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## ***Dalit Adivasi Women March Ahead in Turbulence***



Dalit Sthree Sakthi, has completed 14 years of its relentless journey with Dalit Adivasi Women and Girl Children and is entering into 15<sup>th</sup> year. This is time for celebration and also taking a conspectus of achievements and pitfalls.

2019 being the Elections year new governments took over at the center and in Andhra Pradesh after April 2019 elections. But for a difference of few months in elections, in Telangana also new government was formed in 2019. In A.P. and Telangana the governments are in the process of settling down. Serious functioning of the governments is yet to start and only after two three years one

can assess how the governments in two Telugu States are going to provide succor to the people in general and dalits in particular.

While that is so in the States, one can see that the central government started working in full swing on the serious job of implementing its policies, like abolition of special status of Kashmir and the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act and going ahead with NRC and NPR. These decisions generated lot of controversy and struggles across the country and have spread on to the university campuses as well. The struggles against CAA, NRC and NPR have grown beyond all expectations and nobody knows what is in store in the coming days. The nation is at cross-roads, caught in the struggle between the forces of secularism and Hindutva. The dalits are under a fear that most of them shall not be able to register in the NRC since they will be not able to furnish the requisite data such as DoB, etc., of their parents. These struggles brought fresh claims of ownership of the nation to the fore.

However, despite such big battles and claims by opposing forces, there appears to be an intellectual void in the debates. Political parties are indulging in only superficial and trivial criticisms of each other without any serious debate on the larger and deeper issues. Eroding economy, unemployment, poverty, situation of dalits and other poorer sections is not being discussed by the opposing forces. No one is talking about the low GDP or falling growth rate of economy or rising inflation. The growing economic inequality and wide gap between the rich and poor is alarming. Oxfam latest report on growing inequalities in India states: “The top 10% of the Indian population holds 77% of the total national wealth. 73% of the wealth generated in 2017 went to the richest 1%, while 67 million Indians who comprise the poorest half of the population saw only a 1% increase in their wealth.” The report further adds that billionaires are increasing: “There are 119 billionaires in India. Their number has increased from only 9 in 2000 to 101 in 2017. Between 2018 and 2022, India is estimated to produce 70 new millionaires every day.”

These widening gaps and rising inequalities affect women and children the most, while dalit women and girl children will be the worst affected.

Thus, the overall picture that emerges is that the nation is going through a radically new situation, economically and politically. No one knows the ultimate outcome and no public debate is taking place

In the two Telugu states the dalits are still denied ownership of natural and government resources. Dalit development is not on the agenda of the governments. Despite the enactment of SCSP/TSP Act much progress has not happened. In this context, DSS took the opportunity to meet the dalit

ministers, MLAs and officers of the newly elected A.P. government and requested them to do their best to the dalits and dalit women.

Despite stringent laws, last year witnessed growing sexual offences against women. After New Delhi's sensational rape and murder, similar incident took place in Hyderabad in November 2019, named as 'Disha' rape and murder. A veterinary lady doctor of 26 years was raped and murdered by four persons who happened to be lorry drivers/ cleaners at the outer ring road of Hyderabad. The woman hailed from Reddy caste. There was lot of media coverage, mobilization of public opinion by media and political parties in such a way that the government felt pressurized to kill all the accused in an encounter. This crime and the instant encounter justice brought to fore the debate on how the police, media and political parties differentiate crimes against dominant caste women and dalit women. Media never gave such a wide coverage to much more brutal rape and murder of dalit or backward caste women that took place just earlier to Disha incident. The political parties and leaders also never reacted in similar vein as they responded to Disha incident. The extra-judicial action of police in killing all the four accused within days was condemned by DSS and other democratic minded organizations and individuals.

DSS pointed out the bias of the media, political parties and government in their response towards dominant caste victims and dalit victims. The Supreme Court also reacted seriously to the extra-judicial action of the police and ordered for enquiry by the High Court. DSS has always been advocating that the root cause of sexual violence has to be studied and steps to eradicate it should be initiated. But no one appears to be focusing attention on the social, cultural and other root causes of increasing sexual violence. Mostly there is only hue and cry for instant justice, retribution and other superficial remedies. DSS appeals to intellectuals, social scientists and criminologists to concentrate and study deeply into the root causes of sexual violence and suggest ways to eradicate it.

Last year was marked with the sad events of demise of three eminent personalities, namely, Justice Punnaiah, Justice Ramaswamy and Sri. P.S. Krishnan. All the three of them are well known for their commitment to dalit human rights and upliftment. DSS pays homage to these towering personalities.

As in the yesteryears, 2019 also DSS carried on its regular activities of addressing human rights of dalit women, conducted RTC and gender campaigns, monitoring schools and hostels and other economic activities for dalit women. Government officials, intellectuals, media and everyone supported DSS in various ways. DSS takes this opportunity to thank each and every one for their support to the dalit women and assures that we carry on our mission with the same commitment and sincerity that have been the hall mark of DSS for the past 14 years.

**Jhansi Geddani**  
*National Convener*  
*Dalit Sthree Sakthi*

## Dalit Women Marching Ahead Towards Equality

Annual General Body Meetings of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

Equality is the foundation of democracy. The soul of Indian constitution is equality. Everywhere in the world, old feudal, autocratic regimes were replaced with democratic form of governments and the foundation of such new form of governments was equality of all human beings. In England, Dicey developed the concept of equality and in US 14<sup>th</sup> amendment guarantees equality and due process of law. In our country also the constitution provided equality in Article 14 and various other articles. In the particular context of India, general provision of equality will not be sufficient. Hence, the constitutional makers have taken care to provide various aspects of equality like, abolition of untouchability, abolition of begar, equality of opportunity in employment, equality in admission to public places, educational institutions, provision for reservations etc. Despite the elaborate provisions of equality in the Constitution, in actual practice, Dalits are still treated as lower category in the caste hierarchy. This discrimination is more pronounced in the rural side. Dalit women collectives, leaders and through them the entire dalit women have to fight against all forms of discrimination. Hence it is necessary that these women collectives and leaders have to be trained and inspired continuously on the concepts of equality and constitutional rights. Not only the dalit women and men but the entire society at large have to be educated to come out of the old feudal mind set up. It is a fact that the Indian society is not really modernized and democratized. Our country is republican only for the name sake. The entire society, including the highly educated people, the administration, legislators and the judiciary do not really believe in the constitutional values of equality of all human beings. Almost everyone believes in caste hierarchy, caste purity etc. Unfortunately, this backward thinking is getting harder and entrenched. Hence it is necessary to educate everyone about the concept of equality and constitutional values. With this view the theme of equality is focussed for the general body meeting of the two states this year.

**Andhra Pradesh** Annual State Conference was held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Swarna Palace, Vijayawada, while the **Telangana** State Convention was held at SSS Conference Hall, Hyderabad on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Every year, Annual General Body meet is conducted to boost the self-esteem of the members and leaders of women collectives of the villages. They will be travelling to the venue from their villages and the very fact of going to a distant place to attend a meeting gives lot of exposure to them. At the, venue the dalit women will have the opportunity of interacting with each other. Annual conferences are always held on a theme and the gathering is educated on the theme with high level dignitaries as speakers.

**Andhra Pradesh:** Dalit Sthree Sakthi's 13<sup>th</sup> State Annual Conference was held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Swarna Palace Conference Hall, Vijayawada, on the theme "Dalit Women Marching Ahead towards Equality".

Eminent personalities attended the conference and inspired the dalit women gathering. The chief guest of this conference is Sri B Raj Sekhar, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt of AP, Agriculture and Civil Supplies. Other dignitaries were Sri Kaki Sunitha, IAS, Chairperson & MD of Tobacco Board, Sri Usha Kumari, IAS, Addl., Commissioner and Sri Yesuratnam, MD of Christian Minorities Corporation, AP, Prof. A Subrahmanyam and Prof. L Jayashree, Law Professors (Rtd) Acharya Nagarjuna University, AP, Sri A V Kiran, General Secretary, All India SC, ST Electricity Employees Welfare Association, Dr N Siddoji Rao, Convenor, SC, ST IAS/IPS Officers Forum. Jhansi Geddani, National Convener, Dalit Sthree Sakthi presided over the meeting.



All the dignitaries first garlanded the photos of Dr BR Ambedkar and Savitribai Phule and then occupied their respective seats on the dais. Daniel Vijay Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS introduced about the theme “Dalit Women Marching Ahead Towards Equality” of annual conference and explained the need. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS in her inaugural speech highlighted the tasks taken up and achievements during the year 2018. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual report in Telugu was released by Sri B Raja Sekhar, IAS.

### Gist of the Speeches made by the Dignitaries:

- Even in 21<sup>st</sup> century there is not much change from the old feudal ideas.
- It is strange to see animals are given more importance than human beings.
- India is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world and a fastest growing economy. But what is the role and participation of Dalits in this economy?
- We need many organizations like DSS to do research and to inspire dalit women.
- The annual budget of A.P. is Rs.2 lakh crores, but what is the share of Dalits in this budget. Is it a small piece in the cake?
- Dalits should be aware of the growth process and demand for inclusive growth.
- Dr B.R. Ambedkar is champion of women's rights.
- Article 14 guarantees equality but cl. (3) of Article 15 provides special protection for women.
- Democracy is not just having elections every five years. It is a narrow understanding of democracy.
- Democracy means governance in accordance with rule of law and protection of rights of all.
- Present governments are serving the interests of corporates only to the disadvantage of rest of the population.
- Dalit women should take up businesses and develop economically.
- Dalit women should form an economic forum and progress economically. They should concentrate on developing skills.
- All dalit women should invariably be educated. We should realize that education is our strength and our investment.
- There are hypocrites around. Those who indulge in violence at home also pretend and speak for women rights. We should be aware of such persons.
- Dalit women should stand up against money power and authority to achieve equality.













## Telangana State:

The 13<sup>th</sup> State conference of Dalit Sthree Sakthi for the state of Telangana was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 on the same theme “Dalit Women Marching Ahead Towards Equality” at SSS Kalyana Mandapam, Hyderabad. The dignitaries on the dais were Sri Kaki Madhava Rao, IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Sri Murali IAS, Sri B Vijaya Bharathi, Former Telugu Academy Director, Sri Vinod, IFS., Former Ambassador to Germany, Sri S Charulatha, Scientist, Dept of Atomic Energy, Hyderabad, Prof Sudha Rani from DBRAOU, Dr Siddoji Rao, Officers Forum/ Help Desk, Sri Girija Devi, State Coordinator, OSC, and Vinod from Ambedkar Protection Committee. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS presided the conference and Sri Danial Vijay Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS outlined the theme of the annual conference. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Report in English was released by Sri Kaki Madhava Rao and Sri B Vijaya Bharathi.

All the speakers commended the work of Dalit Sthree Sakthi's and their commitment in rendering justice to dalit women and girl children in all aspects.



### Gist of the points from the speeches of dignitaries:

- It is unfortunate that atrocities on dalit women are going on in the State even now.
- Dalit women should seriously think why atrocities are taking place on them and why not on women belonging to other castes.
- Dalit women should take care of their self-protection.
- Atrocities on dalit women will come to an end only when they develop economically.

- Dalit women should try to get positions of political power also.
- Dalit women are facing all forms of discrimination and it is necessary that organizations like DSS should be supported by the Government.
- Though dalit women are now getting educated very a smaller number of them are in good jobs.
- Dalit men should learn to respect dalit women and treat them equally.
- Inter-caste marriages should be encouraged.
- Dalit women played significant role in Telangana movement and it was they who fought against Razakars.
- Dalit women should learn questioning and demand for their share in the economic growth.

#### **Declaration adopted by the General Body at both the state conferences:**

1. Resolved to give trainings to Women Collective leaders at the village, mandal, district and State level on special laws and on their rights and improve their awareness on these laws.
2. We will strengthen the youth associations through trainings.
3. The dalit women leaders who are trained should take up the task of awakening and enlightening the dalit and Adivasi women in the villages.
4. Resolved to work towards strengthening the dalit and Adivasi women economically. To take up the task of getting loan applications sanctioned.
5. To fight against all forms of violence at home and outside and to fight for justice till end.
6. To monitor educational institutions and see that dalit girl children get quality education.
7. To work with all likeminded organisations and form networks whenever necessary.
8. To campaign on gender issues in the villages and enlighten everyone on gender equality.
9. To create awareness on the existing political situation and educate the people to use their vote towards strengthening democracy.
10. To educate dalit and Adivasi women to live with dignity, equality and self-respect.











B Rajasekhar, principal secretary of Agriculture department addressing the meeting organised by Dalit Sthree Sakthi in Vijayawada on Tuesday

## 'EQUALITY, EMPOWERMENT NEEDED FOR DALIT WOMEN'

HANS NEWS SERVICE

**VIJAYAWADA:** There is hardly any change in human behaviour towards fellow humans even in 21st century, said B Rajasekhar, principal secretary of the Agriculture department while addressing 13th annual conference of Dalit Sthree Sakthi (DSS) here on Tuesday.

"It is really pathetic that animals were being given more importance than human," he said referring to the cow vigilantism.

He said that Dalit women are still facing violence, exploitation of both sexual and eco-

nomic. He complimented DSS for striving hard for the upliftment of Dalit women. He also released the annual report of DSS.

K Sunita, vice-chairperson and MD of the Tobacco Board, said that Dalit women should have mental power and courage and develop financially. "They should launch an economic forum in that direction," she said.

Earlier, Gaddam Jhansi, national convener of DSS, elaborated the efforts of the organisation in its 13 years long struggle. She said that the organisation has prepared the bill to eradicate discrimination in educational institutions

and submitted the same to the education departments of the two Telugu-speaking States. The DSS has also launched massive campaign to achieve gender equality in the society.

Daniel Vijay Prakash, National Programme Manager of DSS, Usha Kumari, Additional Secretary of Christian Minorities department, Yesuratnam, Managing Director of Christian Minorities department, Prof (Retd) Jayasri of Acharya Nagarjuna University, Dr Siddhoji Rao, Prof Subrahmanyam, Employees Association leaders AV Kiran and Sivakumar and several women leaders were present.



# దళిత మహిళల కోసం ఉద్యమాలు కొనసాగించాలి

» వ్యవసాయశాఖ ప్రెసిడెంట్ సెక్రటరీ రాజశేఖర్



దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి వార్షిక నివేదికను విడుదల చేస్తున్న సభ్యులు

గవర్నర్ పేట, ఫిబ్రవరి 12 : దళిత మహిళల హక్కుల కోసం పాటుపడే సంస్థలు, స్త్రీలు వారు సాధికారత సాధించే వరకు ఉద్యమాలను కొనసాగించాలని వ్యవసాయ శాఖ ప్రెసిడెంట్ సెక్రటరీ రాజశేఖర్ అన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి 13వ రాష్ట్ర మహాసభను పురస్కరించుకుని మంగళవారం పురస్కారాలను హాటల్లో దళిత స్త్రీలు-సమానత్వం అంశంపై సభ జరిగింది. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ ప్రోగ్రామ్ మేనేజర్ డానియేల్ విజయప్రకాష్ ప్రారంభించగా దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ జాన్సీ గెడ్డం ప్రారంభోపన్యాసం చేశారు. రాజశేఖర్ మాట్లాడుతూ దళిత స్త్రీల హక్కుల కోసం అందరినీ కలుపుకుని పని చేయడం అవసరమన్నారు. టుటోకో బోర్డు వైస్ చైర్మన్ కె. సునీత మాట్లాడుతూ దళిత స్త్రీలు మానసిక

స్వేచ్ఛ, ధైర్యం కలిగి ఉండాలని అన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీలు ఆర్థికంగా స్వీకృతమైన, అందుకోసం ఎకనామిక్ ఫోరం తయారు చేసుకోవాలన్నారు. ఆర్థిక స్వేచ్ఛను మెరుగుపరచుకుని నైపుణ్యాలను పెంపొందించుకోవాలని సూచించారు. క్రిస్టియన్ మైనారిటీ శాఖ అదనపు కార్యదర్శి ఉషాకుమారి మాట్లాడుతూ దళితుల పెట్టుబడి చదువేనని, గెలుపే అంటిను లక్ష్యం కావాలన్నారు. ఏఎన్యూ రిటైర్డ్ ప్రొఫెసర్ జయశ్రీ మాట్లాడుతూ అంబేద్కర్ రాసిన రాజ్యాంగంలో సమానత్వం కోసం చేసిన కృషి మరువలేదన్నారు. ప్రొఫెసర్ సుబ్రహ్మణ్యం, సిద్ధోజీ ఉద్వేగ సంతకాల కిరీట్, శివకుమార్, మహిళా సంఘాల నేతలు పాల్గొన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి 13వ వార్షిక నివేదిక పుస్తకాన్ని ఆవిష్కరించారు.



Agriculture and Civil Supplies Departments principal secretary B Rajsekhar and DSS national convenor Geddam Jhansi | PRAVINDRA BABU

## Inclusive growth vital for uplift of Dalits

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

B Rajsekhar, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Civil Supplies Departments, has said that inclusive growth was vital for the empowerment of Dalit women.

Addressing the gathering during the 13th annual State conference of Dalit Stree Sakthi conducted here on Tuesday, he said, "All the political leaders use this term, but we need to see if they actually implement it. For instance the State budget is ₹2.3 lakh crore, but how much has been allotted for the welfare of Dalits."

Echoing his views, AP Tobacco Board Chairperson and Managing Director Kaki Sunitha highlighted the importance of education for the economic and political development of Dalit women. Dalit Stree Sakthi National Convenor Jhansi Geddam said that they nurtured 50 Dalit women entrepreneurs last year.

గురువారం 21 ఫిబ్రవరి 2019 - హైదరాబాద్ నమస్తే తెలంగాణ

## 'దళిత స్త్రీలు- సమానత్వం' అంశంపై సదస్సు

బుల్లిచాటిపేట: 'దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి' సంస్థ వద్ద సదస్సు ఆధ్వర్యంలో బుధవారం పద్మావతిపేటలో దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి 13వ రాష్ట్ర మహాసభలో భాగంగా 'దళిత స్త్రీలు- సమానత్వం' అంశంపై సదస్సు నిర్వహించారు. ముందుగా దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి సంస్థ జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ జాన్సీ గెడ్డం ప్రారంభోపన్యాసం చేశారు. గత 13 ఏండ్లలో దళిత స్త్రీల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కోసం చేపట్టిన కార్యక్రమాలు, ఉద్యమాలు గురించి వివరించారు. ఈ సదస్సులో ప్రభుత్వ మాజీ ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి కాకి మాధవరావు, ఐఎస్ఎ అధికారి ఎ. మురళి, ఎస్సీఎస్సీ ఐఎస్ఎస్, ఐఎస్ఎస్ ఫోరం కన్వీనర్ డాక్టర్ ఎన్. సిద్ధోజీ రావు, తెలుగు అకాడమి పూర్వ చైర్మన్ బి. విజయభారతి, జర్నలిస్ట్ మాజీ రాయబారి వి.వి. సైంట్స్ ఎస్. దామలకుమార్, అంబేద్కర్ సార్వత్రిక విశ్వవిద్యాలయ ప్రొఫెసర్ డాక్టర్ సుధాదాస్, ప్రొఫెసర్ గిరిజాదేవి, ప్రొఫెసర్ సుబ్రహ్మణ్యంలు మాట్లాడారు. దళితులు రాజకీయ అధికారం సాధించాలని, ఆర్థికంగా అభివృద్ధి చెందితే ఆత్మాధారాలను అభివృద్ధి చేసుకోవాలన్నారు. ఉప ప్రధానిగా చట్టం నిర్వహించే దళితులు, కుల వ్యవస్థకు చరమగీతం పాడాలని సూచించారు. కుల, మహిళా వివక్షలలో మనదేశం ముందుకు వెళ్లాలన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీలు విద్యలో ముందుగా ఉండాలన్నారు. గ్రామీణ ఉద్యమంలో దళిత స్త్రీల పాత్ర అమోఘమని, ఆనాడు రజాకార్లను ఎదిరించింది దళిత స్త్రీదేనని తెలిపారు. రాజకీయంగా, ఆర్థికంగా తమ వాటాను సాధించుకోవాలని, ప్రభుత్వ తర్వాన్ని అలవరచుకోవాలని సూచించారు. ఉభయ రాష్ట్రాలలో దళిత మహిళలకు అన్ని విధాలుగా అండగా నిలబడి దళిత



సదస్సులో మాట్లాడుతున్న ప్రభుత్వ మాజీ ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి కాకిమాధవరావు

స్త్రీ శక్తి అందిస్తున్న సేవలు ఎంతో గొప్పవని వర్ణన కొనియాడారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి సంస్థ జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ జాన్సీ గెడ్డం ఆధ్వర్యంలో జరిగిన ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో జాతీయ ప్రోగ్రాం మేనేజర్ డానియేల్ విజయప్రకాష్ వందన సమర్పణ చేశారు. సంస్థ కోఆర్డినేటర్లు సతీశ్, శేఖర్, హేమలత, మానిక్, వివిధ జిల్లాల నుంచి మహిళా నాయకులు, కార్యకర్తలు హాజరయ్యారు. 2019లో చేయవలసిన డిక్టేషన్ రూపొందించి సభలో చదివి వినిపించారు. సంస్థ 13వ వార్షిక నివేదికను కాకి మాధవరావు, విజయ భారతిలు ఆవిష్కరించారు. క్రాంతియుద్ధం పాటలు అందరినీ ఆలోచింపజేయాయి.

## 'Subaltern women need orientation prior to trials'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

DALIT Stree Sakthi, a voluntary organisation, in their annual report has noted that most cases of sexual abuse against Dalit and Adivasi women in Telugu States are not processed and concluded within the stipulated time - two months from when the chargesheet is filed.

Underscoring the need for awareness of trial procedures, experts, who deal with caste and gender violence cases on a regular basis, said subaltern victims needed pre-trial orientation. "There is no pre-trial orientation for the victims. They have to navigate through the legal maze without any knowledge of their objective or the steps they

need to take to get there," noted the report. As many as 25 cases of atrocities were studied by the organisation. "Victims saw a lot of delay in the pre-trial stage itself. Most of it is because of hesitation in filing complaints and due to delay in FSL reports. Also, public prosecutors are known to neglect such cases and present weak arguments," the report read. Daniel Prakash, national program manager of DSS, said Dalit and Adivasi women needed help in accessing the services of the law. He announced that his organisation would hold special training camps on various Acts in the Constitution to help people safeguard their rights. "We will go to villages and hold training camps for women," he said.







## Long wait for Justice

### Round Table Conference on Violence against Dalit Adivasi Women and Girl Children

Round Table Conferences or Public Hearings are organized to bring the victims and all other concerned together face to face so that the officials can know directly from the victims their agony and how justice was denied to them. In such open sittings, the victims get an opportunity to narrate the hurdles they faced from various wings of the justice system, while the concerned officials and other dignitaries will be able to get a clear picture of how the personnel are discharging their duties. Round Table Conferences are the occasions that provide opportunity for the higher officials to note the cases/issues and rectify the gaps in the administration of justice. Further, such sittings will help focus the difficulties of victims and sensitizing the concerned departments and public in general about the rights of dalit women. More than anything else the RTCs give satisfaction to the victims that they were able to narrate their woes. Since RTCs serve various purposes in protecting the rights of dalit women rights, DSS organizes such RTCs on various rights issues. Last year RTC was organized on domestic violence and this year RTC was held on the issue of violence on dalit women.

#### Telangana State:

On the eve of International Campaign on Violence against Women, Dalit Stree Sakthi organised a Round Table Conference on the inter and intra community violence against Dalit Adivasi Women and Girl Children on 25/11/2019 at Madina Education Centre, Nampally, Hyderabad.

The RTC consisted of a panel of eminent personalities as given below:

Nalini Raghu Raman – Political Economy Advisor at the British Deputy High Commission, Vinod Kumar IFS, Former Indian Ambassador, Dr Siddoji Rao Convener of SC/ST IAS, IPS Officers forum, P Y Giri, DCP Crimes of Rachaconda Commissionerate, J Sailaja, Additional Director, SC Development Department, Naga Laxmi, SP – CID Department and Intellectuals of different paths, DHRDs, CSOs, Women Collective leaders, Dalit women activists, sympathisers of Dalit women cause from various walks of life.



A jury kit with all details of 28 select cases pertaining to offences including rape, abetment to suicide, cheating, sexual exploitation, land encroachment, caste abuse, mental harassment, gang rape, domestic violence and murder etc were presented before the jury panel. Victims of each case deposed their harrowing experiences of violence and how they faced justice system. Long pending cases of Triveni and Renuka which have been awaiting justice for more than a decade also were brought to the notice of the jury panel.







## వార్త

మంగళవారం 26 నవంబరు 2019

# దళిత, ఆదివాసీ స్త్రీల కేసులకు అడుగుడుగునా అన్యాయమే

అత్యాచార బాధితులకు పదేళ్లుగా

ఒక్కరికి పెన్షన్ అందలేదు

ఎస్సీ డెవలప్ మెంట్ శాఖ పూర్తిగా నిర్వీర్యం

హైదరాబాద్, నవంబరు 25, ప్రభాతవార్త: రెండు తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాల్లోని దళిత, ఆదివాసీ స్త్రీలకు సంబంధించిన ప్రతి ఒక్క కేసు విషయంలో అడుగుడుగునా వారికి అన్యాయమే జరుగుతుందని, దళిత ఆదివాసీ స్త్రీలపై హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా ప్రచారోద్యమం పేరుతో దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన చేసిన రౌండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశంలో పలువురు అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. సోమవారం నాంపల్లిలోని ఓ పాఠశాల సమావేశ మందిరంలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన రౌండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశంలో మొత్తం 28 కేసులకు సంబంధించిన సాక్షులు జ్యూరీ ముందు హాజరయ్యారు. ఇందులో హత్యలు, అత్యాచారాలు, ప్రేమ పేరుతో మోసం, భూమి క్రమణ, సామూహిక అత్యాచారాలు, దాడులు, ఆత్మహత్యకు ప్రేరేపించడం, లైంగికదోషిడి లాంటి హింసా సంఘటనలను జ్యూరీ పర్యవేక్షించింది. కాగా, జ్యూరీ సభ్యులుగా ఐఎఫ్ఎస్ఐ వినోద్, రాచకొండ క్రైం డిసిపి పివై గిరి, బ్రిటిష్ హైకమిషన్ సలీని రంగరాజన్, సిఐడి ఎస్పి నాగలక్ష్మి, శైలజ, డా.సిద్ధోజీ, డా.శోభ, శివకుమారి తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు. ఈ రౌండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశాన్ని ఉద్దేశించి దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వెన్షన్ రూపొందించిన బాధితులకు సంబంధించి ఎదురైన పరిస్థితులను బాధితుల ద్వారా జ్యూరీ సభ్యులకు విన్నవించారు. వదేళ్ల నుండి పోరాడుతున్న కేసులు రావుల త్రివేణి, రేణుకల హత్యలను వారి తల్లిదండ్రులు వివరించారు. ఆనంతరం రూపొందించిన ప్రకాశ్ మూర్ఖుడు తూ.. ప్రతి కేసులోనూ అడుగుడుగునా

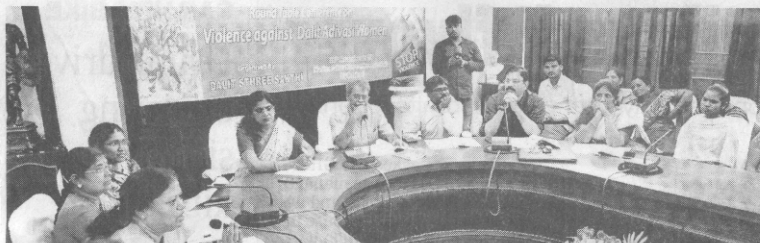


రౌండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశంలో పాల్గొన్న జ్యూరీ సభ్యులు, హాజరైన 28

కేసులకు సంబంధించిన సాక్షులు

ఎదురవుతున్న విషమపరిస్థితులు, పోలీసు, న్యాయవ్యవస్థల పనితీరు మరియు ప్రత్యేకించి దళితుల అభ్యున్నతి కొరకు ఉద్దేశించబడిన ఎస్సీ డెవలప్ మెంట్ శాఖ నిర్వీర్యంపైనే అనేక ఉదాహరణలతో వివరించారు. చట్టంలో పేర్కొన్న విధంగా విచారణను, తీర్పును త్వరితగతిన పరిష్కారం కోసం ప్రత్యేక న్యాయస్థానాలను ఏర్పాటు చేయాలని జ్యూరీ సభ్యులు పలు సిఫారసులు చేశారు. అందులో దళిత, ఆదివాసీ స్త్రీలకు న్యాయం కోసం ప్రత్యేక కోర్టులు వెంటనే ఏర్పాటు చేసి, ప్రత్యేక పబ్లిక్ ప్రాసిక్యూటర్లను నియమించాలని అన్నారు. అదేవిధంగా జిల్లా, రాష్ట్ర స్థాయి విజిలెన్స్ ఆండ్ మానిటరింగ్ కమిటీలు సమర్థవంతంగా పనిచేయాలని తదితర సిఫారసులను అందులో పొందుపరిచారు.





The roundtable conference on 'Violence against Dalit Adivasi Women' held by the Dalit Stthree Sakthi on Monday

# DSS holds conference on violence against women

Makes recommendations for handling of SC/ST cases by the govt

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THE round table conference on 'Violence Against Dalit Adivasi Women', organised by the Dalit Stthree Sakthi (DSS) here on Monday, painted heart-wrenching scenes as victims narrated their ordeals to the panel comprised of high-level bureaucrats.

As many as 28 cases pertaining to offences including rape, abetment to suicide, cheating, sexual exploitation, land encroachment, caste abuses, and mental harassment were discussed by case after the victims disposed of their harrowing experiences.

In two cases, the victims have been awaiting justice for

more than a decade. A panel comprising of Nalini Raghuraman, Political Economy Adviser at the British Deputy High Commission, former Indian Ambassador Vinod Kumar, Dr Siddhoji Rao, convener of IAS/IPS Officers' Forum, and PY Giri, DCP Crimes (Rachakonda Commissionerate) heard the grievances of the victims.

Expressing fear for his life, Pranay Perumalla's father Balaswami said that the accused who were facing charges in his son's murder case are pressurising them to "settle" the case. The aggrieved father said that he would not give up on the case and fight it until his last breath.

He demanded the govern-

ment to constitute a special fast-track court to hear the case, and said that the trail in the case had not even started yet.

Gaddam Jhansi, Convenor of DSS, said that judges who pronounce judgements in Dalit and Adivasi cases should be awarded points just like judges who pronounce judgements in Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) cases.

The conference made several recommendations to the government, including the demand to take action against police officers under Section 4 of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and constituting special courts to conduct a speedy trial in SC/ST cases.

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దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి రాండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశంలో పాల్గొన్న జ్యూరీ సభ్యులు

## అట్రాసిటీ చట్టం అమలు ఏదీ?

» తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాల్లో 95 కేసులు పెండింగ్ లోనే

» విచారణకు జిల్లాకో ప్రత్యేక కోర్టు ఏర్పాటు చేయాలి

» 'దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి' రాండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశంలో వక్తులు

హైదరాబాద్, నవంబరు 25 (ఆంధ్రజ్యోతి): తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాల్లో దళిత, అదివాసీ మహిళలపై అపరాధాలు జరుగుతుంటే ప్రభుత్వాలు వట్టిచుక్కవడం లేదని దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి నేతలు ఆరోపించారు. పిర్యాదు చేయడానికి రాణాకు వెళితే పోలీసులు చివరకు చూపిస్తున్నారని, రెండు రాష్ట్రాల్లో 95 శాతం ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అట్రాసిటీ కేసులు పెండింగ్ లోనే ఉన్నాయని అన్నారు. సోమవారం నాంపల్లిలో దళిత, అదివాసీ మహిళలపై హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో రాండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశం నిర్వహించారు. సంఘం జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ గిడ్డం రుక్మాన్తి మాట్లాడుతూ.. అట్రాసిటీ చట్టం ప్రకారం బాధితులకు రూ.5 వేల పెన్షన్ ఇవ్వాలని డిమాండ్ చేశారు. పెండింగ్ కేసుల విచారణకు జిల్లాకో ప్రత్యేక కోర్టును ఏర్పాటు చేయాలన్నారు. కాగా 28 కేసులకు సంబంధించిన సాక్షులు జ్యూరీ ఎదుట హాజరై తమ నమస్కలను వివరించారు. జ్యూరీ సభ్యులుగా హైదరాబాద్ ట్రిబియల్ హైకుమిషన్ కు చెందిన నళిని రంగరాజన్, ఐఎఫ్ఎస్ అధికారి వినోద్, సీబీడి అదనపు ఎస్సీ నాగ లక్ష్మి, ఎస్సీ డెవలప్ మెంట్ అదనపు డైరెక్టర్ శైలజ, ఐఎస్ఎస్/ఐపీఎస్ ఆఫీసర్స్ ఫోరం కన్వీనర్ సిద్ధోజీ వ్యవహరించారు.

రాజీ కోసం మారుతీరావు బెదిరింపులు: ప్రణయ్ తండ్రి

తమ కుమారుడి హత్య కేసులో రాజీ కుదుర్చుకోవాల్సిందిగా తమపై మారుతీ రావు బెదిరింపులకు పాల్పడుతున్నాడని మిర్యాలగూడలో హత్యకు గురైన ప్రణయ్ తండ్రి బాలస్వామి తెలిపారు. అనుచరులను ఇంటికి పంపించి భయభ్రాంతులకు గురిచేస్తున్నారని చెప్పారు. తాను రాజీకి ఒప్పుకోనని, అవసరమైతే చావడానికైనా సిద్ధంగా ఉన్నానని అన్నారు. ప్రత్యేక కోర్టును ఏర్పాటు చేసి ప్రణయ్ హత్య కేసును

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## Dalit & Adivasi women safety debated

**Nampally:** A round-table conference on 'Violence against Dalit, Adivasi women' was organised by Dalit Stthree Shakti (DSS) at Medina Education Centre in Nampally on Monday. Nalini Raghuraman, Economic Advisor, British High Commission, Hyderabad, J Shylaja, Additional Director, SC Development Department, Dr N Siddhoji Rao, convener of IAS/IPS Officers' Forum, P Y Giri, DCP (Crimes), Dr Vinod Ku-

mar, former Ambassador to Uzbekistan, Naga Lakshmi, SP-CID, M Narsing Rao, K Shiva Kumar, Dr Shobha Perumalla, Gaddam Jhansi, national convener of DSS, Daniel Vijay Prakash, national programme manager of DSS, and others took part in the deliberations. Several affected women, families of the deceased narrated their horrible experiences. Most of them are still waiting for justice from different courts.



ఆంధ్రభూమి

మంగళవారం

26 నవంబర్, 2019

## దళిత మహిళలపై దాడులపై ప్రత్యేక న్యాయస్థానాలు

దళిత శక్తి జ్యూరీ డిమాండ్

ఆంధ్రభూమి బ్యూరో

హైదరాబాద్, నవంబర్ 25: దళిత మహిళలపై జరుగుతున్న అత్యాచారాలు, దాడులు, పీడన కేసులు పరిష్కారానికి నోచుకోవడం లేదని, వీటి పరిష్కారానికి ప్రత్యేక న్యాయస్థానాలను ఏర్పాటు చేయాలని దళిత శక్తి జ్యూరీ డిమాండ్ చేసింది. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో సోమవారం నాడు నిర్వహించిన రాండ్ టేబుల్ సమావేశంలో 28 కేసులకు సంబంధించి సాక్షులు జ్యూరీ ముందు హాజరయ్యారు. హత్యలు, అత్యాచారాలు, ఆత్మహత్యకు ప్రేరేపించడం, లైంగిక దోపిడీ వంటి హింసా సంఘటనలను జ్యూరీ చర్చవే క్షించింది. జ్యూరీ సభ్యులుగా అంబాసిడర్ వినోద్ ఐఎఫ్ఎస్, పిప్లె గిరి ఐపీఎస్, ట్రిబియల్ హైకుమిషన్ అధికారి నళిని రంగరాజన్, సీబీడి ఎస్సీ నాగలక్ష్మి, ఎస్సీ డెవలప్ మెంట్ డిపార్టుమెంట్ నుండి శైలజ తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ రుక్మాన్తి గడ్డం, జాతీయ ప్రోగ్రాం మేనేజర్ దానియల్ ప్రకాష్ వైలు మాట్లాడుతూ బాధితులకు సంబంధించి జరుగుతున్న జాప్యాలను జ్యూరీ సభ్యులకు వివరించారు. ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అత్యాచారాల నిరోధక చట్టం అమలు తీరును వివరిస్తూ ప్రతి కేసుకు సంబంధించి ఎదురైన పరిస్థితులను బాధితులు ద్వారా జ్యూరీ సభ్యులకు విన్నవించారు.



## State of Andhra Pradesh:

Similarly, on the eve of International Campaign on Violence against Women, Dalit Stree Sakthi organised a Round Table Conference on Violence against Dalit Adivasi Women and Girl Children on 10/12/2019 at Ambedkar Bhavan, Vijayawada.

Jury was constituted with officials like, Sri Muddada Ravi Chandra IAS, Principal Secretary – Social Welfare Department; Sri Vasireddy Padma – Chairperson – State Women Commission; Suez, Director - State Women Commission; Sri Byra Koteswara Rao, Director of Prosecutions; Sri Ram Chandar, Joint Director – SWD, Dr Siddoji Rao, Convener – SC, ST IAS/IPS Officers Forum, Heads of different Organisations and Advocates.

Victims and witnesses concerning 30 cases of atrocities narrated their agony before the Jury. These 30 cases included offences like kidnap and rape, abetment to suicide, cheating, sexual exploitation, land encroachment, caste abuse, mental harassment, gang rapes, attempt to murder, attacks, murders etc. Each of the victims and witnesses narrated their harrowing experiences before the jury panel and media.

Jhansi Geddarn, National Convener and GDV Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS explained to the Jury about each case and the penal and pecuniary lapses, and the action to be taken.

The violations put forth before the jury are as follows:

- ✓ Registration of the case is delayed giving scope for forcible compromise
- ✓ FIR not registered with proper sections
- ✓ Not sent for medical treatment, purposefully delayed in rape cases also



- ✓ Delay in investigation
- ✓ The police department not fully aware of the latest amendments to the Act
- ✓ Summons to the victims and witnesses delivered at the eleventh hour
- ✓ Most of the PPs are reluctant in giving orientation
- ✓ PPs are over loaded with other cases
- ✓ PPs not filing written arguments
- ✓ PPs giving scope for defence advocates to work out compromise
- ✓ Trial not conducted at a stretch and delayed with many adjournments
- ✓ Atrocity cases are not a priority for designated special courts
- ✓ TA & DA not paid to the victims and witnesses
- ✓ High courts giving stays and not vacating the stays for years together
- ✓ Social Welfare department unable to coordinate the departments
- ✓ Immediate relief, compensation and rehabilitation not paid on time
- ✓ C Section in the office of the district collector not discharging duties in the spirit of the Act. They lack the perspective under the Act, as such they are humiliating the victims seeking compensation.



### Responses from the Jury:

- The statutory monitoring committees at respective levels need to function effectively and will be convened as per schedule.
- SWD as the nodal agency will ensure coordination and cooperation between all the concerned departments.
- The sensitization of all the staff of the concerned departments will be taken up
- Regular review meetings between prosecution and police department will be held to over come the gaps.
- AP government is serious on the increased violence against women and girl children and therefore brought a new enactment DISHA Act to complete the entire penal process and pronounce judgement within 21 days from the day of occurrence of the incident.





### ***Recommendations by the Jury:***

- ❑ To establish Exclusive Special Courts
- ❑ To appoint Special Public Prosecutors
- ❑ The District and State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees to function effectively
- ❑ The information about the SC/ST (PoA) Amendment Act be placed in the Government Website
- ❑ The periodical reports on the implementation of the SC/ST (PoA) Act be placed in website for public view
- ❑ To give training to the Police and the other concerned departments on the SC/ST (PoA) Amendment Act
- ❑ Refresher training to Judges on SC/ST (PoA) Amendment Act
- ❑ To establish special cells for the implementation of the Rights of Victims and Witnesses
- ❑ To take action U/s 4 on the police officers for not registering the cases with appropriate sections
- ❑ The investigation Officer to keep informed the victim on the progress in investigation
- ❑ The Investigation Officers to file memos in the Special Courts on the delay in Investigation
- ❑ The accused to be presented before Special Courts only for judicial remand
- ❑ To provide relief, compensation and rehabilitation immediately
- ❑ PCR Cell to closely monitor the implementation of the Act









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## Victims pour their woes out at Dalit Sthree Sakthi roundtable

Authorities urged to ensure speedy probe into cases

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Victims of sexual assault, caste discrimination and other atrocities from the SC/ST communities poured their woes out before A.P. Mahila Commission chairperson Vasireddy Padma and Secretary to Govt. (Social Welfare) M. Ravichandra and other government officials at a roundtable organised by Dalit Sthree Sakthi (DSS) in the city on Tuesday.

The victims urged the authorities to ensure speedy investigation and justice which have been eluding them despite the existence of a legal framework.

At the roundtable titled 'Violence Against Dalit Adivasi Women and Girl Children 2019' organised on the occasion of Human Rights Day, cases of 30 crimes against men and women of

SC, ST communities were presented.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ravichandra stressed the need for sensitisation of the department staff and officials so that victims are shown empathy while resolving the issues.

"There are many Acts to deal with the atrocities but implementing them is the key," Mr. Ravichandra said.

He further said that meetings with all the departments should be conducted once in three months, but this practice was not being followed for many years. He assured victims that cases would be reviewed every month, prompting investigation agencies to go for a speedy probe.

### Timebound trials

Ms. Vasireddy Padma said that the number of cases of

rape under the pretext of marriage has gone up of late.

"Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is going to introduce a bill for women safety that promises investigation and trial of cases of crime against women within 21 days. Due to delay in conviction in many cases, accused are being set free while victims bear the pain. In this context, the new law will ensure speedy trial and conviction," Ms. Padma said.

Director of Prosecutions Byra Ramakoteswara Rao said that there is a lack of coordination between prosecution, social welfare department and investigation agencies. Now that the Social Welfare Department secretary Mr. Ravinchandra called for a meeting, things will fall in line, he said. DSS convener Jhansi Geddani and others were present.

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## 'Women being trapped in the name of love'



AP Women's Commission chairperson Vasireddy Padma addressing a roundtable organised by Dalit Sthree Sakthi in Vijayawada on Tuesday. Ravichandra, Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department and Geddani Jhansi, national convener of Dalit Sthree Sakthi are also seen.

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**Vijayawada:** Women are being trapped in the name of love, said Vasireddy Padma, chairperson of AP Women's Commission, while addressing a roundtable organised by Dalit Sthree Sakthi at Ambedkar Bhavan here on Tuesday.

Padma said that a number of cases were reported to women's commission also. "In most of the cases the culprits are escaping punishment," she observed.

Referring to the statement of Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy in Assembly on Monday, Padma said that the state government was determined to protect girls at any cost. She said that delay in the judiciary in trying the accused should be avoided. "The guilty should be punished in 21 days after a new law is enacted," she said.

Padma assured the victims who

gathered in good strength in the meeting that the commission would also take up the issue and see the problems are solved.

B Koteswara Rao, director of prosecution, advised the victims to approach the district legal services authority for redressal of their grievances.

Siddoji Rao, convener of IAS, IPS Officers Association, appealed to the government to set up a separate department to support and help the victims. It would be good if the victims are provided employment even it is contract job, he said.

Ravichandra, principal secretary of the social welfare department, said that the department was supposed to take up welfare of all people but it is now limited to SCs, STs and physically handicapped persons.

"Several enactments are there but their implementation is questionable," he rued.



# DALIT GIRLS DECEIVED IN THE NAME OF LOVE



Principal Secretary of Social Welfare Department Ravichandra and national convener of Dalit Sthree Shakthi Geddani Jhansi and others at the round-table

of crimes against both the communities. However, they keep on making rounds to the government with the help of organisations like Dalit Sthree Shakthi to get the compensation.

Moreover, many of the victims do not know that there are such reliefs for them.

Though the district magistrates are authorised to withdraw money immediately from the State treasuries for paying the victims and the judicial courts are also empowered to order socio-economic rehabilitation. The police have to file the charge sheet in 60 days and delay has to be explained in writing by the officers concerned.

For instance, any incident of intentionally touching an SC/ST woman without her consent, stalking, sexual harassment or sexual assault will lead to compensation of Rs 2 lakh. A rape victim would get Rs 5 lakh while a gang rape or acid attack victims would get Rs 8.5 lakh.

In spite of the clear rules, justice to the victims is elusive.

The Dalit Sthree Shakthi headed by its convener Geddani Jhansi has been fighting for justice for these victims.

The organisation has brought out a book with the details of 30 victims who are awaiting compensation leave alone punishment for the perpetrators.

Out of the thirty cases compiled, seven cases are cheating in the name of love. In all the cases, the victims were induced with marriage and sexually exploited. In six cases, the victims were minors who were in some cases gang raped. Other cases include attack and abuse in the name of caste.

It is high time the officials take note of the atrocities and take immediate action. It is not that difficult to honestly investigate the cases and fix the liability. They only need will to do justice to these hapless victims.

## SHYAM SUNDAR MATHAM

**Vijayawada:** Of late, a number of cases are reported as to how the girls are targeted in the name of love. Dalit and Adivasi girls in particular are more prone to these predators that are out to use and throw them out after some time.

These predators are audacious enough to tell the girls in their face once their purpose is served stating that they could not marry them since they belonged to the scheduled castes and their parents would never accept them in their family.

Most of the girls silently suffer and lead the life keeping their grief in their hearts. Though they never forgive the men for their betrayal,

their forgiveness won't matter at all for these predators.

A few girls choose to file complaints with the police and very few of these cases are registered and followed with action. Ironically, these criminal cases never reach the logical conclusion with the girls keep on waiting for justice for ages.

Dalit Sthree Shakthi has been waging the battle for these hapless girls by pursuing the criminal cases with the police and making rounds to the government departments to get compensation for them.

As per the amended Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, in 2016, the victims get compensation ranging from Rs one lakh to Rs 8.5 lakh in 47 categories

**Stalking, sexual harassment or sexual assault of SC/ST women will lead to compensation of ₹2 lakh. A rape victim would get ₹5 lakh while a gang rape or acid attack victim would get ₹8.5 lakh**



Participants at the roundtable organised by Dalit Sthree Shakthi in Vijayawada



## Women are not the Objects... Break the Impunity

Despite so many laws and campaigns violence on women continues unabated. This is due to the feelings of impunity that exists in this regard due to age old conceptions and practices. It is necessary to break the impunity surrounding violence against women. DSS continually works against gender-based violence, including domestic violence and conducts campaigns on gender equity. In addition to various activities against violence, DSS conducts special campaign against gender-based violence in response to the call of UN Women's 16 Days Activism.

### **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence:**

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25<sup>th</sup> November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10<sup>th</sup> December, Human Rights Day.

UN Women selects a theme each year and call upon everyone to conduct campaign on violence against women during the 16 days. This year's theme was against rape and was named: "Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands against Rape!" Every year DSS conducts campaign on violence against women on various themes during the 16 day period. This year, DSS carried out campaign on violence against dalit /Adivasi women and girl children. Taking this opportunity DSS also conducted RTC on the theme of violence against dalit/Adivasi women.

### **DSS Campaign on Violence against Dalit Adivasi Women and Girl Children**

Dalit Sthree Sakthi has launched a campaign on the eve of International Campaign on the elimination of violence against women (16 days activism) from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

As part of this 16 days activism, conferences were held at district headquarters in the working area of DSS and also the campaign was launched in a big way in the villages. In the conferences held at district headquarters the police department, women and child welfare department have been involved. The conferences discussed in detail about the prevailing women rights situation, violence on dalit women in the respective districts. Participants have been briefed about the ways and means to curtail the increasing violence on women. The major incidents that took place in the respective districts along with the reasons for such incidents was discussed along with the functioning of various departments in the administration of justice.

The campaign was launched on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Hyderabad with a Telangana state level Round Table Conference on violence against dalit Adivasi women and concluded the campaign on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 by holding a Andhra Pradesh state level Round Table Conference on Atrocities against dalit Adivasi women.

The campaign was held in 60 villages spread over 5 districts and on the whole more than 10000 people have been created awareness on the reasons of violence and the need to eradicate all forms of such violence.

**Guntur District:** The district level Conference on violence against dalit Adivasi women was held at ZP Hall, Guntur on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Sri Samuel Anand, IAS, District Collector of Guntur participated as chief guest and released the campaign posters. Speaking on the occasion the Collector appreciated the activities of DSS in eliminating violence against dalit Adivasi women and girl children. He said that only education with values among all will put an end to the violence and there is every need for all the women to be educated and must be able to address their issues on their own. Krishnaveni, In-charge

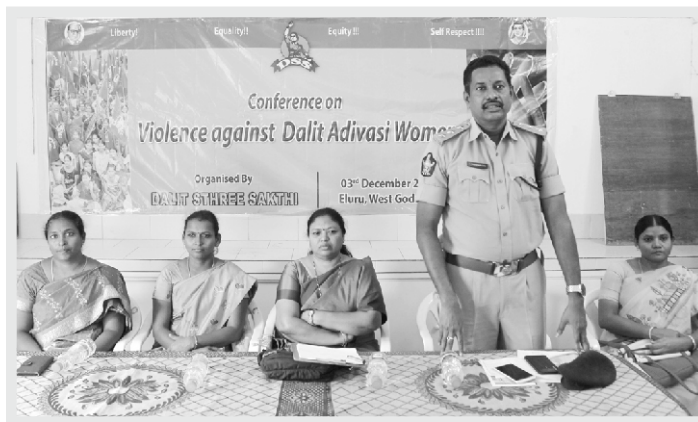
Project Director of Women & Child Welfare has said that we need to leave gender disparities and women are the one who practice gender disparities at home by discriminating girl children and treat them as secondary citizens. Sri Rama Krishna, Additional Director of District Industries department has stressed that economic empowerment is very essential for dalit Adivasi women and they need to access the schemes relevant to them through SCSP/TSP Act, become entrepreneurs and thus job givers instead of remaining as job seekers.



**West Godavari District:** The district level Conference on violence against dalit Adivasi women was held in Ladies Club, Eluru on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019. Sri Srinivas Rao, the police official of District SC, ST Cell, Ganga Bhavani, Police official from District Women cell, Surya Chakra Veni, District Child development officer, Martha from ITDA and B Sudarshan from AIDRF have participated in the conference as speakers.

National Convener and National Program Manager of DSS have narrated few brutal murders occurred in the district and the failure of the police department in taking stern action against the culprits to reduce the incidents of violence in future. They said that since centuries the violence on women is rooted in the structures of caste, class, religion and gender. The discrimination can be seen very clearly in the way the government, media and the larger civil society are responding to the incidents of rape on the women belonging to the dominant community while nearly letting away the brutal gang rapes and murders on the dalit Adivasi women. The society should be sensitized to see dalit women also as equal human beings and condemn such violence also in the same way as they do the violence on dominant caste women. This is necessary apart from working on the root causes for the violence.

The police officials have said that in view of the recent incidents and the DISHA Act the police department have geared up and equipped themselves to tackle the issues effectively and are putting more efforts on the preventive measures. The other dignitaries coming from other departments also have assured to organize awareness campaigns in a bigger way to enlighten all concerned.





## లింగ వివక్ష సమాజానికి చేటు

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మాట్లాడుతున్న కలెక్టర్ శామ్మూల్ ఆనంద్

స్థలాల రేషాయంపును చర్చిస్తు...  
జిల్లాలో ఆర్థికంగా అభివృద్ధి చెందిన ఇప్పటికే గుర్తించిన ఊటా సేకరణ భూమి పేరుతో సర్వేయను కర్షణ శాఖమూలక ఆనంద్ చమార తెలిపింది. కులకర్ణాం వెంకటేశం నదిపా యం నుంచి ప్రభుత్వ ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి యం పాపూ నది ప్రాంతానికి వీడియో సమావేశ శాఖ కర్షణ శాఖలోని ఆయన స్పందించింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా కర్షణ పాల్కాపుకు జిల్లాలో జనగణన 2,51,393 మంది ఆర్థికం గుర్తిం చామని తెల్పాడు. దీనిలో గ్రామీణ ప్రాంతంలో 90,250, పట్టణ ప్రాంతంలో 1,55,143 మంది ఉన్నారని తెల్పాడు.

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**కళినాడు**

చట్టాలపై చైతన్యంతోనే ప్రయోజనం

జిల్లాపరిషత్తు (గుంటూరు), న్యూస్‌టేట్: భారత రాజ్యాంగం దలితుల రక్షణకు కల్పించిన చట్టాల గురించి ప్రజలను బైతన్యపర్చినపుడే ప్రయోజనం చేపా రుతుందని జిల్లా కలెక్టరు శామ్మూర్ ఆనంద్ కుమార్ తెలిపారు.



మాటాడుతున్న జిల్లా కలెక్టరు శామ్మూల్ ఆనంద్ కుమార్

దళిత, అనివాస స్త్రీలపై హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి (డీఎస్ఎస్) జాతీయ కన్వెంట్ గెడం రూపొందించిన జిల్లా పరిషత్ సమావేశ ముందుగా శుభ్రవారం సమావేశం నిర్వహించారు. మాజీ అతిథిగా హాజరైన కలెక్టరు మాజీ డుటూ దళిత, అనివాస మహిళలపై జరుగుతున్న

అభినందనీయమన్నారు. బాలలపై జరుగుతున్న హింసను నివారించేలా చైతన్యపర్చాలని చెప్పారు. చట్టాలను అవగాహన చేసుకుని నిందితులకు శిక్ష వడలాడేలా చర్యలు తీసుకోవాలని కోరారు.

చేయాలని పేర్కొన్నాడు. పల్నాడులో దళిత మహిళలను చైతన్యపర్చి దాడుల నుంచి రక్షణ పొందేలా చూడాలని సూచించారు. ప్రభుత్వం ఆమలు చేస్తున్న సత్కేసు పథకాలను వినియోగించుకుని లబ్ధి పురుష సమాసత్వానికి కలిక్షర అవిచ్ఛింబారు. యకులు, మహిళా ప్రతిని

పొందేలా చూడాలన్నారు. స్త్రీ, పురుష సమానత్వానికి సంబంధించి గోడ ప్రతులను కలెక్టర్ ఆవిష్కరించారు. సమావేశంలో డివిఎస్ నాయకులు, మహిళా ప్రతినిధులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

## Attacks against women decried

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**Eluru:** Geddam Jhansi, National Convener of the Dalit Sthree Sakthi, on Tuesday expressed her agony on the brutal attacks and murder on women in recent times.

She was addressing the meeting organised by DSS on 'Atrocities and violence against Dalit and Adivasi women' as part of international campaign to eliminate crime against women, being held from November 25 to December 10.

Programme manager Daniel Prakash, SC, ST cell police officials Srinivas Rao, Surya Chakraveni from Mother and Child Welfare department, ITDA and AIDRF officials were present.

Jhansi recalled the recent murder of Disha in Hyderabad and many organisations

expressed their ire on the murder across the country to take stern action against the culprits.

She said that on many occasions the atrocities against marginalised sections like Dalit and Adivasis are overlooked when they are attacked. She said that attacks on Adivasi and Dalit women are on rise however they are not brought into limelight and the culprits are left free.

She recalled the incident of T Lakshmi of Komarambheem district of Telangana which happened prior to the murder of Disha. Stating that the attention on atrocities is poor on the marginalised sections she appealed to the police department to treat everybody equally and take stern action against the culprits when women are subject to attack without discrimination of sects.



Dalit Stree Shakti national convener Geddam Jhansi addressing a meeting on 'Atrocities against Dalit and Adivasi women' in Eluru on Tuesday

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దళిత స్త్రీలు చైతన్యవంతులుగా మారాలి

దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి కృషి అభినందనీయం  
కలెక్టర్ శామ్యూల్ ఆనంద్ కుమార్



పోస్టర్ ఆవిష్కరిస్తున్న కలెక్టర్ ఆనంద్ కుమార్ తదితరులు

జిల్లాపరిషత్, నవంబర్ 28 (ప్రభుత్వార్) : దళిత స్త్రీకి అధ్యవ్యం లో శుభ్రవారం, జెడ్పె హాలులో స్త్రీలపై హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా అంతర్జాతీయ ప్రజారోద్యమం (నవంబర్ 25 నుంచి డిసెంబర్ 10 వరకు)లో భాగంగా దళిత, అడివాసీ స్త్రీలపై హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా సభను నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సభకు ముఖ్య అతిథిగా కలెక్టర్ శామ్మూల్ ఆనంద్ కుమార్ హజ్జర్ స్త్రీ, పురుష సమానత్వం సంబంధించిన

పోస్తెను ఆవిష్కరించారు. కలెక్టర్ మాట్లాడుతూ దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఘోషాన్ని కృషి అభినందనీయమన్నారు. పసిపిల్లలపై జరుగుతున్న హింసచాలా వేదనకరమనీ, వాటిని అంతమొందించడంకోసం దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి మహిళా కలయిక నాయకులు మరింత చైతన్యవంతమవ్వాలన్నారు. ఉన్న చట్టాలను అవాహన చేసుకొని నిందితులకు శిక్ష పడేలా చెయ్యాలన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి జాతీయ కన్వెన్షన్ రూపాన్ని మాట్లాడుతూ సమాజంలో వేగవంతంగా మార్పులు సంభవిస్తున్నాయనీ, దళితుల స్థితులు మారాలంటే చాలా మార్పులు అవసరమన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీలు సామాజిక ఆర్థికపరిస్థితులను మెరుగుపరుకోవాలనీ, ఇంటా, బయటా జరుగుతున్న హింసను అధిగమించాలంటే దళిత స్త్రీలు చైతన్యవంతమయ్యి, సమూహాలుగా మారి, నిర్మాణాత్మకంగా ప్రణాళికలను సిద్ధం చేసుకోవాలన్నారు. ఈకార్యక్రమంలో పారిశ్రామికశాఖ అధిషనల్ డైరెక్టర్ రామకృష్ణ జిల్లా స్త్రీశిశుసంక్షేమశాఖ ఇంచార్జ్ పిడి కృష్ణవేణి, దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి జాతీయ ప్రోగ్రాం మేనేజర్ ప్రకాష్, దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి జిల్లా కో ఆర్డినేటర్ హేమలత, దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి మహిళా నాయకులు తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

## **Atrocities - Unabated**

### **Violence on Dalit Women and Girl Children**

The primary activity of DSS has always been to protect the human rights of dalit women. Though DSS works on various facets of dalit women's life, protecting and promoting the human rights of dalit women and girl children is very important to DSS. Whenever, DSS comes to know of any atrocity on dalit women and girl children, the team goes to the victim and gathers first hand information of the atrocity. Going to the scene of atrocity is the first step only. Then DSS team adopts all approaches to see that the victim gets justice and the perpetrator is punished. The case is followed up in all aspects, such as, the arrest of the accused, FIR, Charge-sheet, trial, witnesses, public prosecutor, representations to government departments, police higher ups, human rights and SC commissions, payment of compensation, presentation of victim's case in public hearing or RTC. Apart from the above aspects, DSS participates in District Vigilance and Monitoring Committees of the concerned districts and monitors the atrocity cases of that area. In this chapter, a few select cases of atrocities that DSS had addressed are presented along with the follow up of cases, role of DSS in DVMCs and the representations submitted to various commissions.

#### **Few Fact-Finding Reports:**

#### **Angadi Jyothi - Murder**

##### **Details of the Deceased:**

Name of the Deceased/Age	: Angadi Jyothi/26
Caste	: ST
Village	: Tadepalli
Mandal	: Tadepalli
District	: Guntur
State	: Andhra Pradesh

##### **Details of the Accused**

Name of the Accused / Age	: Chunchu Srinivas Rao/26
Caste	: BC, Padmasali
Village	: YSR Colony, Tadepalli
Mandal	: Tadepalli
District	: Guntur
State	: Andhra Pradesh

##### **Details of incident /FIR**

Date of Incident/Time	: 11/2/2019, at about 7.30 pm
Place of Incident	: Near Navluru Stadium
Type of Atrocity	: Murder
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 11/2/2019
Date of FIR	: 11/2/2019
F. I. R No	: 43/2019
Police Station	: Mangalagiri Rural

##### **Sections applied in the FIR**

I. P. C	: 302
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989	: Sec 3(2)(V)

### **Details of the Case:**

Angadi Jyothi is D/o China Govindu, ST by caste, studied M Pharmacy. She has two siblings, brother and sister. Recently China Govindu underwent heart surgery. Jyothi and one Mr Srinivas Rao s/o Narasimha Rao were in love for the past 5 years. Srinivas Rao works as road contractor. He is the resident of the same village. On 11/2/2019 Jyothi went to college for taking her certificates. Srinivas Rao met her there and two of them went to Navuluru cricket Stadium. Often Jyothi used to insist for marriage. On the day of incident i.e., on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at about 7.30pm Srinivas and Jyothi were in the stadium to discuss about their marriage. Srinivas murdered Jyothi as per his plan. Srinivas Rao caused injuries on himself also slightly and got admitted in NRI hospital and complained to the police stating that they both were having sexual intercourse, and in the meantime two unknown persons came and attacked them. In that attack Jyothi was murdered. The post mortem was completed by Dr. Bharathi within no time. Later the funeral preparation was going on and in the meanwhile, the police came and asked the parents of Jyothi for her clothes as they forgot to take her clothes. Jyothi's brother Prabhakar handed over the clothes to police. Meanwhile the SC, ST organizations reached the place of occurrence and did fact finding. DSS along with other organizations got doubt over the death of Jyothi. Similarly the relatives and neighbors also suspected her lover Srinivas Rao. Later, all demanded for re- post mortem and did dharna in front of Collectorate.

On 13/2/2019 re-post mortem was conducted by Dr T T K Reddy in Amaravati Township burial ground in the presence of Villagers and SC, ST Organizations. In the re - post mortem report it has been stated that a grievous injury on the head is the cause for the death of Jyothi. Organizations pressurized police for thorough investigation and expressed their suspicion on Srinivas Rao. Police collected the call data of Srinivas Rao, interrogated Srinivas Rao, his friend Chinna and his worker Pavan. The police came to a conclusion that it was a planned murder by Srinivas Rao to avoid marriage with Jyothi since she belongs to ST caste. Later police took Srinivas Rao into custody.

#### **Interventions:**

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Conducted Dharna in front of Collectorate along with other organisations
- Got the re-post mortem done
- Ensured the arrest of Accused

#### **Present Status:**

- Charge sheet filed
- Pending in the court

#### **Recommendations:**

- Speedy Trial
- Pay Compensation and rehabilitation



## Avila - Kidnap & Rape

### Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age	: Siddala Avila/15
Caste	: SC Madiga
Village	: Dolas Nagar
Mandal	: Tadepalli
District	: Guntur
State	: Andhra Pradesh

### Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age	: Munabolu Gopi/20
Caste	: OC
Village	: Jaggayya Peta
Mandal	: Jaggayya Peta
District	: Krishna District
State	: Andhra Pradesh

### Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time	: 16/5/2019 at about 10.30am
Place of Incident	: Yerrabalem, Istarakula Company
Type of Atrocity	: Kidnap and Rape
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 16/5/2019
Date of FIR	: 16/5/2019
F. I. R No	: 225/2019
Police Station	: Mangalagiri Rural

### Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C	: 366, 376,343
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989	: 3 (2)(v)

### Details of the Case:

Siddala Vijay/35 and his wife Rahelu SC Madiga by caste reside at Dolas Nagar, Tadepalli mandal of Guntur district. They have one daughter and two sons. Daughter Avila/15 studied 9<sup>th</sup> class and she discontinued her studies. Later Avila started going to work with her parents at China Kakani village at Guntur district. They worked for 3 months in that place. Munabolu Gopi is an auto driver belonging to China Kakani village, and he used to transport the workers from China Kakani to Dolas Nagar regularly. At that time, Gopi developed intimacy with Avila. Later Avila stopped going for work in China Kakani. Avila resumed to go for work in leaf plates manufacturing (Istarakula) Company at Yerrabalem. Everyday Gopi used to go for Istarakula Company at Yerrabalem meet Avila and he expressed that he very much likes Avila, without her friendship he will die. Every day morning Avila's father Vijay drops her on his bike and evening brings her back to home. On the day of incident, i.e., on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 morning as usually, Avila's father Vijay dropped her at the company. Later Gopi came to the company and asked Avila to come along with him and threatened her if she does not come with him, he will die. Then Avila and Gopi eloped to Vijayawada and from there Gopi took Avila to his house at Jaggayya Peta. Gopi's parents refused Avila, and did not agree to allow her in to their house because

she belongs to Madiga by caste. Hence, Gopi took Avila to Ganganamma Temple nearer to that place and tied Mangala sutra to Avila. Later Gopi took Avila to his sister in law's house at T V Palli village of Devarakonda. Gopi's sister in law namely Devi went to work by the time Gopi and Avila reached her house. After the return of Devi in the evening, Gopi narrated the issue. Devi beat Gopi and asked them to leave her house. Gopi requested his sister in law Devi to allow them to stay for that night in her house and that they will leave in the morning. Devi allowed them to stay for that night, Gopi and Avila slept on the terrace of the house. On the next day they went away and returned in the night they stayed on the terrace without Devi's knowledge. These two days they had sexual intercourse.

Later Avila's father Vijay with the help of Police traced Gopi's phone and went to Devarakonda caught hold of them and brought them to Mangalagiri Rural police station.

#### **Interventions:**

- Conducted fact finding
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

#### **Present Status:**

- Under Investigation
- Pending FSL report

#### **Recommendations:**

- Speedy investigation
- To pay compensation and rehabilitation

## **B Jyotsna – Attempt to Murder**

#### **Details of the Victims:**

Name of the Victim /Age	: Beeraka Jyotsna/27
Caste	: SC Madiga
Village	: Perecherla
Mandal	: Medikonduru
District	: Guntur
State	: Andhra Pradesh

#### **Details of the Accused**

Name of the Accused / Age	: Duggineni Padma/53; Guddenti Mary/30
Caste	: BC Padmasali
Village	: Perecherla
Mandal	: Medikonduru
District	: Guntur
State	: Andhra Pradesh

#### **Details of incident /FIR**

Date of Incident/Time	: 17/3/2019
Place of Incident	: Perecherla
Type of Atrocity	: Attack with Knife
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 19/3/2019



Date of FIR : 19/3/2019  
F. I. R No : 78/2019  
Police Station : Medikonduru

**Sections applied in the FIR**

I. P. C : 324,506,509, 307 r/w 34 of IPC  
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 : 3(2)(va)

**Details of the Case:**

Beeraka Jyotsna/27 SC Madiga by caste is resident of Perecherla village, Medikondurumandal, Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. Jyotsna married Govinda Raju, BC Padmasali by caste of the same village. By then Govinda Raju has already been married to a woman from his caste. Govinda Raju and Jyotsna had two children. Unable to manage both the families, he used to come to Jyotsna's only occasionally. Jyotsna is an agriculture worker and she is taking care of her two children. Daughter Jyothi (10) is studying in 6 class and son Ravi Teja studying 2 class in the Government School, Perecherla.

On 17/3/2019 at about 4p.m. Jyothi and her schoolmate Syam while watering the plants in the school had a small dispute. During this dispute Syam abused Jyothi in filthy language "Lanja". Jyothi got angry and slapped Syam. On 19/3/2019 Jyothi's mother Jyotsna questioned Syam for abusing Jyothi and warned him. Meanwhile, Syam's mother Mary and his grandmother Padma came to the house of Jyotsna and abused her in filthy language "eme Lanja, my son abused your daughter Lanja, now I am calling you Lanja, how dare you questioned my son", and then Mary stabbed Jyotsna with knife on the left side of the stomach and left side of the back. Jyotsna's mother, Kakumanu Chinnammaye, knowing about the incident, rushed to the place of incident. Mary stabbed Jyotsna's mother also on the right thigh. Both Jyotsna and her mother had severe bleeding. Immediately the neighbours shifted them to the Government Hospital, Guntur. Jyotsna had 27 stitches and she was discharged from the hospital on 4th April 2019. At present Jyotsna is unable to go for work. As such the family is finding it difficult to eke out daily life as they are dependant on daily earnings.

**Interventions:**

- Conducted fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her children
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

**Present Status:**

- Compensation yet to be paid
- Accused arrested
- Charge sheet filed

**Recommendations:**

- To pay Compensation
- Speedy trial

## Venkata Kiran & Helina - Abetment to Suicide

### Details of the Deceased:

Name of the Deceased /Age : Miryala Venkata Kiran & Helina  
Caste : SC, Mala  
Village : Damalavari Thota, Nowluru  
Mandal : Mangalagiri  
District : Guntur  
State : Andhra Pradesh

### Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : T Rajasekher, Ramakrishna, Sateesh, Venkata Rao,  
Yogesh and Jagapathi  
Caste : BC and OC  
Village : Bhavanipuram  
Mandal : Vijayawada Rural  
District : Krishna  
State : Andhra Pradesh

### Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 31/1/2019  
Place of Incident : Deceased house  
Type of Atrocity : Suicide  
Date of lodging the first complaint : 31/1/2019  
Date of FIR : 31/1/2019  
F. I. R No : 28/2019  
Police Station : Mangalagiri Rural PS

### Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : 306 r/w 34  
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 : 3(2)(v)

### Details of the Case:

MiryalaSubba Rao (68) and his wife Jayamma SC Mala by caste reside at Damalavari Thota, Nowluruvillage, Mangalagirimandal of Guntur district. They have two daughters and a son namely,Padmalatha, Sunitha and Venkata Kiran. MiryalaSubba Rao worked as Chief Reservation Supervisor in Railways and retired in 2011. The deceased Venkata Kiran studied degree and did Diploma in ACRefrigeration. He married Helina 5 years ago and they have no children. They stayed along with hisparents. Venkata Kiran, Thammisetty Raja Sekhar, Rama Krishna, Sateesh, Venkata Rao, Yogesh andJagapathi were running a job consultancy company. Rama Krishna promised to secure jobs in FCI andbelieving in him Thammisetty Raja Sekhar gave some amount to Rama Krishna with the mediation of Venkata Kiran. Similarly, Venkata Kiran also gave amount to Rama Krishna to secure a job for him inFCI.Rama Krishna and Thammisetty Raja Sekhar together utilized theamount for their personal purpose. They both hatched a plan and blamed Venkata Kiran for the failureof Rama Krishna in securing a job and as per their planThammisetty Raja Sekhar lodged a complaint onVenkata Kiran in Ibrahimpatnam police station. Though Thammisetty Raja Sekhar belongs toBhavanipuram in



Vijayawada, he lodged a complaint in Ibrahimpatnam police station, as this police station is well known for settlements.

Mr. Satyanarayana the SI of Ibrahimpatnam police station based on the complaint lodged by Thammisetty Raja Sekhar summoned Venkata Kiran to the police station and tortured him in the name of investigation. On 28/1/2019 the SI handed over Venkata Kiran to Thammisetty Raja Sekhar and Thammisetty Raja Sekhar forcibly took Venkata Kiran to Gannavaram, threatened him of dire consequences and forcibly got his signatures on the promissory notes and handed him over back in the Ibrahimpatnam police station on the same day i.e., on 28/1/2019. Later the SI released Venkata Kiran from custody and asked him to come on 30/1/2019 by 3p.m. Venkata Kiran went home and came back to Ibrahimpatnam police station on 30<sup>th</sup> as directed by the SI. Then the SI threatened him of dire consequences and took his signatures on the cheques and promissory notes, took away his cellphone and released him at 11p.m. on the same night warning him to come by 7am on the next day or else he would be encountered.

Venkata Kiran shared the entire happenings with his father Subba Rao after returning back to home and his father stayed with his son and daughter-in-law on the second floor of his house until 4.30 a.m. in the morning of 31/1/2019 and came down to the first floor where Subba Rao stays. Subba Rao went onto the 2nd floor around 5.30 am and knocked the door for many times and called his son Venkata Kiran. As there was no reply he peeped through the window and saw both his son and daughter-in-law hanging to the ceiling fan. He immediately called the neighbours and broke open the doors and brought down the bodies of his son and daughter-in-law hanging from the ceiling fan and called to 108 ambulance. The ambulance came immediately and confirmed that they both were dead.

It has been ascertained that Venkata Kiran has lodged a complaint in Mangalagiri police station on the harassment by Thammisetty Raja Sekhar and others but no action was taken. It came to light that many times earlier, Thammisetty Raja Sekhar came with a constable of Ibrahimpatnam police station and forcibly took away Venkata Kiran to Ibrahimpatnam police station without any intimation to the Mangalagiri police.

**Interventions:**

- Conducted fact finding
- Penal and pecuniary follow up of the case

**Present Status:**

- Under investigation
- Pending FSL report

**Recommendations:**

- Speedy investigation
- To pay compensation and rehabilitation

## Naga Rani - Cheating in the name of Love & Abetment to Suicide

### Details of the deceased:

Name of the deceased /Age : Gudise Naga Rani/ 25  
Caste : SC Mala  
Village : UDA Colony, Navulur  
Mandal : Mangalagiri  
District : Guntur  
State : Andhra Pradesh

### Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : Balla Nagarjuna/27  
Caste : OC Naidu  
Village : Navulur  
Mandal : Mangalagiri  
District : Guntur  
State : Andhra Pradesh

### Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 26/4/2019, 1pm  
Place of Incident : Navulur  
Type of Atrocity : Cheating in the name of love and Suicide  
Date of lodging the first complaint : 26/4/2019  
Date of FIR : 26/4/2019  
F. I. R No : 184/2019  
Police Station : Mangalagiri

### Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : 417,506  
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 : 3(2) (Va)

### Details of the Case:

Gudise Annapurna/45 SC Mala by caste is the native of Veerlapadu in Krishna District. Annapurna's husband passed away 10 years ago due to ill health, since then Annapurna shifted to Navulur village in Mangalagiri mandal of Guntur district. Annapurna have two children, one son and a daughter. She lives with her children and her old father. Annapurna works as an agriculture worker and sometimes her daughter Nagarani also goes to work along with her mother. Often Nagarani works in Brick kiln company which manufactures cement stones. One Mr. Balla Nagarjuna OC Kapu by caste also works in the same company. Nagarjuna and Nagarani gradually developed friendship and it turned into love. Nagarjuna promised Nagarani that he will marry her and developed sexual relationship and many times had sex with her. One month prior to the incident, Nagarani asked Nagarjuna about their marriage and Nagarjuna said that it is impossible to marry Nagarani, as their castes are different. He also said that his mother did not agree for their marriage as Nagarani belongs to Mala caste. Nagarjuna mother threatened to die if Nagarjuna marries Nagarani. Nagarjuna pleaded Nagarani to leave him and forget about their relationship. Nagarani pleaded Nagarjuna many times for their marriage, but he never heeded to her request. Nagarani couldn't digest Nagarjuna's cheating and therefore she consumed poison on 26/4/2019 at about 1pm. Immediately the neighbors moved



Nagarani to Government hospital at Guntur. She underwent treatment for 3 days and on 29/4/2019 Nagarani died. Nagarani wrote a 7pages suicide note. After post mortem the body was handed over to the family members of Nagarani on 30/4/2019.

#### **Interventions:**

- Conducted fact finding
- Penal and pecuniary follow up of the case
- Got the arrest of the accused

#### **Present Status:**

- Charge sheet filed
- Compensation yet to be paid

#### **Recommendations:**

- To pay compensation
- Speedy trial

### **Sathish – Brutal Murder**

#### **Details of the Deceased:**

Name of the Deceased / Age	: Kanchi Sathish/32
Caste	: SC Mala
Village	: Nawabpet, Eluru
Mandal	: Eluru
District	: West Godavari
State	: Andhra Pradesh

#### **Details of the Accused**

Name of the Accused / Age	: Kallapalli Venu/47 and 3 others
Caste	: OC Kapu
Village	: Kothapet
Mandal	: Eluru
District	: West Godavari
State	: Andhra Pradesh

#### **Details of incident /FIR**

Date of Incident/Time	: 14/2/2019
Place of Incident	: Tammileru Rivulet between Madepalli and Ponangi village
Type of Atrocity	: Brutal Murder
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 17/2/2019
Date of FIR	: 17/2/2019
F. I. R No	: 54/2019
Police Station	: Eluru Rural

#### **Sections applied in the FIR**

I. P. C	: 302 & 201
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989	: 3 (2)(Va)

### Details of the Case:

Kanchi Satyanarayana and his wife Yesu SC Mala by caste are residents of Nawabpet, Eluru. They have two daughters and a son Sathish (32). Satyanarayana and his son Sathish are car drivers by profession. Sathish was married 10 years ago to Mani of Vijayawada and they have a daughter. Mani left her husband Sathish 7 years ago and is staying separately. Satyanarayana bought a car for his son to run it as taxi.

One Mrs Thumati Raja Kumari (47) SC Mala by caste is the resident of same area i.e., Nawabpet, Eluru and she was in extramarital relationship with one Mr Kallapalli Venu OC Kapu by caste. Kallapalli Venu runs a Chilly Flour Mill and is the resident of Kothapet, Eluru. Prior to the incident, Kanchi Sathish having come to know about their extra marital relationship questioned Kallapalli Venu and Raja Kumari and warned him of dire consequences if he continues such relationship with her. On 14/02/2019 in the morning Kallapalli Venu along with his wife was coming on his bike to Raja Kumari's house and in between, Kanchi Sathish stopped him and warned him again. Kallapalli Venu felt insulted and along with Raja Kumari thought of getting rid of Sathish and hence planned to murder him. Venu planned to murder Sathish with the help of one Kuppa Murali Krishna who works with him.

On the same day i.e., on 14th February at 2p.m. as per the plan of Venu, Prakash and Ajay friends of Sathish, picked up Sathish the deceased from Ambedkar Statue at Baalisettyvari Pet, Eluru on his bike on the pretext of drinking and made him to consume liquor and handed him over to Venu. Venu with the help of Murali Krishna made Sathish to consume some more liquor at many places. They finally reached Thammileru Bund near YSR Colony, on Ponangi to Madepalli Road at about 6.30p.m., where they stabbed him with knife and beheaded him. They threw the dead body into Thammileru and fled away with Sathish's head.

On 17th February 2019 in the afternoon at about 1p.m. one Mr Sailu Srinu who was rearing his cattle near Madepalli noticed the dead body of a man without head and informed to the VRO. The VRO reached the spot and informed to the Eluru Rural PS about the incident. The police reached the spot took out the body, conducted inquest and sent it for post-mortem. A case was registered bearing crime no. 54/2019U/s. 302 and 201 of IPC and took up investigation. During investigation, the police identified the accused Kallapalli Venu and others caught hold of them. Based on the information given by the accused, on 27th February 2019 at about 5pm in the evening, the police found the head of the deceased in the Godavari canal near Ashram Hospital, Eluru wrapped in a banian cloth kept inside a polyethene cover. It has been identified as the head of Sathish.

#### Interventions:

- Conducted fact finding
- Penal and Pecuniary follow-up of the case

#### Present Status:

- Under investigation for FSL Report
- 1<sup>st</sup> stage compensation yet to be paid

#### Recommendations:

- Speedy investigation
- Payment of compensation
- To add appropriate sections
- To take action U/s. 4 of SC, ST (PoA) Act for wilful negligence



## Anupam Devi – Rape & Harassment

### Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age : Anupam Devi/25  
Caste : SC  
Village : H No 2-3-36/21, Maha Rana Pratap Function Hall  
Mandal : Amberpet  
District : Hyderabad  
State : Telangana

### Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : Mohan Singh & Anil Singh  
Caste : OC  
Village : H No 2-3-36/21, Maha Rana Pratap Function Hall  
Mandal : Amberpet  
District : Hyderabad  
State : Telangana

### Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 12/3/2019  
Place of Incident : Maha Rana Pratap Function Hall  
Type of Atrocity : Rape and Harassment  
Date of lodging the first complaint : 12/3/2019  
Date of FIR : 12/3/2019  
F. I. R No : 81/2019  
Police Station : Amberpet

### Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : 376(2)(H), 448 and 506  
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 : 3(2)(v)

### Details of the Case:

Ramji Paswan (30) and his wife Anupam Devi have migrated to Hyderabad from Sasaram village, Rohtas district of Bihar state on 15.1.2018 to lead their life. Ramji Paswan and Anupam Devi have a 2-year-old son Vidya Sagar when they migrated to Hyderabad. Ramji joined as a watch man in Maha Rana Pratap Function Hall in Amberpet. One Mr. Mohan Singh the secretary of the function hall arranged a room for Paswan at Gandhi school, Patel Nagar, Amberpet. Later, in March 2018 Mohan Singh arranged a room inside the Maha Rana Function Hall.

On 8/9/2018 Ramji Paswan went to his state Bihar on his personal work. On 21/9/2018 at about 10 p.m. in the night Mohan Singh on knowing that Ramji Paswan was not at home came to the room and knocked the door and Anupam Devi opened the door. He forcefully entered inside the room caught hold of her, threw her on the bed and raped her though she was 5 months pregnant. He threatened her of dire consequences and said that he would kill all of them if she reveals the matter to anyone. Frightened Anupam Devi did not reveal the matter to her husband. On 28/2/2019 Anil Singh the associate of Mohan Singh came to Anupam Devi and threatened her to maintain relationship with Mohan Singh or else they will see the end of the whole family. Anupam Devi unable to bear the

torturerevealed the matter to her husband and they both went to Mohan Singh office and questioned Mohan Singh and Anil Singh. Upon such questioning, Mohan Singh and Anil Singh became wild and threatened the couple of dire consequences and abused them in filthy language.

Ramji Paswan and Anupam Devi mustered courage, approached Amberpet Police station and lodged a complaint.

#### **Interventions:**

- Conducted fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her husband
- Penal and Pecuniary follow-up of investigation

#### **Present Status:**

- Under investigation
- Pending for caste certificate
- Compensation yet to be paid

#### **Recommendations:**

- Speedy investigation
- To pay compensation
- Provide protection to the victim

### **Edulabad School - Sexual Harassment on Students**

#### **Details of the Victims:**

Name of the Victim /Age	: Edulabad School Girl Children
Caste	: SCs & BCs
Village	: Edulabad
Mandal	: Ghatkesar
District	: Medchal
State	: Telangana

#### **Details of the Accused**

Name of the Accused / Age	: K. Ramana Murthy /28
Caste	: Padmasali
Village	: Edulabad
Mandal	: Ghatkesar
District	: Medchal
State	: Telangana

#### **Details of incident /FIR**

Date of Incident/Time	: 3/4/2019
Place of Incident	: Mandal Parishad Primary school
Type of Atrocity	: Sexual Harassment
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 3/4/2019
Date of FIR	: 4/4/2019
F. I. R No	: 162/2019
Police Station	: Ghatkesar



## Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C	:	354 (A),
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989	:	3(1)(w)
Other	:	8 & 12 of POCSO Act

## Details of the Case:

This is a case of sexual harassment and abuse of girl children in the school by one of the teachers. The victims are girl children of the school and the complaint on their behalf is lodged by the Head Mistress of the School, Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi. Brief facts of the case are as follows:

There is one Mandal Parishad Primary school at Edulabad village, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal district. There are four teachers in the school, two of them are males and two are women. Of the two women teachers, Bhagya Lakshmi is head mistress while the accused Mr. K. Ramana Murthy is one of the male teachers and he belongs to Padmasali caste (B.C). He joined in the school in 2013. Bhagya Lakshmi joined in 2015. This being a Primary School there are classes from 1st to 5th. It is learnt that the accused Mr. Ramana Murthy used to sexually abuse and behave in indecent manner with girl children. He used to sit in the midst of the girls and touch them indecently, further he used to do things like, eating half of a chocolate and put the remaining half in the mouths of the children. If any of the girls' object or resist his indecent behavior he used to beat them. There are instances where the 5th class girls dropped out of the school to escape from his harassment. Revathi and Sirisha are two girls who dropped out of the school due to his sexual harassment. His behavior came to the notice of the head mistress of the school, union office bearers and the parents. Union leaders even warned him many times. Whenever the union leaders warned, the accused Mr. Ramana Murthy used to admit his misbehavior and plead with them that he will never repeat such indecent behavior in future. But within a short period, he used to again indulge in indecent acts with the girls. All these warnings, assurances and repetition of abuse happened during 2017 and 2018.

While so, on 16th March 2019, Mr. Ramana Murthy was away on invigilation duty of X Class examinations, students of 5th class, consisting of 7 girls and 13 boys came to the head mistress and complained that Mr. Ramana Murthy was sexually harassing and abusing the girls. On this basis, the head mistress conducted a parent meeting on 17 March and brought the issue to the notice of the parents. On 30 March School Management Committee (S.M.C.) was conducted on the same issue. In the said meeting SMC Chair Person, E. Mallesh, Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Renuka, Sarpanch K. Suresh and ward members, summoned all school children and enquired about the matter. All the school children told in the meeting about the indecent behavior of Mr. Ramana Murthy. On the basis of this enquiry, the SMC Committee gave a complaint to the DEO and MEO. The two officials visited the school and conducted enquiry and the children again told these officials also about the misbehaviour of Mr. Ramana Murthy. On 3rd April, four members of the She Teams with Sub-Inspector of Police and 3 constables visited the school and enquired the children. The children told the police also the same.

On 4th April Assistant Commissioner of She Teams, Ms. Salima visited the school and enquired the children and arrested Mr. Ramana Murthy.

## Interventions:

- Conducted fact finding
- Followed up investigation
- Strengthened the complainant

**Present Status:**

- Accused arrested
- Pending in the Court

**Recommendations:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage compensation to be paid to the victims
- Speedy Trial

**Durga Bhavani - Attempt to Murder****Details of the Victims:**

Name of the Victim /Age : Durga Bhavani/20  
 Caste : SC Mala  
 Village : H No 6 - 366/1, Manikya Nagar, Chintal  
 Mandal : Quthbullapur  
 District : Medchal  
 State : Telangana

**Details of the Accused**

Name of the Accused / Age : Yaswanth/19  
 Caste : Mudiraj  
 Village : 52 - 69, Magdumnagar, Jagadgirigutta  
 Mandal : Quthbullapur  
 District : Medchal  
 State : Telangana

**Details of incident /FIR**

Date of Incident/Time : 2/3/2019  
 Place of Incident : Victim's House  
 Type of Atrocity : Attempt to Murder  
 Date of lodging the first complaint : 2/3/2019  
 Date of FIR : 2/3/2019  
 F. I. R No : 147/2019  
 Police Station : Jeedimetla PS

**Sections applied in the FIR**

I. P. C : 354 D, 452, 307  
 SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 : 3(1)(w)(ii), 3(2)(v), 3(2) (va)

**Details of the Case:**

Mallesh, (50) lives with his wife Prabhavathi (45) and children Durga Bhavani/19 and another daughter. They are S.C. Mala by caste. Mallesh works as carpenter and Prabhavathi is house wife. Durga Bhavani, is studying 3<sup>rd</sup> year B/Tech in Gokaraju Gangaraju College, Miyapur. One Mr. Gyarala Yaswanth Kumar/19, belonging to Mudiraj caste, who lives in Jagadgirigutta used to be friendly with Durga Bhavani, as they were classmates in school days. Due to that acquaintance she accepted friendship, but in course of time Gyarala Yaswanth Kumar insisted her to accept his love and marry



him. She refused his proposal and cut of relationship with him. But he was continuously harassing her by calling her on phone and going to her college. Enraged by her refusal, Gyarala Yaswanth Kumar visited her house on 2-3-2019 with petrol and heater and spoke to her mother Prabhavathi in a threatening way. He threatened to kill them if Durga Bhavani refuses his love and marriage proposal. Prabhavathi shouted for help and the house owners and neighbors came to her rescue and caught hold of Gyarala Yaswanth Kumar along with the petrol can and other instruments he brought in his bag. Prabhavathi called the parents of Gyarala Yaswanth Kumar and informed them about their son's behavior. The parents of Gyarala Yaswanth Kumar did not respond properly and abused Prabhavathi. Then Prabhavathi along with his brother Anil Kumar approached Jeedimetla Police Station and gave complaint about the attempted acid attack. The police registered the case and arrested him. When the police checked his mobile, they found the photos of Durga Bhavani in his phone. Most of those photos were taken without her knowledge. He was remanded to Charlapally jail. From the jail also he rang up to Durga Bhavani and threatened her to withdraw the case or else he would kill them when he comes out of the jail.

#### **Interventions:**

- Conducted fact finding
- Penal & Pecuniary follow up of the case

#### **Present Status:**

- Under investigation waiting for FSL Report
- Accused remanded for judicial custody and released on bail
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage Compensation yet to be paid

#### **Recommendations:**

- Speedy investigation
- Payment of 2<sup>nd</sup> stage Compensation
- Provide protection to the victim

### **Patlavat Kishan – Attack, Caste Abuse and Land Grabbing**

#### **Details of the Victims:**

Name of the Victim /Age	: Patlavat Kishan (35)
Caste	: ST, Lambada
Village	: Lakshmi Nagar colony, Peerzaguda
Mandal	: Uppal
District	: Medchal
State	: Telangana

#### **Details of the Accused**

Name of the Accused / Age	: Solipuram Srinivas Reddy
Caste	: OC, Reddy
Village	: Big Bazar, Peerzaguda
Mandal	: Uppal
District	: Medchal
State	: Telangana

**Details of incident /FIR**

Date of Incident/Time	: 2/1/2019
Place of Incident	: Accused's office
Type of Atrocity	: Caste Abuse, Attack and Land Grabbing
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 2/1/2019
Date of FIR	: 2/1/2019
F. I. R No	: 109/2019
Police Station	: Medipally

**Sections applied in the FIR**

I. P. C	: 506
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989	: 3(1)(r)(s)

**Details of the Case:**

Patlavat Kishan (35) and his father Bikshapathi (65) belonging to S.T, Lambada caste, reside at Lakshmi Nagar colony, Peerzaguda near Uppal Cross Roads, Hyderabad. They purchased 4 acres 24 kuntas land at Musipatla village, Motukur mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. The land registration formalities were done as per rules and they even got Rs.18000/- under the Rythu Bandhu Scheme. As such they were enjoying ownership and possession of the land without any flaw. The land adjacent to this land is owned by one Mr. Solipuram Srinivas Reddy. He does real estate business with an office near Big Bazar, Peerzaguda. On January 2nd 2019, Solipuram Srinivas Reddy sent a word to Patlavat Kishan to come and meet him at his office. Patlavat Kishan obliged him and went to the office accompanied by his friend Jangaiah on 2 January. There at the real estate office, Solipuram Srinivas Reddy was sitting with four of his friends. They were all having liquor. On seeing Patlavat Kishan, Solipuram Srinivas Reddy started abusing him in filthy language, insulting in caste name. He shouted at Patlavat Kishan, 'how dare you tribal fellow to purchase land adjacent to my land' 'you low caste fellow' etc. One of the friends of Solipuram Srinivas Reddy bet Patlavat Kishan with his footwear. Having been abused and beaten up Patlavat Kishan approached Medipally police station and gave a complaint. The concerned police officer of Medipally took the complaint but did not register the case. Then Patlavat Kishan approaches the ACP and got the case registered.

**Interventions:**

- Conducted fact finding
- Penal and pecuniary follow up of the case

**Present Status:**

- Pending trial
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of Compensation yet to be paid

**Recommendations:**

- Speedy Trial
- To pay 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of compensation

## Rachana – Cheating in the Name of Love/Dessertion

### Details of the Victim:

Name of the Victim / Age : Kota Rachana (23)  
Caste : SC Mala  
Village : D No: 3-98, Beside AVM Hostel, Gandimaisamma  
Mandal : Dundigal  
District : Medchal  
State : Telangana

### Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : N. Shravan Kumar (23)  
Caste : OC Brahmin  
Village : Krishnaveni School Backside, Suraram  
Mandal : Quthbullapur  
District : Medchal  
State : Telangana

### Details of incident / 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> FIRs

Date of Incident/Time : 24/07/2018  
Place of Incident : Backside of Krishnaveni Talent School, Suraram  
Type of Atrocity : Cheating in the name of Love/ Dessertion  
Date of lodging the first complaint : 24/07/2018 and **14/11/2019**  
Date of FIR : 24/07/2018 and **14/11/2019**  
F. I. R No : 387/2018 and **717/2019**  
Police Station : Dundigal, Cyberabad

### Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : 417, 420 & 376 and **498 A, 354, 323**  
SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 : 3(1)(w)(ii) and **3(2) (va)**

### Details of the Case:

Kota Rachana (23) SC Mala by caste is the daughter of Devaji and Radha and they are the residents of D.No: 3-98, beside AVM Hostel, Gandi maisamma village of Dundigal mandal in Medchal district. They have 3 daughters and a son. Rachana is pursuing her 1 year Degree. One Mr. N. Shravan Kumar (23)S/o Rama Krishna, OC Brahmin by caste who resides near Krishnaveni School, Suraram village of Quthbullapur mandal in Medchal district, is the classmate of Rachana since 6th standard. After completion of intermediate in the year 2014, Shravan Kumar proposed to Rachana that he was in love with her and he would like to marry her. After repeated pestering, Rachana also obliged and they both loved each other. In the absence of his parents, Shravan Kumar used to take her to his house and have sex with her, similarly he used to go to her house in the absence of her parents and they used to have sex. Once Shravan Kumar took Rachana to a lodge at Secunderabad and had sex. Their affair has gone to the notice of the parents of both sides and they agreed for the marriage. Their love continued for 4 years. Two years prior to the incident Shravan Kumar joined in Cognigent Company at Gachibowli, Hyderabad. In the month of June 2018 Rachana and Shravan Kumar were in his house and in the mean while one Ms. Mounika colleague of Shravan Kumar called to his phone. Rachana answered the call and came to know that he was in love with Mounika and promised to marry her. Rachana questioned him and insisted for marriage. Shravan Kumar then came out with his true colours and abused her:



“You SC Mala people, belong to low caste and I belong to OC Brahmin and how do you think that I will marry you?”. He said that it is impossible to marry her as she belongs to a lower caste and denied to marry her. As things turned like this and in such a helpless situation, Rachana realized that she was cheated and that she was used by him only for his sexual satisfaction. Then she approached Dundigal PS and lodged a complaint.

#### Developments after Police Complaint:

Upon complaint by Rachana, Shravan Kumar was arrested and remanded to judicial custody in the month of October 2018. The case was filed in the Court. At this juncture Mrs. Sangeetha, mother of Shravan Kumar approached Rachana and pleaded her to save her son and promised to perform their marriage. Rachana believed her words and turned soft. She informed the court that the issue was compromised and withdrew the case. and as such the case was closed. Shravan Kumar married Rachana on 10th December 2018 at Balaji temple, Suraram and sent her to her home. Later, Shravan Kumar brought Rachana to his house on 24th January 2019. Everything went on well for 2 weeks. After two weeks Shravan Kumar, his mother Sangeetha and his brother Kiran Kumar started harassing Rachana and abused her in the name of caste, beat her brutally many times. Unable to bear their torture, Rachana once again approached police through DSS and lodged a complaint. At present she is staying with her parents.

#### Interventions:

- Conducted fact finding
- Penal and Pecuniary follow-up of the case
- Strengthened the victim

#### Present Status:

- As per the High Court order have stayed together and after 2 months, they started to harass her and hence at present She is staying with her parents
- 1<sup>st</sup> stage compensation paid
- 1<sup>st</sup> Case closed by Special Court as they both got married
- Unable to bear their harassment the victim lodged a 2<sup>nd</sup> complaint

#### Recommendations:

- To take action as per the 2<sup>nd</sup> Case

## Efforts for Justice

Dalit Sthree Sakthi relentlessly makes its efforts for speedy justice to victims. It continuously approaches the concerned officials, commissions and the prosecution to speed up the penal and pecuniary process. District vigilance and monitoring committee meeting is one of the important platform, where DSS uses the opportunity to the optimum level by sensitizing the official of various departments and seeking necessary orders.



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### ప్రభుత్వ పథకాలు అందరికీ అందాలి

» కలెక్టర్ ఎంవి రెడ్డి

**మేడ్చల్ అర్బన్ :** కేంద్ర, రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వాలు అందించే సంక్షేమ పథకాలు ప్రతి ఒక్కరికీ అందేలా చర్యలు తీసుకోవాలని కలెక్టర్ ఎంవి రెడ్డి అన్నారు. మంగళవారం కలెక్టరేట్లో జిల్లా స్థాయి సఫాయి కర్మాచారి నిర్మూలన, పునరావాస కమిటీ సమావేశంలో ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ అర్బన్ సఫాయి కార్మికులకు సంక్షేమ పథకాలు అందిస్తామన్నారు. సఫాయి కర్మాచారి సంఘాలు సంజయ్ కుమార్ మాట్లాడుతూ సఫాయి కర్మాచారి కుటుంబాలకు డబుల్ బెడ్రూం ఇళ్లు, ప్రభుత్వ పథకాలు అందించాలని కోరారు. ప్రతి కార్మికుడిని ప్రభుత్వం ఆదు కుంటుందని కలెక్టర్ చెప్పారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ఉప్పల్ ఎమ్మెల్యే సుభాష్ రెడ్డి, ఇన్చార్జ్ డిఆర్వో విజయకుమారి, డీసీపీలు శర్మ, పద్మ, రెడ్డి, ఉర్కీ, పీసీపీలు వివిధ శాఖల అధికారులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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### ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార బాధితులకు సత్వర న్యాయం జరిగేలా చర్యలు: మేడ్చల్ కలెక్టర్ ఎంవి రెడ్డి

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జిల్లాలోని సఫాయి కర్మాచారిలకు కేంద్ర, రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వాల సంక్షేమ పథకాలు అందేలా చర్యలు

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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
(LAW DIVISION)  
MANU ASHOK BHAVAN  
BLOCK 'C', G.P.O. COMPLEX, INA, NEW DELHI - 110023

Date: 07/09/2019

To  
THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
MALAKARH DISTRICT, VAYAPURI COLONY,  
TIRUCHI MALAKARH COURT COMPLEX,  
NEEDHATHI, TELANGANA - 500002

Subject:  
The complainant dated 21/06/2019 received from DALIT SHREE SAKTHI in respect of ELIZABETH KANU, was placed before the Commission on 05/08/2019. Upon perusing the complaint, the Commission directed as follows:

These complaints be transmitted to the concerned authority for such action as deemed appropriate. The authority concerned is directed to take appropriate action within 4 weeks commencing from the date of receipt of the complaint and to inform them of the action taken in the matter.

2. Accordingly, I am forwarding the complaint in original for necessary action as per the direction of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,  
Assistant Registrar (LAW)

CC To:  
Case No. 1700/01/2019-WC/2  
DALIT SHREE SAKTHI  
SRT 55, STREET NO 3, JAWAHAR NAGAR, NEAR  
ASHOK NAGAR CROSS ROADS  
MIRCHAL, MALAKARH, TELANGANA - 500002

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
(LAW DIVISION)  
MANU ASHOK BHAVAN, BLOCK 'C', G.P.O. COMPLEX, INA, NEW DELHI - 110023

Date: 08/09/2019

To  
JAWAHAR NAGAR, MALAKARH DISTRICT  
TIRUCHI MALAKARH COURT COMPLEX  
NEEDHATHI, TELANGANA - 500002

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Specifically mention, the reasons for not taking the references under the SCST (POA) Act 1989, as the victim is stated to be a girl belonging to the SCST.

Pursuant to the directions of the Commission, the Superintendent of Police, Greater Urban District has filed his report dated 21/01/2018. The report revealed that reference under the provisions of SCST (POA) Act, 1989 are not attracted in this case since No. 345/2019 of the P.S. Tatyapali, Greater Urban District in the victim-deceased and juvenile delinquency conflict with any of the same facts (SCS Mahila).

The Commission considered the report on 16/03/2019 and directed the Superintendent of Police, Greater Urban District to submit status report in case since No. 345/2019 of the P.S. Tatyapali, Greater Urban District, within six weeks.

Pursuant to the directions of the Commission, the Superintendent of Police, Greater Urban District has submitted the report dated 21/03/2019 which reveals that information (charge sheet) has been filed before the Jt. Sd. J. Additional Junior District Judge, Greater Urban District, Greater Urban District on 21/03/2019 and the Jt. Sd. J. is under consideration.

The Commission has perused the report and observes that the information (charge sheet) has been filed before the District Justice Board and that the Commission finds no justification to continue these proceedings. Hence the case is closed.

Yours faithfully,  
Assistant Registrar (LAW)

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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
(LAW DIVISION)  
MANU ASHOK BHAVAN  
BLOCK 'C', G.P.O. COMPLEX, INA, NEW DELHI - 110023

Date: 22/07/2019

To  
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
HYDERABAD, TELANGANA

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
SCHEDULED CASTES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

From  
Sd/- P. K. Karmakar, M.Sc., M.Phil.,  
Director,  
Scheduled Castes Development Dept.,  
Telangana, Hyderabad

To  
The Inspector General of  
Police,  
Tatyapali, Hyderabad

Subject:  
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Yours faithfully,  
Director (SCDD)

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
SCHEDULED CASTES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

From  
The District Collector/Chairman,  
Dist Vigilance & Monitoring Committee,  
Hyderabad - District.

To  
Dalit Shree Sakthi,  
N.G.O., Hyderabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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JODHPUR, TELANGANA, ANDHRA PRADESH, KARNATAKA & CHHATTISGARH

From  
The Director General of Police,  
Telangana  
Tatyapali, Hyderabad

To  
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## Qualitative Education to Dalit Girl Children

Dalits, particularly dalit women, have been kept out of education for centuries. Even after 73 years of independence and promise of equality, discrimination of dalit girl in the field of education is continuing. Given the poverty and lack of resources, dalit families are not able to send their children to schools. Even though there are government schools and social welfare hostels, the quality of education is very poor in these hostels due to neglect, corruption and lack of funds. Apart from poor quality of education, safety for boys and girls at these hostels is lacking. Frequent incidents of girls being sexually exploited by the wardens/other staff are being reported in the media. This atmosphere further frightens the parents of dalit girl children to send their daughters to social welfare hostels. DSS has been addressing this issue for the past so many years and has been systematically working for improving quality of education and safety in the schools and hostels. DSS monitoring of educational institutions and empowering the girl children in the hostels for their rights has yielded visible results. DSS has been educating and involving the parents to monitor educational institutions.

### Monitoring of Educational Institutions for Qualitative Education

Dalit Sthree Sakthi Women Collective leaders of respective villages along with the concerned district coordinators visit regularly the Anganwadi Centres, Government schools and Social Welfare hostels in their target villages to improve the functioning of the centres and to ensure qualitative services. The infrastructural issues are identified and represented to the concerned authorities, follow up regularly to see that they are resolved. Dalit Sthree Sakthi organises awareness meetings to the parents to sensitize them on the need of education and for the optimum utilization of the services of educational avenues.

Recently, some of the anganwadi centres and schools have been merged into the nearby centres due to technical reasons, causing a little bit hurdle to the children in the form of distance and the parents hesitating to send them to the anganwadi centres/schools. At this juncture, DSS sensitized the parents and ensured that the children are sent back to their respective institutions. DSS carries on its monitoring activity with a gender perspective to see that girl children are not discriminated at any of these schools, hostels or other institutions. Focus has been put on the dropout students in the schools, necessary steps were taken to bring them back to the school. The parents have been sensitized on the need of education to the girl children and ensured that all the girl children are sent to the school without any hesitation.

### Anganwadi Centres:

S No	No. of Centres monitored	Total issues identified	Results achieved
1	215	130	Hygiene conditions maintained in the centres
			Centres functioning regularly
			Improvement in the attendance
			Children, Pregnant women and Lactating mothers receiving the services on time
			Provision of drinking water
			Provision of toilets
			Provision of electricity
			Allocation of site for the building
			Shifting to better premises
			Construction of compound wall
			Construction of newbuilding

**Government Schools:**

S No	No. of Centres monitored	Total issues identified	Results achieved
1	195	105	Improvement in the timings of the school
			Conducive environment
			Water facility and toilets
			Increase in the strength
			Qualitative mid-day meals
			Filling up of the vacancies
			Personnel appointed for cleaning the toilets and premises
			Construction of additional class rooms
			Construction of compound wall
			Children and the teachers are gender sensitive

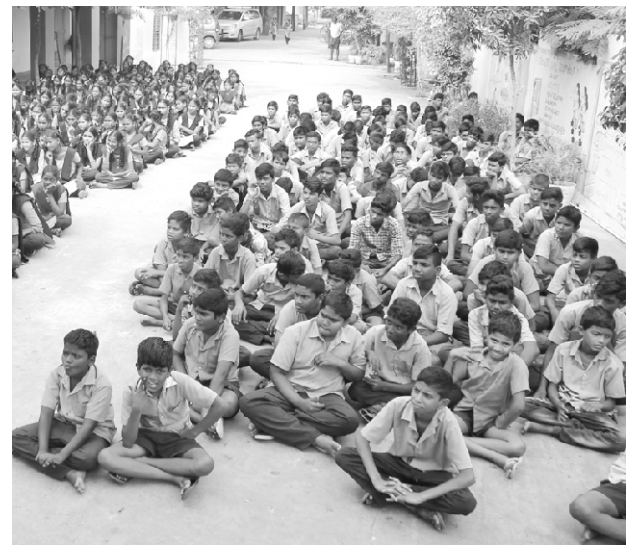
**Social Welfare Hostels:**

S No	No. of Centres monitored	Total issues identified	Results achieved
1	35	14	Hygiene conditions maintained
			Toilets repaired
			Storage tanks for water
			More fans and lights
			Improvement in the quality of food
			Provision of tuitions
			Compound walls and preventive measures taken

**Gender Awareness in Schools:**

During this year Dalit Sthree Sakthi has focused attention in creating gender awareness among the children in the schools as it is necessary to sensitize the children on gender aspect, so that they may grow as future citizens with gender sensitiveness. With this perspective, awareness campaigns have been organised in the coeducation schools on various gender concepts and children educated to view everything in proper gender perspective. The students were explained thoroughly on the systemised informal norms followed in their respective houses such as the girl children looking after all the household chores. They were asked to sensitise their parents and the people in their surroundings. The students were detailed about the ongoing spree of violence against women and girl children and the recent brutal incident such as “Samatha and Disha” followed by police encounter. They were enlightened on the special Acts. They were told about the need to address the root cause and sensitize larger civil society to curtail violence against women and children.











## Commemoration Days

Meeting and discussing certain issues on particular days help in reminding ourselves and refreshing ourselves about the importance of the issue. Actually, certain days of the year are celebrated as special occasions so that we can recapitulate about what was achieved and what is to be done. With this conceptual foundation, DSS celebrates all the important days of the year with a theme so that the women collective members, leaders and dalit women in general are enlightened about the issues concerning them.

The significant days are celebrated with seriousness so that all concerned are inspired and go ahead with commitment. This year DSS celebrated the significant days as follows:

- January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Savitribai Phule Jayanthi, on the topic: Education Without Discrimination
- January 26<sup>th</sup>, Republic Day on the topic: Reservations: Problems and Prospects
- March 8<sup>th</sup>, International Women's Day on the topic: Dalit Women and Development
- April 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr B R Ambedkar's 126<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary on the Propagation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Ideology
- August 15<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day was chosen to focus on the issue of Equality of Opportunities in Independent India

### Education without Discrimination

On the eve of Savitribai Phule Jayanthi, Dalit Sthree Sakthi organized a Conference on the theme of "Education without Discrimination" on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at Conference Hall, Sundaraiah Vignana Kendram, Hyderabad. In this meeting Jhansi Geddarn, National Convener of Dalit Sthree Sakthi presided and Chief guest was Sri Kalyana Chakravarthy, IAS, Director General of EPTRI. Main dignitaries on the dais were Sri PSN Murthy, IDAS (VR), Chairman of Ambedkar Mission; Dr Shobha Rani, Professor of Government Degree College; Dr Siddoji Rao, Director, IAS/IPS Officers Forum; Prof K Y Ratnam from Hyderabad Central University, Prof Gali Vinod Kumar, Law college Principal from Osmania University, Prof Sailaja and Krishna Sastry. These dignitaries participated and elucidated on the importance of education.

Jhansi Geddarn and GDV Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS highlighted about the objectives of the conference. Jhansi brought to the attention of the participants about UN efforts in spreading education without discrimination and the need for imparting education everyone in the country without discrimination of caste and gender. She pointed out that the UN General Assembly declared January 24<sup>th</sup> of every year as Education Day, starting from 2019. She explained to the audience how DSS has been continually spreading awareness on the importance of education by celebrating January 3<sup>rd</sup> as Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Savitri Bhai Phule.



## Gist of the views expressed by the speakers:

- Indian society is divided on caste lines and this is reflected in the education system also.
- There is discrimination in the family also in getting their children educated.
- Common School System exists in various countries and we should demand for introducing common school system in India also.
- Discrimination in the society should end so that discrimination in education can end.
- Every girl child and woman should be educated.
- Budget allocation for education is very meagre which reflects the priorities of the Government.
- In foreign countries education is given priority and common school system exists for the benefit of all.
- Education is the only way to gain self-respect and dignity.
- Savitri Bhai Phule was a visionary and fulfilled her role in all aspects and contributed to the education of women.
- In the Institutions of higher education discrimination exists in multiple forms and is sophisticated.
- Reforms being implemented in the Universities are in such a way that in future Dalits will not be able to pay the fees.
- Dalit students are dependant on scholarships and if they are denied scholarships, they have to discontinue studies or commit suicide like Rohit (HCU student).
- Dalits who are dependant on scholarships are insulted and abused.
- These days, persons without proper subject knowledge are heading the departments.
- Humanity is suffering due to ignorance and poverty. In our country large number of people are unable to eke out livelihood.
- Fifty percent of women suffer due to anaemia.
- Now the legislatures are dominated by vested interests. Unless real people's representatives come to legislatures no progress can take place.







## Reservations: Problems & Prospects

Republic Day is celebrated by officials, political parties and in schools and colleges. It is mostly celebrated as an official function and as a formality without going deep into the subject. That is why in most institutions the participants don't understand why it is celebrated and what is the purpose. When it comes to students and staff of educational institutions, they simply take it as a holiday. In villages and towns ordinary people who are not connected with any government office, don't even know that it was Republic Day. For them it is like any other day of their daily life of work and daily earnings. In this background, DSS takes the opportunity to educate its cadre and target people on what is Republic, Constitution, Democracy and various other concepts connected to Republic Day. Each year a theme is selected and resource persons are invited to enlighten the DSS cadre. Thus, each year, DSS takes the opportunity to enlighten the cadre. This year, a conference was organized on the eve of Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Press Club, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh on the theme "Reservations: Problems & Prospects".

The theme on reservations was selected as it is relevant today. The constitution provided for protective discrimination with a view to achieve equality and equity among the people, and to achieve social justice. But in the recent days the dominant caste sections are questioning the very concept of social justice and protective discrimination. In the name of cow protection, reservations for EBCs and other pseudo demands Scheduled Caste people are being attacked. This growing anti-scheduled caste trend got a boost when the Supreme Court gave a judgment diluting the effect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989. This judgment brought about a divide among the people and there were clashes when a bandh was called to protest against the judgment. The vehement protests by the Dalits against the judgement forced the government to amend the Act to nullify the effect of the judgment. In this background of chain of events recently, the government introduced 10 percent reservations for the economically backward sections. Thus, reservations instead of being an instrument to promote equality and equity has now become a political ploy for appeasing one section or the other. In the light of these development, DSS

felt that it is necessary to enlighten its cadre, people in general about the idea of protective discrimination and how the framers introduced various articles in the constitution to promote social justice. Hence DSS chose to conduct a conference on the topic, "Reservations: Problems & Prospects".

Intellectuals from various walks of life, who have understanding on the subject were invited to give their opinions on the topic. Sri G Shankar,





General Secretary, All India SC, ST Welfare Association, Sri A V Kiran, General Secretary, All India SC, ST Electricity Employees Welfare Association, Prof. A. Subrahmanyam, Rtd Dean of Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Sri Jagannadha Rao, Rtd, Finance Officer, ANU, Dr Siddoji Rao, Convener, SC, ST Officers Forum, Prof Samuel John and Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS spoke on the occasion. The meeting commenced with the introduction of the objectives of the conference by Sri G. Daniel Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS.



### **Gist of the Opinions expressed by the Speakers:**

- There is lot of confusion about reservations and it is being used primarily for political gains.
- There are no government jobs and the governments are implementing reforms in the direction of abolishing jobs in all sectors.
- Dominant castes are demanding reservations as an expression of their antagonism against scheduled castes and tribes.
- Dalits should be aware of the developments taking place against them.
- Ambedkar fought against untouchability.
- Women were treated on par with slaves till recently. They were treated as things and women could achieve recognition, dignity and equality only through struggles.
- Reservation policy is not clear even today. Reservations are not properly implemented in Universities.
- Reservations are implemented only for the menial jobs but all the high decision making posts are filled with dominant castes only.
- Reservations are given for creating vote banks.
- Dr B.R. Ambedkar educated people to live with dignity and culture.
- People and youth are getting deviated due to TV and Films and forgetting the way of understanding issues in Ambedkar's way.
- If we could get separate electorates we could have represented independently in the parliament.
- Dr Ambedkar was responsible for the constitution and the democracy that we have now.
- Candidates from reserved constituencies are used by the dominant caste parties as their servants.







## Dalit Women and Development

International Women's Day is an occasion to inspire dalit women to struggle for rights and march forward. International women's day is celebrated throughout the world to commemorate the dignity and worth of woman. In the working area of DSS every private and governmental organization celebrate March 8<sup>th</sup>, but without a right perspective of the purpose. Most of them celebrate the day to have some fun and as an occasion to play womanly games and conduct competitions in womanly chores. But the idea behind the call of UN to commemorate International Women's Day is to seriously recapitulate the struggles and achievements of Women and to march ahead towards complete equality and non-discrimination.

DSS takes this occasion as an opportunity to educate the dalit women about the status of women, the history of struggles and the achievements. DSS celebrates this day every year on themes relevant to downtrodden and working-class women. This year, "Dalit Women and Development" was selected as the theme to inspire the dalit women to claim their rightful share in the development process. In the country, so far, the development process excluded dalit and Adivasi women. Dalit women are now being mainstreamed and inspired to demand their share in all resources and as part of this ongoing struggles, DSS thought it fit to educate the dalit women about their present status and motivate them to fight against exclusion and discrimination in the developmental process.

The meeting was conducted at Press Club, Vijayawada on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. DSS Programme manager Daniel Prakash presided over the meeting. Other resource persons that attended the meeting were: Sri. Moka Satti Babu, Additional S.P. and Project Director Rajiv Vidya Mission, Prof. A. Subrahmanyam, Retired Professor and Dean of Law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Prof Samuel John, Sri. Rajamani, A.P. State Vice-President, DICCI, Dr. Padma, Sri Vijayalakshmi and Sri Jhansi Geddham.

### The gist of Opinions Expressed by the Speakers are as follows:

- Dalit women have self-respect, courage and confidence and they can even protect males at times of necessity.
- Unfortunately, the dalit women are discriminated and excluded from the developmental process. They are denied education and medical facilities.
- The dalit girl children are abused and sexually exploited in schools.
- Representation of dalit women in Parliament is very less.
- Dalit women should be aware of the rights provided in the Constitution and fight for their implementation.







- It is necessary to awaken the dalit men and the community in general for the upliftment of dalit women.
- Dalit women leaders and dalit women should be more enlightened to inspire and motivate the dalit women in the villages.
- Dalit women should be aware of the budget allocations and various schemes meant for them and start independent businesses.

- Dalit women should grow economically independent so that they can claim equality.
- Dalit women should be aware of their bodily health and take nutritious food.
- It is not correct to say problems of all women are same. It should be noted that the dalit women problems are separate and they face issues which are not common to all women. Oppression, untouchability, domestic violence faced by dalit women is not the same to every woman.





## Propagation of Dr. B R Ambedkar Ideology

Dalit Sthree Sakthi, Officers Forum and All India SC, ST Employees Association have organised a car rally on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 covering various areas of Hyderabad city on the eve of 128 birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar. The rally was started at Panjagutta, Hyderabad where the Ambedkar statue was demolished on 12<sup>th</sup> April night. N Jyothi, Ambedkarite has waved the flag and started the rally. The rally proceeded to Jag Jeevan Ram statue at Basheer Bagh and from there to Ambedkar statue at Tank Bund. After paying floral tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar, slogans pertaining to Ambedkar were given. The remarkable drum beat by a group of youngsters has caught the glimpse of many. The rally proceeded on its scheduled route covering Liberty, Abids, Koti, Chadarghat, Malakpet, Dilshuknagar, Kottapet, LB Nagar, Nagol, Uppal, Tarnaka, Osmania University, Vidyanagar, RTC Cross roads and later reached DSS office at Ashok Nagar.



The vehicles were decorated with flexies containing quotes of Ambedkar and on Gender sensitisation. Enroute, the vehicles stopped at all the Ambedkar statues and propagated on Ambedkar Ideology and his gender concept. The gatherings were addressed by Jhansi Geddam, Dr N Siddoji Rao, Sri A V Kiran, Prof Shobha, Vijaya Laxmi and GDV Prakash. They said that India is the biggest democratic country and at present undemocratic rule against constitution is in force and to overcome this situation Ambedkar ideology is the only way. We need to build a nation without caste, class, religion and gender disparities and save our nation from all sorts of terrorism. Therefore, all the likeminded forces need to come together and fight against the un democratic separatist forces.



The slogans propagated are as follows:

- Follow the constitution not the rulers – to be a true Nationalist
- We are because he was: He is our Identity, Direction and our Future
- Are we civilized enough to treat our women equally?
- Gender disparity and Inequality are the acts of the uncivilized
- Save India from Caste -Religious - Patriarchal Terrorism







## Equality of Opportunities in Independent India

This year Independence Day was celebrated on the theme of “Equality of Opportunities in Independent India” with an idea of educating the Dalits and Dalit women on the present situation of discrimination they are facing in accessing jobs and resources. As part of the celebrations a public meeting was held on 15-08-2019 in the Press Club, Vijayawada. Senior I.A.S. officer, presently managing director of S.C. Corporation, Government of A.P., Mr. Gandham Chandrudu participated in the meeting as Chief Guest. Mr. Daniel Prakash, National Programme Manager of DSS presided over the meeting. Main speakers were Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS, Mr PSN Murthy, IDAS, Chairman, Ambedkar Mission, Dr Siddoji Rao, Convener, SC/ST IAS Officers Forum, Mr. AV Kiran, General Secretary, National SC, ST Electricity Employees Welfare Association. District Coordinators of DSS, Ms. Hemalatha, Ms. Divya and Ms. Syamala participated.

Gandham Chandrudu spoke about the present situation of Dalits. He said, that 3 generations passed after the achievement of independence, yet there is no equality in accessing economic resources. He explained how the inequality is continuing in all aspects of sex, caste, region and race. If there is chance for accessing economic resources then only one can eradicate this inequality. The well-established castes and classes have lot of economic strength and with that strength they are able to garner all opportunities while the disadvantaged castes have to depend only on their wisdom to access opportunities. As predicted by Dr Ambedkar, disadvantaged castes have been able to achieve equality in terms of voting rights but still lagging behind in terms of social and economic equality. Since Dalits are suppressed and disadvantaged it is necessary for the Government to implement measures to lead them in the direction of achieving equality. He noted that there is need to have an Equal Opportunity Commission in India.

Other speakers explained how equality is denied in practice while there is equality in theory, in the Constitution and in laws. Patriarch ideology, caste domination are the main reasons why the Constitution and laws are not getting properly implemented. It is necessary for the women to be more conscious and work against the entrenched inequalities. There is need for all women to come on to one platform and struggle against inequalities. There is need to launch struggle for proper implementation of laws and equal participation in parliament and legislative assemblies.

Dalit women and leaders of Dalit Women Collectives participated in the meeting in large numbers.









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- ఎస్సీ కార్పొరేషన్ ఎండ్ గంధం చంద్రుడు
- దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో 'స్వతంత్ర భారతంలో సమాన అవకాశాలు' పై సభ

గాంధీనగర్ (విజయవాడ సెంట్రల్): ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీలు ఆర్థిక అవకాశాలు లేక సమానత్వం సాధించలేక పోయారని ఎస్సీ కార్పొరేషన్ ఎండ్ గంధం చంద్రుడు అన్నారు. అన్నిరంగాల్లో సమాన అవకాశాలు పొందగలిగితేనే అభివృద్ధి సాధ్యమన్నారు. గురువారం ప్రెస్ క్లబ్లో దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో 'స్వతంత్ర భారతంలో సమాన అవకాశాలు' అనే అంశంపై సభ జరిగింది. సభలో పాల్గొన్న ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ స్వాతంత్ర్యం సిద్ధించి ఏడు దశాబ్దాలు అయినప్పటికీ నేటికీ కుల, జాతి, ప్రాంతాల పరంగా అసమానత్వం ఉందన్నారు. ఆర్థిక వెనుకబాటు లేకపోవడమే ఇందుకు కారణమన్నారు. తెలివితేటలు ఉంటే తప్ప పేదర్గాలు మనుగడ సాధించలేకపోతున్నారన్నారు. రాజకీయంగా సమానత్వం సాధించగలిగామని, సామాజికంగా, ఆర్థికంగా



సభలో మాట్లాడుతున్న ఎస్సీ కార్పొరేషన్ ఎండ్ గంధం చంద్రుడు

సమానత్వం లేదన్నారు. వెనుకబడిన జాతులను సమానత్వం వైపు నడిపించాల్సిన బాధ్యత ప్రభుత్వాలపై ఉందన్నారు. దేశంలో 'సమాన అవకాశాల కమిషన్' ఏర్పాటు అవసరం ఎంతైనా ఉందన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ రూస్సీ గెడ్డం మాట్లాడుతూ రాజ్యాంగం అన్నింటికీనూ సమాన అవకాశాలు కల్పించినప్పటికీ వ్యవస్థలో సమానత్వం లేనికారణంగా సమాన అవకాశాలు పొందలేక పోతున్నారన్నారు. దళితులు, ముఖ్యంగా స్త్రీలు చైతన్యం కావాల్సిన అవసరం ఉంద

న్నారని సమాజంలో సమాన అవకాశాలు పొందాలంటే కుటుంబ వ్యవస్థనుంచి మార్పులు రావాలన్నారు. చట్టసభల్లో సమాన అవకాశాలు పొందేందుకు మహిళలు పోరాడాలన్నారు. సభలో దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ప్రోగ్రామ్ మేనేజర్ డానియేల్ ప్రకాష్, అంబేద్కర్ మిషన్ చైర్మన్ పీఎస్ఎన్ మూర్తి, ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ ఐఎస్ ఆఫీసర్స్ ఫోరం కన్వీనర్ డా. సిద్ధోజీరావు, ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ విద్యుత్ ఎంప్లాయిస్ వెల్ఫేర్ అసోసియేషన్ జనరల్ సెక్రటరీ ఏపీ కిరణ్, స్త్రీ శక్తి కో-ఆర్డినేటర్లు హేమలత, దివ్య, శ్యామల పాల్గొన్నారు.

## DSS calls for reforms in edn system

**Hyderabad:** On the occasion of Savitribai Phule's birth anniversary, the Dalit Sthree Sakthi (DSS) conducted a meeting on topic 'Education without Bias' at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram. National Convenor of DSS G Jhansi, APTRI Director General Kalyan Chakravarthy, professors G Vinod Kumar, Shobha, Ratnam, Shailaja, Sudarshan, PSN Murthy and Dr N Siddhoji Rao spoke at the meeting. They all unanimously opined that in the existing biased society it was impossible to get the education without bias. They said based on the Kothari Commission Reforms, a common school system should be implemented akin to western countries to help children get better education.

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- 'రిజర్వేషన్లు-ఇబిడెండులు, అవకాశాలు' సభలో వక్తలు ప్రజాశక్తి-సంస్థాపకాధ్యక్షురాలు రిజర్వేషన్ల వాస్తవాల రంబే ఆపోహలు ఎక్కువ ఉన్నాయని సమాజం మారుతున్న క్రమంలో చట్ట, న్యాయం ముఖ్యమైనవన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో రిజర్వేషన్లు-ఇబిడెండులు, అవకాశాలు అనే అంశంపై సభ నిర్వహించారు. గాంధీనగర్లోని ప్రెస్ క్లబ్లో శనివారం ఈ కార్యక్రమం జరిగింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ ప్రాచీన కాలంలో బానిస వ్యవస్థ ఉండేదని మనుషులను కూడా మాట్లాడే వస్తువులుగా పరిగణించే వారని చెప్పారు. తిరుగుబాటు, విప్లవం ద్వారా ఆ వ్యవస్థ పోయిందన్నారు. ఈ సభకు దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ రూస్సీ గెడ్డం ఆధ్వర్యం వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆమె మాట్లాడుతూ అంటరానితనం ఇంకా అనేక రూపాల్లో రాజ్యం ఎటువంటిదన్నారు. ఓటు బ్యాంక్ రాజకీయాల కోసం రిజర్వేషన్లను ప్రభుత్వాలు వాడుకుంటున్నాయని ఆరోపించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ జాతీయ అసోసియేషన్ ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి జి. శంకర్, ప్రొసెక్యూటర్ ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ ఉద్యోగుల సంఘం ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి వి. వి. కిరణ్, తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



మాట్లాడుతున్న ప్రొసెక్యూటర్ ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ

ముంబై, 4 జనవరి 2019

## నిచ్చిన మెట్ల సమాజంలో వివక్షత లేని విద్య అసాధ్యం



సమావేశంలో మాట్లాడుతున్న వక్తలు

నల్లకుంభ, జనవరి 3 (ప్రభ స్పెషల్): నిచ్చిన మెట్ల సమాజంలో వివక్షతలేని విద్య అసాధ్యమని, నిచ్చిన మెట్ల సమాజాన్ని కూల్చాలన్న అవసరముందని పలువురు వక్తలు అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. వివక్షతతో కూడుకున్న సమాజంలో వివిక్త లేని విద్య అసాధ్యమన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో గురువారంనాడు సుందరయ్య విజ్ఞానకేంద్రంలో సావిత్రిబాయి ఫూలే జయంతి సభ నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సభలో ఐఎఎస్ అధికారి ఏపిటిఆర్ఎం డైరెక్టర్ జనరల్ కళ్యాణచక్రవర్తి, దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ 'స్పీసర్ రూస్సీ గెడ్డం, పి.ఎన్.ఎన్. మూర్తి, ప్రొఫెసర్ గాలి వినోద్ కుమార్, డాక్టర్ సిద్ధోజీరావు, ప్రొఫెసర్ శోభ, ప్రొఫెసర్ రత్నం, హెచ్సీయూ ప్రొఫెసర్ శైలజ, ప్రొఫెసర్

## సావిత్రిబాయి ఫూలే జయంతి సభలో వక్తలు

సుదర్శన్ తదితరులు మాట్లాడారు. ప్రస్తుత విద్యా వ్యవస్థ కులం పునాదులపై నిర్మించబడిందని, నిచ్చిన మెట్ల సమాజాన్ని కూల్చాలన్న అవసరం ఉందన్నారు. పాత్రాత్మక దేశాల్లో ఉన్న విద్యా విధానంలే, కోర్కె 'మీషన్ సిఫార్సుల మేరకు కామన్ స్కూల్స్ సిస్టం విధానాన్ని అమలుచేసినప్పుడే వివక్షలేని నాణ్యమైన విద్య లభిస్తుందన్నారు. సామాజిక సంస్కరణలు రాకుండా విద్య విధానంలో మార్పు రాదన్నారు. కేంద్ర, రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వాలకు ప్రాథమిక విద్య ప్రధాన అంశం కావాలని, అధికంగా నిధులు కేటాయించాల్సిన అవసరముందన్నారు. నాణ్యమైన, వివక్షలేని విద్య, కులాలతర వివాదాలు మరియు వారసత్వపు అస్త్రులపై పన్నులు విధించినప్పుడే సమానత్వం వస్తుందన్నారు. సావిత్రిబాయి ఫూలే అన్ని రంగాలలో ప్రత్యేకత కలిగిన వ్యక్తి అని, సమాజం కోసం తన జీవితాన్ని క్యాంగం చేసిన మహనీయురాలని విద్యను ప్రోత్సహించడం కోసం, మాతృత్వాన్ని క్యాంగం చేశారని అన్నారు. ఆనాటి సమాజంలో స్త్రీలు ఎంతో వివక్షతకు, అణచివేతకు గురవుతున్న పరిస్థితులలో ఎన్నో అవమానాలు, ఇబ్బందులు ఎదుర్కొంటూ మహిళల విద్యను ఎంతో ప్రోత్సహించిన ధైర్యశాలి అని అన్నారు. పాఠశాల స్థాయిలోనే కుల వివక్ష నువ్వంగా కనిపిస్తుందని కొన్ని పాఠశాలల్లో కులాల వారిగా కూర్చోబెట్టి వివక్షత చూపిస్తున్నారని అన్నారు. ప్రస్తుతం దేశాన్ని ఆకలి, అజ్ఞానం, కులం న్యాయం, పురుషాధిక్యత పట్టి పీడిస్తున్నాయని ఆందోళన వ్యక్తం చేశారు. సావిత్రిబాయి ఫూలే స్ఫూర్తితో మహిళలు ముందుకు రావాలన్నారు.



సోమవారం 15 ఏప్రిల్ 2019

# దళిత స్త్రీలు అభివృద్ధి సాధించాలి

పెలాంబర - విజయవాడ (గాంధీనగరి) : దళిత స్త్రీలు నేటి సమాఖ్యలో అనుమతముకాని గుర్రపువూసలు, అటువంటి వాటి నుండి విముక్తి పొందాలంటే అన్ని రంగాల్లో అభివృద్ధి పొందాలని వలపును వ్యక్తం చేస్తున్నారు. అంతర్జాతీయ మహిళా దినోత్సవం సందర్భంగా దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి అధ్యక్షుర్యంలో విజయవాడ టెన్సిస్కోలో వరుణారావు 'దళిత స్త్రీల అభివృద్ధి' అనే అంశంపై సభ నిర్వహించారు. దీనికి దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ప్రోగ్రాం మేనేజర్ ధానియేల్ ప్రతాప అధ్యక్షత వహించారు. ముఖ్యఅతిథి ఎచ్చేసిన రాజ్ కే విశ్వం 'పాత్రావృద్ధికి మోక్షా సైత్యం మట్టాడు' అంటూ దళిత స్త్రీలు అభివృద్ధిని, సైత్యం కలవాడని, అవసరమైతే పురుషులకు కూడా రక్షణ కల్పించే శక్తి కలవాడన్నారు. అయినా సమాఖ్యలో అనేక కలహారాధనలు, అనుమతముకాని గుర్రపువూసలు అవేదన వ్యక్తం చేశారు. అనేక చోట్ల కనీస వైద్య పథకాలు, టెక్నికల్ ట్రైనింగ్లు, పడుకొనిపోయాయి. దళిత బాలికలు పాఠశాలల్లో, టైగ్రింగ్ దోడిడికి గుర్రపువూసలు, సినిమాలు, సరైన శిక్షణ పడటంలేవన్నారు. ఉద్యమభంగి, దళిత స్త్రీలకు సరైన ప్రాథమిక విద్య ఉండటంలేవన్నారు. దాక్టర్ డి.ఆర్. అలవేరే అంకిదినపట్ల ఈ సమాఖ్య అభివృద్ధిని కొలవాలంటే దళిత స్త్రీల అభివృద్ధిని



సభలో మాట్లాడుతున్న సత్తిబాబు

కౌలబద్ధగా తీసుకోవాలన్నారు. వివాహం తరువాత భర్తలకు బానిసలు కాకుండా సామెత్రీణియని ఆదర్శంగా తీసుకోవాలని కోరారు.

అతూర్ప నాగార్జున మొదలగువల్ల ప్రాపెనర్ ఎ.నూత్రాజ్యం చూపుటకు దళిత మహిళలు నేడు సమాజంలో అనేక రకాలుగా దోపిడీకి గురవుతున్నారన్నారు. వీరు ఆర్థికంగా ఎదిగినాకీ కష్ట పడుతున్నారన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఉద్ధారకీని సాధించమవుతున్నారన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కమ్యూనిస్ట్ గెడ్డం రూపాన్ని మార్చుటకు

సమాజంలో దళిత స్త్రీల పరిస్థితులు, వారిపై ఉన్న అణగారినత, దోపిడీ వంటివి ప్రత్యేకమైనవి. దళిత స్త్రీలు ప్రధాన ప్రపంచానికి రావాలంటే కుటుంబాలు, పురుషులను వైతన్యం చేయవలసిన అవసరం ఉందన్నారు. అది సాధించాలంటే ఒక్క విధ్యతోనే సాధ్యమన్నారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో డి.కె. రావు ఉపాధ్యక్షులు రాజామహి, డాక్టర్ విజయలక్ష్మి, డాక్టర్ పద్మ, హిమలత, విజయకుమారి, మాజీకృష్ణ, పద్మలత తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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అంబేద్కర్ విగ్రహానికి పూలమాలవేసి ఘననివాసులర్చిస్తున్న రూఢీ ప్రకాష్.  
పెట్రోజీరావ్, శోభ, విజయలక్ష్మి తదితరులు

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## Dalit women very strong to face life

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**Vijayawada:** Dalit women are very confident, courageous to face the challenges in life, said Moka Satti Babu, additional project director of Rajiv Vidyā Mission while addressing the conference on Development of Dalit Women in connection with the International Women's Day at the Press Club here on Friday.

Satti Babu said that in spite of their confidence, the Dalit women are subject to inequalities in the society and are dying due to lack medical facilities. He deplored that the Dalit girls are facing sexual harassment in schools. He regretted that there was no representation to Dalit women either in Parliament or in the Assemblies.

He recalled the quote of Ambedkar stating that Dalit women development should be the criteria for assessing the development of the society. He advised the Dalit women to take examples of Savitribai Phoolé and

Ramabai instead of becoming slaves to the husbands.

Gaddam Jhansi, national convener of Dalit Stree Shakti, said that the Dalit women in the society are facing exploitation and repression. "It is high time the families in general and the men in particular are needed to be sensitised to bring Dalit women

into the mainstream," she added.

Daniel Prakash, national programme manager presiding over the meeting and Prof Subrahmanyam, Samule John, Pollution Control Board member Nagarajuna, Dalit Stree Shakti leaders Hemalata, Vijayakumari, Manikyam, Padmalata, Mariyamma and others participated.



Moka Satti Babu, additional project director of Rajiv Vidya Mission addressing the Dalit Shakti conference at Press Club in Vijayawada on Friday



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## Women Collectives: Marching Ahead

For promotion and protection of dalit women rights and for mainstreaming dalit girl children, it is necessary to organize and inspire the dalit women themselves to struggle for their rights. With this view DSS formed Women Collectives at the village, mandal and district levels. These women collectives have been trained to think, decide and act independently in such a way that there is no leader and the led, but all take decisions collectively. Over the years these women collective members have been thoroughly enlightened on gender issues, functioning of government and police departments, fact finding of incidents of rights violation, important legal provisions, basic idea of constitution, etc. Trainings helped the women collective members to approach government officials on rights issues, sanction of schemes etc. This initiation of DSS have paved way for enormous results and they are into self-governance. The women collective leaders identify the issues of individuals and community, represent to the concerned authorities and continuously follow up to resolve the issues. They also extend a helping hand to the men and supplement their resources. They are equipped with the all necessary knowledge and they in turn create awareness to their members at village level. The women collectives are unionised at mandal, district and state level:

- ✓ Two representatives from each village women collective (VWC) represent the village in mandal women collective (MWC)
- ✓ Two women collective members from each MWC represent in district women collective (DWC)
- ✓ Four Women Collective members from each DWC represent in State Women Collective (SWC)

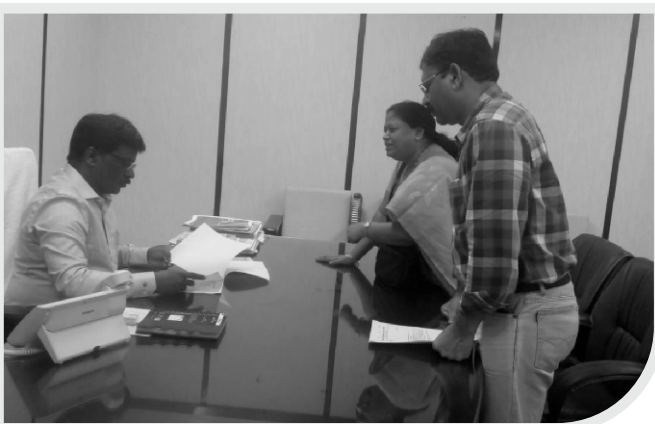
The issues identified at village level are escalated up to the respective levels and are addressed to ensure that they are solved. Similarly, the necessary information is disseminated downwards through the respective levels up to village level.

The identified issues are represented regularly in Grievance Cell/Spandana and are followed up regularly. The women collective leaders meet the district collectors in the Grievance Cell on a need basis.









## Trainings and Reviews

Trainings form an important part of activities of DSS. Trainings on subjects like gender, rights of Dalits under the Constitution and the special enactments are necessary to equip the women collective leaders. In the recent past SC,ST (PoA) Act underwent many amendments. The amendments were intended to plug the loopholes in the Act and make it more stringent. But the impact of the amendments was nullified by a judgment of the Supreme Court which misinterpreted the Act. There was lot of criticism and people's reaction against this erroneous judgment. In response to the people's movement the Act was again amended to specifically annul the interpretation of this judgments. These developments concerning the SC,ST (PoA) Act have to be grasped by the women activists. It is noticed that even the police and other concerned officials are not fully aware of the amendments to the SC,ST (PoA) Act. Trainings to the women activists is necessary to brief all the developments. Since the main objective of DSS is mainstreaming dalit women and girls, monitoring human rights and gender issues, trainings are concentrated on the relevant subjects. Trainings are customised to the specific context. The following trainings were conducted to meet the requirements:

### Team Review Meeting

State level Team review meeting was held at State office, Hyderabad on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Thorough review of the activities taken up, the result achieved and the impact was assessed. The team have submitted their reports and briefly explained each of the activities taken up. Later the action plan for the coming 2 months was chalked out as follows:

- Details of the families covered in the target area
- Awareness to Women Collectives in 210 villages
- Review meetings of VWC, MWC and DWCs
- Monitoring of AWCs, Schools and Hostels
- Submission of representations on the issues identified in the educational institutions
- Strengthening of youth associations in 50 villages
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of old cases
- Conference on the eve of Republic day at Press Club, Vijayawada
- Campaign in the villages on Gender equality from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> on the eve of International Women's day
- Conference at Vijayawada on 8<sup>th</sup> March on the eve of International Women's Day
- Annual State conference of AP on 12<sup>th</sup> February at Vijayawada and of Telangana on 20<sup>th</sup> February at Hyderabad

The team were congratulated for their performance in the previous year, they were given feedback on the gaps and challenges faced and have been asked to work with more commitment and to be cautious in their approach as it is elections time.

Further review meetings were held on the following dates in which action plans were reviewed and activities finalized: 2-05-2019; 18-07-2019; 15-10-2019; 22-10-2019; 12-11-2019.

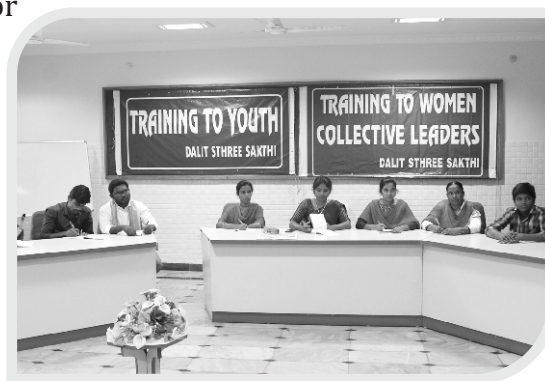


## Training to Youth & Women Collective Leaders

A two-day training for the youth and women collective leaders was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 at St Ann's Generalate, Hyderabad. Jhansi Geddani, National Convener and GDV Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS were the resource persons. The topics covered in these two days are the present scenario of the youth, career opportunities in the globalized world, ways forward, personality development, gender sensitization, SC, ST (PoA) Act, SCSP/TSP Act and Women related Acts. Training was also given on Fact finding skills and Hierarchy of the concerned departments.

The points spelled out by the youth and the suggestions given are as follows:

- Low socio-economic strata are one of the reasons for backwardness of our youth.
- Youth are tending more towards the movies and cinema actors, lingering in that myth, thus spoiling their education and future.
- Youth are the back bone of the nation and they should grow and equip themselves with right knowledge and in right direction.
- Dalit youth are lacking communication skills and knowledge due to the denial of quality education.
- Methods of learning and balancing the emotions in the life should be imparted to the youth.
- Youth should be optimistic, build good perspective, prioritize the goal and have a firm determination to achieve the aspiration.
- Youth should learn to live a meaningful life, practice good and healthy habits, inculcate stress management and strive for achieving the objective.
- They should be confident, work independently and live a quality life.
- The exclusion and marginalization of girls is pushing them into subordinate position.
- Each and every aspect should be viewed with a gender perspective.
- Develop radical thinking and look for amicable solutions.
- Develop values and skills.
- Acquire a taste for learning throughout life.
- Develop critical thinking.
- Understand sustainability concepts and issues.



On the second day SC/ST PoA Act, SCSP/TSP Act and Women related Acts explained section wise through PPT. Rules including Punishments, Compensation and Rehabilitation were also explained. Later fact-finding method, the steps to be followed, dos & don'ts during the factfinding, including penal and pecuniary follow up of the cases was explained in detailed.

The youth and women collective members have participated in the training were very enthusiastic and very responsive on both the days.



### **Training to Women Collectives and Youth Leaders**

One day training to women collectives and youth leaders was conducted on 3-07-2019 at Hotel Jaya Grand, Guntur. A total of 40 members (Twenty members from women collectives and twenty youth). The participants were trained on the Gender concept, SC,ST (PoA) Act, SCSP/TSP Act and other special enactments. The implications of amendments to SC,ST (PoA) Act was explained to the participants. They were trained about various village issue and the techniques of solving such issues. They were enlightened about how to report human rights violations to the police and human rights bodies. Youth were told to take active part in women collective meetings and village issues.





## Training to Team & Women Collective Leaders

A two-day training for the team and women collective leaders was organized on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 at St Ann's Generalate, Hyderabad. Jhansi Geddarn, National Convener and GDV Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS were the resource persons. The topics covered in the training were:

- Gender sensitization
- SC, ST (PoA) Act, SCSP/TSP Act
- Women related Acts
- Political scenario at the state and national level
- Rules including Punishments, Compensation and Rehabilitation
- Importance of looking at every aspect with a gender perspective
- The need to develop critical outlook
- The need to develop values and skills.



## Training on Protection and Promotion of Human Rights Defenders

National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ) & Dalit Sthree Sakthi (DSS) combinedly organized a Follow up Training on Protection and Promotion of Human Rights Defenders on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at St Ann's Generalate, Tarnaka, Hyderabad. Kamal Chand, National Coordinator of NDMJ, GDV Prakash, National Program Manager of DSS, Jhansi Geddarn, National Convener of DSS were the resource persons. DWHRDs from various districts participated as trainees. Various sessions were conducted on the following topics:



- Sharing of learnings, implementations and challenges faced by the HRDs after the Training
- Understanding about Risks and Analysis of the identified Risks
- Building Forum of Human Rights Defenders in Andhra Pradesh
- What do W/HRDs require to protect their rights
- Network Building
- Sending Urgent Appeals to National and State Human Rights Commissions





## Training to youth Leaders on Gender Concepts

A one-day training to the youth leaders on Gender Concepts was organised on 6<sup>th</sup> December at Hyderabad. National convener Jhansi Geddam and National program manager GDV Prakash sensitized the youth on the importance of their role in curtailing the gender disparities, discrimination in the family and community. Bringing change in the elders/parents is an uphill task. The gender equality practiced by the youth will set a role model for the children to follow the same and thus build a gender sensitised society. The impact of the social media, society and other evil practices is more on the dalit youth and therefore they need to be very cautious with the mobiles, surroundings etc and nurture their behaviour/attitude in an useful way to them, family and society.

National Co-ordinator Sathyacama Jabali during his session gave a small exercise to denote the members of their family with symbols. If it was a male they denoted with a circle and it was a female they denoted with a square. After the exercise, each member was asked to explain which symbols were given to whom. The participants went on to explain that their fathers or brothers were denoted with male entity, a circle and their mothers or sisters were denoted with a female entity, a square. After the first exercise an interaction with the participants helped to understand that their recognition of gender entities was mainly because of the physical / biological interpretation of gender. The youth were then asked to completely wipe off the biological interpretation of gender and were asked to re-do the exercise. During the second time few participants had denoted their mothers with a male entity, a circle. This is mainly because their mothers show authoritative behaviour in the family, or in some cases the mothers are working women who have economical independence. The interaction after the second exercise opened up a new perspective for the youth to look at gender not only from biological aspects but from a lot other perspectives.

The youth felt it was a new opening for them and have promised to perceive all the issues in gender lens.



## Networking

Networking with other democratic and progressive organizations and mobilizing the support of all concerned to the cause of dalit women is valuable. DSS has always organized and participated in the activities of compatible organizations and individuals in furthering the cause of dalit women. With this perspective, DSS always involved various organizations and individuals in the work of DSS. Experts in various subjects have been invited to enlighten dalit women on various occasions. Sensitizing the public at large and dalit women in particular can best be done if individuals and organizations work collectively. This year also DSS had taken up, participated and involved various persons and individuals as a network to highlight certain issues in tune with the objectives of DSS. A few of them are detailed below.

### Justice Punnaiah Memorial meeting

Justice Punnaiah, Retired High Court Judge and first Chairperson of State Scheduled Caste Commission, passed away on 1/12/2018. A Memorial meeting in his honour was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 5.30pm in Potti Sri Ramulu Telugu University, NTR Auditorium Nampally, Hyderabad. Scheduled Castes Welfare Organizations organized this memorial meeting. The conference was presided by Sri Kaki Madhava Rao, IAS, former chief secretary of united Andhra Pradesh, the chief guest was Justice K Ramaswamy and other dignitaries on the dais were Justice G Chandraiah, Sri K Ramulu, Member, NCSC, Sri B Vijaya Bharathi, Prof E Sudha Rani, Adv. P Vinod Kumar, Adv. G Jaya Prakash Babu, Sri Jhansi Geddam National Convener-DSS, Dr N. Siddoji Rao Convener-Officers Forum and other eminent personalities have addressed the gathering. All the dignitaries applauded Sri Punnaiah's commitment and the work he had done for the welfare of the scheduled castes. He services as Judge of AP High Court, MLA and chairperson of SC, ST Commission was recollected and applauded. Services of Justice Punnaiah as One Man Commission for abolition of caste discrimination and atrocities on SC, STs was specially appreciated as remarkable. It was mentioned by the speakers that Justice Punnaiah, made 42 recommendations for abolition of untouchability practices. In this meeting family members of Justice Punnaiah attended and spoke about his memorable works. Jhansi Geddam gave the vote of thanks along with the concluding remarks.

### Dharna, Press meet and Public Meeting on Marampally Case

**Dharna (7/1/2019):** Dalit Sthree Sakthi and Officers Forum conducted a thorough fact finding on the Social Boycott of Dalits in Marampally, Nizamabad District on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and it was found out



that social boycott was in force since 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The member of National SC Commission visited the village on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and he was gheraoed for about 3 hours by the non-dalit groups in the presence of police. In protest to this incident all the dalit organizations held a dharna at Ambedkar Statue, Tank Bund, Hyderabad on 7<sup>th</sup> January followed by a meeting at Dilkush Guest House, Hyderabad. 25 dalit organizations have attended the meeting and formed as a JAC for further action on both the incidents.

**Press meet (8/1/2019):** A Press Meet was held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Press Club, Somajiguda, Hyderabad. The demands put forth by the JAC were as given below:



- The bail given to the accused should be cancelled as they were granted bail against law by the Magistrate on the same day when they were produced for remand.
- To register an atrocity case against the persons who criminally obstructed the member of NCSC. Cases should be filed against the officials present there, for their inaction.
- To provide protection for the Mala community and give them immediate relief
- To abolish all the VDCs which are unconstitutional bodies.
- The government has to take up the construction of the community hall.
- The State SC Commission should respond on this incident.



**Public Meeting (17/1/2019):** The JAC has organized a public meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Parvana Hall, Abids, Hyderabad. The dignitaries on the dais were Sri K Ramulu, Member NCSC, Sri G Shankar, Advisor, SC welfare association, Sri Jhansi Geddham, National Convener of DSS and representatives of various organizations. Addressing the gathering Jhansi Geddham has pinpointed the violations in the incident and the inaction of both the police and revenue departments. She condemned that the accused were to be presented before the Special Court, whereas the police colluded with the culprits and presented them before the local magistrate and ensured that they were given bail immediately. She said that after a long campaign by 500 organizations across the country the amendments have come into force and it is absurd that both the police and the revenue departments are wilfully violating the Act and as such, the police, revenue and the judiciary are punishable U/s. 4 of SC/ST PoA Act.



## Ramabai Jayanthi Celebrations

Ambedkar Statue Protection Committee has organized Ramabai Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Ambedkar Statue, Tank bund, Hyderabad. The meeting was presided by G. Vinod, the chairman of Ambedkar Statue Protection Committee. Other dignitaries on the dais were Sri Jhansi Geddham, National Convener of DSS, Sri Charulatha, Scientist in Department of Atomic Energy, Vishnu Murthy DSP. Sri Vinod explained about the need of putting up the statue of Ramabai in the same premises and Sri Charulatha detailed about the life story of Ramabai. Sri Jhansi Geddham said about the sacrifices of Ramabai for the dalit community and the struggle she faced for sending financial assistance to Dr B R Ambedkar for continuing his studies. She had to sacrifice her life and even their children died due to malnutrition only to strengthen the hands of Ambedkar for the sake of the community.



## APSEB Meeting

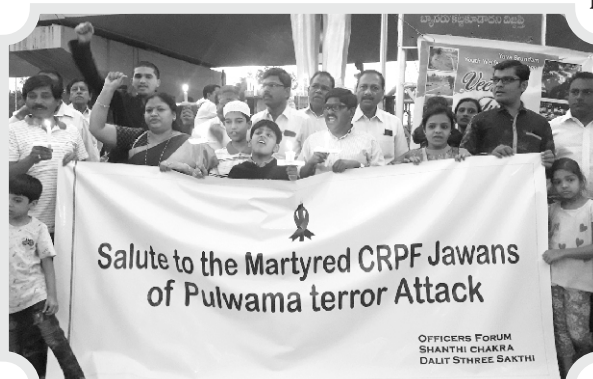


Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board SC & ST Employees Welfare Association have organised their Annual General Body Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Vijayawada. The dignitaries on the dais were Sri AV Kiran, All India General Secretary, Siva Prasad –The State President, Dr Siddoji Rao, Convener, Officers Forum, Jhansi Geddam, National Convener, Dalit Sthree Sakthi and others. Addressing the gathering Jhansi Geddam said that there is a need to strengthen the association with in the state and similarly expand to other states to fortifyat national level for safeguarding the rights of the members and to spread Ambedkar

ideology among the members and inspire them towards the concept of pay back to society. She also stressed on the need for increasing the number of women and to perceive every aspect in gender lens.

## Candle Light Protest on Terrorist Attack

Dalit Sthree Sakthi and Officers Forum along with other likeminded organisations and individuals organized Candle Light Protest against Terrorist Attack on the army at Pulwama. All the participants paid homage to the martyrs and have strongly condemned the terrorist attack. Slogans were given in support to the Indian Army and solidarity. Dr Siddoji Rao, GDV Prakash and Jhansi Geddam



addressing the media have condemned the role of Pakistan in promoting terrorism against India and have strongly said that they should stop their terrorist activities which are not good even for them. They also said that the Government of India has kept many issues of the armed forces pending for long time and it is miserable that due to the irresponsible behaviour of the government even the payment of compensation to

the martyrs is still pending in Supreme court. Therefore, they requested the central government to treat the issues of the armed forces with top priority as they are sacrificing their lives for Nation.

## Experiences of Caste Discrimination by Dalit Law Students & Dalit Advocates



A team from Manchester Metropolitan University of UK comprising of Dr Annapurna Waughray, Prof Stephen Whittle and Dr Gayatri Nambiar Greenwood have conducted a pilot study on the experiences of caste discrimination by dalit law students and advocates during legal education, training and practice. DSS organised this focussed group discussions at their state office, Hyderabad on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Practicing advocates and law students have participated in the discussions and have shared their experiences of discrimination as students, as junior advocates, while



practicing and similarly in the appointment of various judicial posts. Various forms of discrimination have come into light.

### **Justice K Ramaswamy Memorial meeting**

Justice K Ramaswamy passed away on 6/3/2019 in Hyderabad. A memorial meeting was organized by SC Welfare Associations on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 in Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium, Public Gardens, Nampally, Hyderabad. The meeting was presided by Sri Kaki Madhava Rao, IAS, former chief secretary of united Andhra Pradesh, and the dignitaries on the dais were Justice Sudarshan Reddy, Justice K C Banu, Justice G Chandraiah, Murali IAS, Sri Sundar Kumar Das, IPS, Sri K Ramulu, Member, NCSC, Sri B Vijaya Bharathi, Prof E Sudha Rani, Adv. G Jaya Prakash Babu, Sri Jhansi Geddam National Convener-DSS, Dr N. Siddoji Rao Convener-Officers Forum and other eminent personalities like judges, IAS and IPS officers have addressed the gathering. All the dignitaries applauded Sri K Ramaswamy's work for the community and his remarkable judgements such as in the case of tribal land rights. His services through NHRC were also applauded.



### **Run for Caste free India**

Run for Caste Free Society was organised for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year by Prabuddha Bharat and Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI) on 14 April 2019 from 6am to 8am on the eve of 128 birth anniversary celebrations of Dr B.R Ambedkar at Peoples Plaza, Neckless Road, Hyderabad. The public meeting was presided over by Sri Nalla Babu from DICCI and chief guest was Sri B Subash Reddy MLA of Uppal and the other dignitaries on the dais were Jhansi Geddam National Convener of DSS, Vishnu Murthy DSP, Vanajakshi, Suresh Naik, Puttapaka Srinivas, Paramesh and other team members of DICCI and Prabuddha Bharat. All the dignitaries have applauded for organizing this programme continuously every year and have felt that there is every need to build a caste free society. There is need for all to take forward



this movement. All have pledged to build a caste free society. Later the run was flagged off by the chief guest and youth have participated in hundred enthusiastically and ran until Ambedkar statue, Tank Bund.

## Women in the Forefront

DICCI Telangana Chapter in commemoration of their 14<sup>th</sup> Foundation day have organised Women in the Forefront to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ ST women on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Park Hotel, Hyderabad. After the inaugural session "Aspirations Vs Opportunities" session was organised and the panel members were Hari Chandana IAS, Raj Kumar Addl. Director Industries Department, Kantha Rao Manager NSIC, Malavika from Global Linker and Jhansi Geddam from DSS.



Jhansi Geddam addressed the gathering of young entrepreneurs through her experience of setting up an organisation and running it for 15 years. A women entrepreneur needs to be committed before the very thought of setting up a business. Despite of the hurdles in the entrepreneurship a woman has to deal with the patriarchy in the society. She is answerable to her family, society and her co-workers whether she succeeds or fails in her mission. A woman has to fight two battles while struggling to be an entrepreneur.

Aspiring to be an entrepreneur and becoming one are on the two different ends of the bridge. And the right opportunity and utilising it in the right course is the bridge that she has to lay for herself. Dreaming to be a job-giver rather than a job-doer isn't as simple as it seems and achieving this dream takes a major toll on a woman's life. DICCI has enabled this process easier for dalit women entrepreneurs who are committed and ready to achieve heights.

## PS Krishnan Memorial Meeting

Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Caste Co-operative Finance Corporation (APSCCFC) along with Social Welfare Department of Andhra Pradesh organised a memorial meeting to remember the deeds of late Shri P S Krishnan, IAS on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 at Ambedkar Bhavan, Vijayawada. The meeting was presided by Sri Gandham Chandrudu, IAS, MD, APSCCFC and the dignitaries were K Ramachandra Murthy, K Praveen Kumar, IAS, P V Sunil Kumar, IPS, K Sunitha, IAS, SDJM Prasad, Korivi Vinay Kumar, Dr Siddoji Rao, Jhansi Geddam and others.



All the speakers have praised the commitment of Sri P S Krishnan towards the upliftment of dalit community. Jhansi Geddam, in her speech recollected his efforts for the eradication of caste system and they were to be keenly observed by the present-day youth. A person's identity is remembered by his deeds to the community and people. Sri P S Krishnan's commendable work is exemplary for all the social workers. He stood as an example of how an IAS officer should live and be instrumental in implementing the constitution. He also fulfilled his duty by addressing the problems of all poorer sections.



## Condemning the attack on writers

Feminist, Human rights and progressive women organisations conducted a meeting to condemn the attack on Prof Vinodini, Vemana University for her writings. She published a book on Sri. Potuluri Veerabrahmendra Swamy in which she described Sri. Potuluri Veerabrahmendra Swamy as belonging to Sudra caste. This was disputed by Viswabrahmin caste associations and they issued threatening statements and calls to Prof. Vinodini. The meeting was to condemn the threats issued to the writer. Jhansi Geddam participated in the meeting and spoke that; it is undemocratic to threaten a writer for expressing her views based on her research. She said, one may express a different view and may cite their own sources to authenticate their view or criticise the author's views, but to threaten to attack the writer is undemocratic and must be seen as an attack on freedom of expression.



## Officers Get-Together

SC/ST officers annual meet 2019 took place on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Hotel Ilapuram, Vijayawada. Sri Kaki Madhava Rao IAS, K Praveen Kumar IAS, Srikanth, IPS, Rajakumari IPS, PSN Murthy IDAS, A Murali IAS, Bharath Bhushan, Kiran, APTRANSCO and many officers have participated in the meeting. Jhansi Geddam, National Convenor of DSS and GDV Prakash National Program Manager also participated in the meeting. Sri Kaki Madhava Rao during his speech conveyed that Officers Forum in Andhra Pradesh should be strengthened and should follow Ambedkar's ideology of payback to the society.



## National Convention on SC/ST (PoA) Act

AIDRF and NDMJ combinedly organised a conference on SC, ST (PoA) Act on 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2019 at Vijayawada. Ananda Rao, National Convenor AIDRF presided over the meeting and the dignitaries on the dias were Justice K Balakrishnan, Retd Supreme Court Judge Thirumavalavan, VCK Party Founder, K Praveen Kumar IAS, Gandham Chandrudu IAS, PSN Murthy IDAS, Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS and other eminent personalities. This meeting assumed significance with the presence of family members of those who sacrificed their lives in the struggle against the Supreme Court decision diluting the SC,ST (PoA) Act. These family members of the deceased were felicitated.

Jhansi Geddam, spoke in the meeting. In her speech she narrated how the Act came into force in response to the dalit struggle against Karamchedu massacre and how the Rules came into force as response to the Tsundur massacre.

Further she traced the joint struggles of dalit organizations in achieving important amendments to



the Act. She pointed out that it was always struggles that paved way for the enactment and further developments, hence called for united struggles for further strengthening of rights.

### **Interactive session with British High Commission Team**

Sophie Ross, Deputy Head of Political and Bilateral Affairs at the British High Commission, New Delhi and Nalini Raghuraman, Political Economy Advisor at the British Deputy High Commission, Hyderabad interacted with Jhansi, National Convener and GDV Prakash, Program Manager of Dalit Sthree Sakthi at DSS office, Hyderabad on 20/6/2019. DSS team explained and presented PPT about DSS work for the past 13 years. DSS presented to them about the atrocities committed on dalit women, the way DSS addresses these human rights violations and how the victims are rendered justice. The team appreciated the fact that DSS was able to address more than 2000 instances of atrocities and conduct so many numbers of Public Hearings and Round Table Conferences. They appreciated that DSS was able to work in coordination with government and various officials were attending the events of DSS.

### **Interactive Meeting with Ministers and MLAs**

New government was formed in the state of Andhra Pradesh after elections in April 2019. YSR Congress Party led by Sri. Jaganmohan Reddy won a landslide victory in the elections and formed the government. The SC, ST Officers Forum arranged an interactive meeting with the dalit ministers, MLAs and officers of the new government on 23-07-2019 at hotel



Ilapuram, Vijayawada. This meeting was attended by Home Minister, Social Welfare Minister, Women & Child Welfare Minister, and all dalit IAS/IPS officers of the Government. Sri. Kaki Madhava Rao presided over the meeting. Jhansi Geddam spoke at the meeting. She appealed to the dalit ministers and officers to do maximum help to the dalit and poorer sections of the population during the tenure of the Government. She

reminded that during the last government not much was done to the dalit sections and appealed to the present government to rectify the omissions and wrong doings of the past.

### **Dr B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture**

Ambedkar Memorial Trust, Hyderabad conducts annual memorial lectures on various topics. This year the Trust organized 34<sup>th</sup> Dr B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The programme was conducted at Potti Sriramulu Telugu University, Nampally on the topic “Dr.B.R. Ambedkar : Constitutional Morality”. Sri. K. Srinivas, Chief Editor, Andhra Jyothi daily, delivered the memorial lecture. The programme was presided over by Sri. Lingaiah, while Justice Chandraiah, Dr. Madhava Rao were the other dignitaries on the dais. Jhansi Geddam was invited to propose vote of thanks. DSS cadre, women collective members and youth leaders from various districts attended this lecture in large numbers.

