMJ
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