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FOREWORD



It's with lot of pleasure I write this foreword to our 17th Annual Report. Pleasure is for the reason that I am communicating with you all about DSS and to proudly apprise you that we are able to successfully complete 17 years in giving voice to dalit/Adivasi women. Annual Report provides the opportune occasion to take stock of the activities of the this year and also look back at the entire journey of 17 years. We, at DSS have lot of satisfaction that we are able to live up to our avowed objective of protecting and promoting the rights of dalit/Adivasi women. As in previous years, we were able to address issues of violence on dalit women and girl children, conduct public hearing and legal clinic for accessing justice to the victims. Despite the strides in consolidating the unity of dalit women and having achieved results in accessing justice, it should be said that the year 2022 has been grim in terms of overall political, economic and ideological environment. All through last two

decades we have witnessed advances in rights discourse of dalits, women and other oppressed sections. But of late, there is a visible trend of rising rightist forces around the world. We are witnessing developments like reversal of Roe vs Wade in USA, election of conservative ideologues in Italy and the talk of white supremacy in west and rise of religious and authoritarian forces in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, while naked authoritarianism has come to power in Myanmar and other places. In our own country there is a lull in struggles for rights and people are weary of everything. There is not much response from dalits, women, students and other sections to issues of social justice. There is leadership vacuum and the present political parties are unable to inspire the people. All these parties are in cut throat competition to grab power by hook or crook. The so-called people's representatives from all these parties are from the neo-rich sections who amassed wealth through, real estate, contracts, liquor trade and other exploitative and corrupt activities. Occupying political and government positions is only for the purpose of making as much money as possible by grabbing lands, contracts, liquor, mines including sand. Constituency representatives have become the *defacto* rulers of the constituency who are demanding a cut in businesses, land dealings, construction and in everything. Since, political positions have turned out to be the most lucrative business, elections have turned out to be fierce and ruthless war between warring factions. Unlimited flow of money and liquor has become the order of the day. As per press reports political parties have gone to the extent of paying Rs.10,000/- to each voter in the recent bye elections in the state of Telangana. Over a time, people have turned out to be not only mute spectators of this abhorrent state of affairs, but unfortunately, also have become passive participants of the degenerated politics. It is a sad note on Indian democracy that in the recent elections in the state of Telangana, people have resorted to protests against some political parties for not giving enough money for their votes. The mass organisations, civil rights movements are unable to break the ground, while there are no inspiring alternative leaders or movements. This has led to apathy among the people and they have become weary. Even brutal atrocities on dalits, women are going unquestioned without any significant protest in both the Telugu states. In contrast, despite rise of rightist forces in USA, when George Floyd was killed there was large scale and widespread protests leading to the dismissal, criminal prosecution and conviction of the concerned police officer. Very recently when Tyre Nichols was beaten to death there was large scale protests and all the 5 police officers were arrested and charged for the offences of manslaughter, causing injuries and kidnaping. Contrast this with the torture and

killing of Ms. Mariyamma, a dalit woman. One year has passed but the perpetrator of the crime is neither arrested nor charged for any crime. There is none to protest. Let us hope, this demonic silence is only a passing phase and will be short lived and alternative leadership will rise to streamline the people to struggle for a democratic governance and rule of law. Meanwhile, it is necessary to keep on campaigning for restoration of constitutional values and rule of law and that is why DSS has been seizing every opportunity to educate people. We conducted campaign on Awareness on Constitution of India in both the States and recently, on the eve of Republic Day, DSS conducted seminar on the theme of promoting constitutional values and democracy. Added to political vacuum, there is widespread economic crisis world over and its impact is felt in India too, in the form of raising prices of essential commodities, steep unemployment and suicides of youth and farmers.

There is rising violence on women, more on dalit women and girl children. Violence against women and young people is persistent and perverse. At global level, it is estimated that, more than a third of women and girls—over 1 billion people—experience intimate partner violence or non-partner physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Nearly a quarter of all adults worldwide report physical abuse as children and the lifetime prevalence of childhood sexual abuse is unacceptably high for both sexes, more so for girls. Gender related violence and maltreatment of young people violate fundamental human rights to equality and non-discrimination, life, health, security of the person, privacy, and freedom from torture and cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment. The scars of such abuse will be permanent and haunting on the survivors throughout their lives. The ill effects of gender based violence will have negative impact on the society and economy and halt its progress. Studies reveal that boys who witnessed their mother being beaten are more likely to perpetuate violence against their own partners when they grow up. Thus, gender based violence has a vicious cyclic impact. Hence, it is of utmost importance to stop all forms of gender based violence. The benefits of reducing the impact of violence against women and girls are very large as it helps in economic and social progress. That is why Dr. B.R. Ambedkar said, the progress of a society has to be gauged on the basis of the status and progress of women of that society. In view of the enormous importance of ending gender based violence and achieving gender equity, DSS conducted vigorous campaign in response to the UN call for 16 days activism “to end all forms of violence on women and girls”. Though, it is the responsibility of the government and all NGOs to implement the UN call for such a campaign, as per our knowledge, it is only DSS which conducted the campaign in the Telugu states. The purpose of gender campaign is to sensitize men and women alike. Gender question is not just the problem of women, it is as much the concern of men to see that half the population is not denied their basic human rights. Likewise, we have been active in all other regular activities like fact finding of all major instances of violence, cheating in the name of love and held Public Hearing and Legal Clinic for accessing justice to the victims of inter and intra community violence. Though we have been carrying on the activities, it was done with great difficulty throughout 2022 as Christian Aid which funded us withdrew from the country and there was no funding from October 2021 till date. Our appeals for support from various alternative funding organisations are under consideration. During this crisis period, a few individuals extended some support and DSS is highly grateful to them. We joined hands with many other organizations in addressing common issues of concern. Many dignitaries from both the states, intellectuals, media were very sympathetic with the cause of dalit women and extended their support to DSS in its efforts to give voice to dalit women and girl children. DSS is thankful to all for their continued solidarity and we take this opportunity to assure everyone that we continue to work in all ways to strengthen dalit/Adivasi women and girl children.

Jhansi Geddam
Convener

1. Gender Equality is the only Way for Social Progress

Rally for Gender Equality

Annual General Body Meetings of DSS

General Body meetings provide the occasion for a large gathering and a brain storming debate on an important theme. Usually, on such occasions intellectuals and activist in the fields of dalit empowerment, women empowerment, law etc will be invited as resource persons to enlighten the gatherings about their respective field of expertise. Every year DSS chooses a relevant theme to impress upon the dalit women gathering in the general body in particular and the society in general. This year we have chosen gender equity as the theme and titled it as : “Gender Equality is the only Way for Social Progress: Rally for Gender Equality”.

Commensurate with the theme we have invited Sri Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson, A.P. Women Commission, Sri T. Kasturibhai, Joint Director, I & P.R. Department, Dr. Farhad, K.L. University, Sri. James, K, Director, Samanvaye Foundation, Sri Sri Devi, State Co-ordinator, Safai Karmachari Andolan, Ambassador Vinod Kumar, IFS., Ms. Sudha, Dr. Pushpa Chakrapani, Dean of Social Sciences, DBRAOU, Sri PSN Murthy, IDAS (Retd.), Chief Advisor, PBI, Ms. B. Manikyam, D.E., TS Transco., Ms. MN Kalpana, Protocol Officer, GAD (Retd.), Dr. V. Rama, Professor, NIT, Warangal, Ms. N. Anjani Kumari, Superintendent, Judicial Department, Ms. Usha Giri, Senior Psychologist, Ms. Krishnaveni, State Co-ordinator, Women Wing, DICCI. All the resource persons are women of achievements and who have experience and knowledge of circumventing and overcoming gender inequities. Two/Three men who are also good at gender equity were invited.

It is necessary to comment on the context why DSS had chosen gender as the theme for State conferences at both the states of Andhra and Telangana. UN has set sustainable development goals with gender equity targets and it is now, 25 years after the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing was held. In this context we see lot of silence and inertia on the question of violence against women and young people. During the last decade there was much talk about human rights of women and on gender question which is conspicuously absent now. On the other hand we see a rightist trend appearing on the global scene advocating subordination of women. The reversal of *Row vs. Wade* and its celebration is going on the one side while in countries like India religious fundamentalism and talk against women liberation is picking up. The pandemic years provided opportunity for perpetuating



all forms of violence against women, particularly, domestic violence. Now is the time to break barriers of silence by projecting the scale of violence and the experiences of survivors. DSS has embarked upon the task of identifying the survivors of all forms of violence and facilitate them to open up and speak and assert for justice. This, DSS has done this year through public hearing and Legal Clinic. It is necessary to equip the women, particularly the dalit women, with effective tools to counter violence and chalk out a programme of action. Without countering all forms of violence on women and without achieving gender equity the country cannot progress. As a prelude to various strategic activities, DSS felt it is necessary to inspire and equip the dalit women with an interaction of renowned women and men on the theme of gender equity. With this objective in background the General Body meetings in the States of A.P. and Telangana are organised with the theme of Gender Equality. The report of the meetings are given below:

Andhra Pradesh:

The 16th Annual General Body meeting of DSS in Andhra Pradesh was conducted on 29th March 2022 at Ambedkar Bhavan, Vijayawada in a very grand way. Every year Annual General Body is conducted with a theme to inspire the society in general and dalit women in particular. This year the theme is “Gender Equality is the only Way for Social Progress” with a call to the public to Rally for Gender Equality. Dalit women and women collective leaders in large numbers from across the working area of DSS congregated at the venue, Ambedkar Bhavan well on time. Fervour and agility was writ large at the gathering, as the dalit women from districts are meeting each other and exchanging pleasantries. The meeting commenced on time. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Jhansi Geddani, National Convener of DSS. Other dignitaries that attended the meeting were:

- Sri Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson, A.P. Women Commission, Chief Guest.
- Sri T. Kasturibhai, Joint Director, I & P.R. Department.
- Dr. Farhad, K.L. University.
- Sri James, K, Director, Samanvaye Foundation.
- Sri Sri Devi, State Co-ordinator, Safai Karmachari Andolan.

Before the commencement of the meeting all dignitaries and women collective leaders paid rich tributes to Buddha, B.R. Ambedkar, Jagjivan Ram and Sankaran by garlanding their statues at Ambedkar Bhavan. After garlanding the statues and raising slogans, the meeting commenced.

Ms. Hemalatha, State Co-ordinator of A.P. presented a brief report of the activities conducted during the year. She stated that during the year about 100 instances of atrocities and other violation of rights were addressed by DSS and the cases were followed up until judgment. Apart from regular activities, gender campaign for 16 days in response to the call of UN Women was conducted in a big way covering all villages and slums of our working area. Intensive trainings on special laws were conducted and the women collective leaders were equipped with knowledge of special laws. Further, a Round Table Conference was conducted with officials and victims and witnesses of about 30 cases in which speedy justice was delivered.



Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS said that, it was a matter of pride that DSS could complete 16 years of continuous and committed work in monitoring and defending the rights of dalit/Adivasi women and girl children. It was an arduous task which could be done with the co-operation of government officials, staff, people and media. She thanked everyone involved. All these years DSS has been facilitating dalit/Adivasi women to become more aware of their rights and entitlements and consolidating them as one woman to defend themselves. DSS has been on the path of unrelenting struggle to achieve gender equity. It is unfortunate that our country is ranked as 140th in gender equity scale and it is these unequal relations that trigger all forms of atrocities on women. Unless gender equity is achieved the nation can't progress economically, politically or socially. There are many stringent laws to protect women, but it should be noted that transformation will not happen by simply arresting or convicting the persons. The root cause of patriarchal mindset has to be changed.



Ms. Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson of Women Commission in her address appreciated DSS for its arduous work all these years. She felt the method of DSS work is different to that of various other organisations in the field. DSS organises a Round Table Conference with officials and presents the cases it has taken up for solving them. Thus, DSS follows up every case until justice is accessed. Many people and organisations conduct meetings when an incident occurs and leave the matter after that, whereas DSS pursues a case till its logical end. It is very difficult task to continually follow up a case but DSS does that. She admired this approach of follow up of cases till justice is accessed. DSS reports are very succinct and each word of their reports raise questions us. It is true that compared to the olden days there is some change in the society but there is a lot to do. With regard to untouchability and inequality there is some change in form but new forms of untouchability practices emerged. Likewise, it is very sad to note that violence on downtrodden women is taking place in various forms. It is more unfortunate to see girls are being exploited with a commercial perspective. There is need for thorough transformation not just from the government but in the society as well. Various laws meant for the protection of women should be implemented properly. Implementing the concerned laws strictly helps in eradicating oppression on scheduled castes and women. All of us should see that the laws are implemented strictly and the culprit is convicted.



Dr. Farhad, pointed out that it is said by all those women constitute half of the society but it should be remembered that it is the women that give birth to the remaining half and in that sense, it is women that constitute the whole society. Gender equality should start in the families from the childhood itself. Parents only plan for bringing up boys in a bright way and settling them, while neglecting the future of their girl children. It is necessary to inculcate the culture of bringing up boys and girls in the same manner in equal way in every respect. It is unfortunate that while being children girls visualise



many future dreams but they are all suppressed by the time they grow up. Gender inequality is steeped in the entire socialisation, schooling and in every aspect. She gave many illustrations and said that even in presenting toys in early child hood also one can notice the gender bias. Male child is given toys of cycle, car, guns etc while a girl child is given toys for cooking etc. One should be conscious of all aspects of gender bias and try to eradicate the same. It is necessary to introduce the concept of gender equity in school syllabus itself.

Mr. James Kommu, praised DSS for its consistent work for the emancipation of dalit/Adivasi women and girl children for the past 16 years. It is not easy for an organisation to work for such a long period. He emphasized the role of mother in instilling gender equality while upbringing the children. Mothers should take care of the education of their children. He said society can't progress without the progress of women.

Ms. Sri Devi, said that in her long observation of various organisations, she had not seen an organisation like DSS which never compromised the rights of downtrodden. Many organisations take up cases with profit motive and make money out of the cases taken up by them. DSS always stood by the dalit/Adivasi women until they are able to access justice.



Ms. Kasturi also praised DSS for its uncompromising and sincere struggles for the rights of dalit/Adivasi women and girl children for the past 16 years.

Telangana state co-ordinator **Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi** and **Vijayalakshmi** also spoke on the occasion. **Prakash Kote** and **Ramesh** from Child Line inspired the audience with their progressive songs.



Telangana

The 16th Annual State Conference of Telangana State was conducted in Ambedkar Resource Centre, Lakadika Pool on 31st March 2022. Ms. Jhansi Geddamm presided over the meeting and other dignitaries that addressed the gathering are:

- Ambassador Vinod Kumar, IFS.
- Ms. Sudha Rani, Academic Principal DBRAOU.
- Dr. Pushpa Chakrapani, Dean of Social Sciences, DBRAOU.
- Sri. PSN Murthy, IDAS (Retd.), Chief Advisor, PBI.
- Ms. B. Manikyam, D.E., TS Transco.
- Ms. MN Kalpana, Protocol Officer, GAD (Retd.).
- Dr. V. Rama, Professor, NIT, Warangal.
- Ms. N. Anjani Kumari, Superintendent, Judicial Department.
- Ms. Usha Giri, Senior Psychologist.
- Ms. Krishnaveni, State Co-ordinator, Women Wing, DICCI.



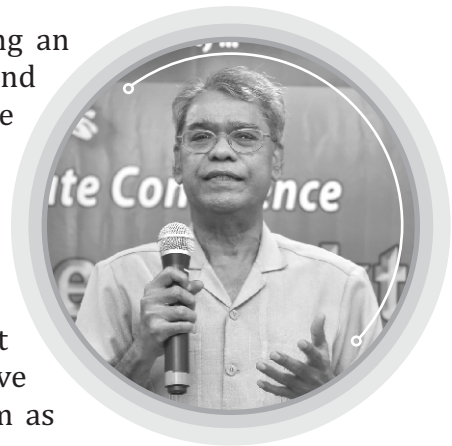
Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi, State Co-ordinator presented a report of the activities done during the year. She briefed that about 100 cases of rights violation have been addressed and the victims were assisted in accessing justice. Round Table Conferences have been held in which victims, witnesses and concerned officials have been arranged face to face interaction and these RTCs helped the government officials to identify the bottlenecks in implementation of SC, ST (PoA) Act and resolve them. The victims were sanctioned compensation in maximum number of cases. DSS conducted campaign on violence against women in response to the call of UN Women for 16 days activism. In Telangana State, DSS conducted fact finding into the lock-up death of Mariamma with a team of intellectuals and submitted representation to all concerned authorities for justice. In view of the growing atrocities on Dalits and dalit women a few CSOs and individuals joined hands in forming a platform, namely, Social Democratic Forum, to address the issues. DSS played active role in forming this forum and in all further activities of the forum.



Ms. Jhansi Geddamm, in her presidential address expressed that it is a matter of pride that DSS could complete a long and arduous journey, consolidate itself as an organisation and celebrate its 16th annual conference. It was not an easy task to stick to the objectives and run a women organisation for such a long time without deviation. Further, it is only DSS that has been working exclusively for the empowerment of dalit/Adivasi women in the two Telugu speaking states. There was never an occasion of compromise or dilution of the principles. DSS has now about 500 women leaders and is run totally by

women without any male leadership. The long journey to reach this status was laborious and grueling. It was extremely tiring and demanding great effort and determination. We could complete this odyssey with the support and encouragement from all sections of the society, including the government and media, for which we are highly beholden. One should note that maximum oppression and violation of personal liberty is faced by dalit/Adivasi women and girl children compared to other sections of the society. Apart from violence, dalit/Adivasi women are denied their share of economic and natural resources. Their representation in government jobs, social and political positions is negligible. The root cause of this situation is gender and caste inequality. All democratic forces, state institutions, media and everyone should come forward in eradicating the oppression on dalit/Adivasi women and girl children.

Ambassador Vinod Kumar, in his speech said that while being an ambassador, he went around various countries of the world and wherever he had gone, he praised India, but never talked about the oppression faced by dalit/Adivasi women. Now he is feeling good that an organisation like DSS is addressing all problems faced by these women. He added that he is feeling proud to see the campaign of DSS on gender equality with the vision of, 'gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow'. He said that it is one thing to understand the atrocities committed on Dalits and dalit women and quite another thing to redress them. He was appreciative of transforming the dalit/Adivasi women and empowering them as articulate and assertive women.



Ms. Sudha Rani, said that she had been attending the meetings of DSS since long and has been observing their work. She lauded DSS for their commitment and sincerity. Whenever and wherever an atrocity takes place on dalit/Adivasi women, DSS rushes there and assists the victims in accessing justice. She recollected how Ms. Jhansi Geddam presented the situation of dalit/Adivasi women when she was in Netherlands. After Jhansi's presentation the UN representative there queried whether the children are educated about dalit/Adivasi oppression and whether it was part of the syllabus, to which the answer was no. This means the problems of a sizable chunk of the population and the need to eradicate it is never part of our education. It may be noted that lessons about great visionaries like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Jyoti Rao Phule and Ms. Savitri Bhai Phule who sacrificed their lives for the upliftment of the downtrodden was also included only recently. How can our children develop the concept of equality without learning about social reformers? Dalit/Adivasi women are denied their equitable share in the economic, natural and all resources. How can this be done? Didn't the dalit/Adivasi women participate and sacrifice in the freedom struggle? This discrimination and denial should end. This can happen only when all of us work for gender equality. She added that she had taken up the challenge of rectifying the gaps in the history and done some research on the social reform movements. She highlighted the contribution of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.



Ms. B. Manikyam, recollected what Dr. Ambedkar said, that a society's progress has to be measured on the basis of the advancement of the women in that society and called for taking forward the Constitution that Dr. Ambedkar gave us. She recalled how Dr. Ambedkar sought to protect the rights of women by drafting Hindu Code bill and women's right to property. Ambedkar dreamt of empowerment of dalit women. Compared to the past we could advance a little towards equality by crossing several obstacles. Gender inequality is everywhere in the world and this can be transformed only when the patriarchal mindset is transformed. The institution of family is strong in India but it is patriarchal and unequal. It is necessary for each woman to develop personally. There are a few who could develop but within the family they are subjugated. Women should be able to assert the rights conferred on them by the constitution. Women should strive to get their property rights.



Ms. Usha Giri, in her address cited Dr. B.R. Ambedkar who said that the advancement of women shall be the measure of any society's progress. She emphasized the importance of education for the progress of women. Education, Economy and Energy are synonymous with women. As on today women are being looked down upon by the society and that is why nobody is responding when a woman is being raped in broad day light or when violence is inflicted upon her. Women should develop good bodily strength and courage to resist any violence. Women bear the entire burden of the family and sacrifice her entire energy for the well-being of the family. Despite her sacrifice for the family, she is not getting due recognition and support. She appealed that we should identify the root cause of gender discrimination and strike at the root cause.



Ms. Kalpana, said that at every work place there will be discrimination and oppression Dalits and dalit woman. One has to be stubborn and carry on the work with self-respect and assertiveness. She shared her experience as being successful Public Relations Officer with six Chief Ministers. She suggested every woman to be educated and said that age is not a bar for education. One can study at any age. She emphasized the need to bring up children without gender discrimination and to make boys do all house hold chores. Likewise, women should not hesitate in acquiring property right.



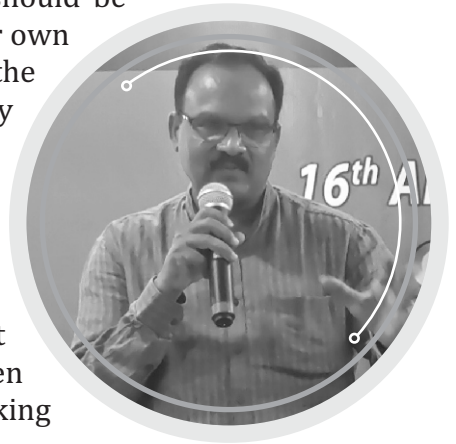
Ms. Krishnaveni felt that we are still being discriminated and oppressed by the upper castes and we are losing our rights and equality status. She appreciated DSS for its continued and concerted struggles for the rights and entitlements of dalit/Adivasi women and girl children.

Ms. Rama asserted that unless gender equality is achieved there is no sustainable tomorrow. Since gender equity is so important for future sustainability, the UN gave call for gender equity and ending all forms of violence against women. It is the call of UN to celebrate International Women's Day in recognition of the need for gender equality and progress of women. It is unfortunate that we stand at 140th rank in gender equity. She called for achieving equality in four important aspects, namely, education, economic independence, health and political participation. UN has set sustainable goals to be achieved by 2030, but is it possible to reach the goals? She emphasized the need for the role of women in policy making so that more priority can be given for gender equity in all decisions.



Ms. Pushpa Chakrapani opined that the society can't progress unless gender equity is achieved. It is unfortunate that gender discrimination is practiced even at the pre-natal stage. Actually we, the women give birth to male or female child in similar manner but discrimination commences after birth. We do not bring up the all children in similar manner. She gave illustrations of discrimination in the daily chores, play, dress and in every other aspect. To drive away all these discriminatory practices it is necessary for us to be more aware and more conscious about gender concept.

Sri. PSN Murthy appealed to DSS to take strong decisions in the direction of gender equality. Women should be trained to think that they are the leaders of their own lives and should be able to take decisions independently. When the woman takes a decision which is good for the family, the entire family will follow her decisions. He appealed women to be more conscious and lead the families. Then they should grow further and lead the community. He hoped that women will grow like this step by step and move forward in the path of equality in all aspects. He advised women to study Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and transform themselves into social activists to change the society. He said that it is unfortunate that we are still steeped in the ideology that a women should bear all torture by her husband. This patriarchal thinking should change.



Ms. Nari Anjani Kumari, **Ms. Yasoda**, Administrator of Sakhi Centre, Adilabad, **Ms. Hemalatha**, A.P. State Coordinator of DSS, Dalit leader **Sri. Koteswara Rao**, **Ms. Vinoda** also expressed their views.



The General Body resolved as follows

- ❖ To eradicate all forms of violence on Dalit Adivasi women and girl children.
- ❖ To work for safe and qualitative education of dalit Adivasi girl children.
- ❖ To work for the social, economic and political empowerment of dalit Adivasi women.
- ❖ To bring awareness among the youth to advance in all sectors.
- ❖ To work in co-ordination with all like-minded organisations towards achieving the objectives.
- ❖ To campaign on the constitution so that the rights and values of the constitution reach grassroots population.
- ❖ To work for a brighter relationship between men and women.



2. Orange The World

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

One may wonder what is meant by 'orange the world'. UN coined that phrase to name its call for gender campaign. Every year, UN Women calls for a vigorous gender campaign for 16 days which the UN describes as “16 days activism”/ “Orange the World”. DSS has been conducting this annual campaign, “16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence” which begins on 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs through International Human Rights Day on 10th December.

Violence against women and girls has become routine and has increased during and after Covid-19. The present deterioration of economies around the world and looming food crisis is also manifesting in the form of violence on women and girls.

For women in general, marginalised and dalit women in particular, gender based violence is a continuous problem. It is of such a magnitude that these women are driven to worry about survival and can't focus on thriving. Their health is affected in a serious way. Not only these women, the children are very seriously affected and face trauma and neglect. These children miss the loving care of parents. The overall prevalence of gender based violence and its ill effects on persons, economy and society is discussed by Lancet Commission. To understand the seriousness of the problem and its ramifications on health, economy and society, it is worth quoting from the article from Lancet about Lancet Commission on gender based violence. (Countering the pandemic of gender-based violence and maltreatment of young people: The Lancet Commission, www.thelancet.com Vol 395 January 11, 2020) : “ Violence against women and young people is persistent and perverse. Few if any health conditions or risk factors affect such large segments of the global population, and people living in poverty and vulnerable situations, including forced migration and humanitarian emergencies, are especially at risk. More than a third of women and girls—over 1 billion people—experience intimate partner violence or non-partner physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Nearly a quarter of all adults worldwide report physical abuse as children and the lifetime prevalence of childhood sexual abuse is unacceptably high for both sexes, although more frequent for girls (almost 20%) than boys (almost 10%). Country-specific data, differentiated by age and considering all gender identities, are required to monitor progress in reducing prevalence of gender based violence (GBV) yet are scarce except in high-income countries.

GBV and maltreatment of young people violate fundamental human rights to equality and non-discrimination, life, health, security of the person, privacy, and freedom from torture and cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment. Survivors are scarred and live with long-term effects that constitute risk factors for lifetime physical, sexual and reproductive, and mental health. The effects of GBV and maltreatment impact whole societies and economies—they increase demands on overstretched health systems and perpetuate poverty and gender inequality by constraining educational attainment and economic productivity of the survivor and their family. The intergenerational cycle of violence and trauma can cause a legacy of suffering, and multi-country studies show that boys who witnessed their mother being beaten have more than 2.5 times the odds of ever perpetrating violence against their own partner. GBV reduces global gross domestic product (GDP) by 2% per year,^{13,14} which is equivalent to an annual loss of more than US\$1.6 trillion when considering only direct medical costs and immediate productivity losses. In some countries, the annual costs of GBV have been estimated at more than 3.5% of GDP, which is double what many

governments invest in educating their populations. The long-term, cumulative economic burden in terms of lost income-generation capacity is much higher. GBV is a public health priority, an equity imperative, a travesty of human rights, and an economic sinkhole. The voices of survivors and their families have been stifled by fear and stigma. The benefits of reducing the impact of violence against women and young people are huge because they will catalyse human, social, and economic development in ways that are essential for meeting many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The spectrum for action is wide, spanning the continuum of care from prevention to survivorship, the lifecycle from childhood to adulthood, and engaging a range of economic and social sectors.”

While these material conditions are taking the toll of women and girls on the one side, on the other side, fundamentalist ideology is attacking the very idea of women's rights and her equality. This is happening around the world in various forms like anti-abortion rights, hijab, temple entry etc. In this background of anti-feminist movements, rising attacks on women rights activists, women's rights organizations are being increasingly marginalized.

This context makes this 16 Days gender campaign more relevant. In the context of India, the violence on women is more acute and pronounced on dalit women and girls. For this reason, Dalit Sthree Sakthi conducts these 16 days gender campaign with focus on ending the violence on dalit/Adivasi women and girl children. DSS believes that ending violence on dalit/Adivasi women is not the business of dalit women alone, it is the duty of men, women of all castes, media, government and every right-thinking human being. For this reason, during 16 days, DSS conducts campaign in slums, villages, town centres, schools, colleges and encourages everyone to act against all forms of violence on women, particularly, dalit/Adivasi women and girl children. In a recent survey conducted on domestic violence, a significant percentage of women stated that they believed that the husbands have a right to beat their wives. This demonstrates the ignorance of a large section women about their rights and makes the gender campaign all the more necessary.

25 – 11 – 2022:

DSS launched this 16-day campaign by first conducting a Legal Clinic on day one i.e., 25th November 2022. Legal Clinic is an event in which DSS gathers victims/survivors of violence and facilitates a meeting between the survivors and concerned officials of the State, so that the victims can access justice. This is a major event to help the survivors of violence to muster courage and assert their right for justice. Full details of this Legal Clinic are given in Chapter-4.



26-11-2022

Zilla Parishad High School Road No.7, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

DSS conducted the educative campaign in this school on the morning of 26th November 2022. DSS team and the in-charge Head Mistress, Ms Nusrat Fathima and staff actively participated in the programme. The school children comprising 277 boys and 232 girls totaling 509 children assembled to listen to the speakers. In charge HM Ms. Fathima welcomed the DSS team to the school. She spoke about the need to understand gender concepts and fostering gender equality. She observed that the 16 days activism of UN is not known to many people. She appreciated and thanked DSS for conducting the 16 days activism and educating everyone about the UN call.

Zilla Parishad High School at Ramakrishna Nagar, Erra Manzil, Hyderabad

DSS team then proceeded to Zilla Parishad High School at Ramakrishna Nagar, Erra Manzil, Hyderabad. In this school the gathering of 145 boys and 95 girls totaling 240 was addressed by the team. The Head Mistress of the School, Ms. Santhabai spoke about the need to know about gender violence. She said, she has been observing regular violence on women and girls in the slums around her residence. She further pointed out that most girls get educated up to 10th class with difficulty and a good number of girls are undergoing child marriages and abandoning their education and dropping out of school. There are various other issues due to which many girls are dropping out of school. She stressed the need for education without which there won't be any future for the girls. She warned the boys and girls not to get tempted by harmful habits like intoxicating materials, alcohol and other habits.

Public Meeting at RK Nagar: A meeting with 60 participants was held at Park Grand, RK Nagar, Erra Manzil colony. National Convener, Ms. Jhansi Geddani, State Coordinator, Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi, Women Collective leaders, Ms. Suneetha, Ms. Sumathi, Ms. Manjula and Ms. Keerthana discussed about the 16 days activism and gender equality.

Constitutional Day: DSS team participated in the 73rd Constitutional Day celebrations organised by Bheem Raksha. Sri. Gopal Rao, IAS presided over the function. The logo of Bheem Raksha was inaugurated. Ms. Jhansi Geddani addressed the gathering and gave a detailed version of the gender campaign and the significance of "16 days activism". She called upon all dalit organizations to follow the precepts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to treat women as equal beings and as friends. She stressed the need for all men to shed the age-old views of treating women as low and foster equality within the homes and in the community. She briefed them about the campaign being carried on by DSS in schools, colleges, villages, towns and slums.





27-11-2022

Public Meetings at Slums/Bastis:

On 27th November meetings were conducted in slums and Bastis of Hyderabad. Meeting at BJR Nagar, Khairtabad was attended by 45 members, Veer Nagar, Chintal Basti, AC Guards was held at the community hall and was attended by 60 members. In these meetings DSS team explained about the gender campaign and the importance of UN call to end all forms of violence on women. Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangham leaders also joined and spoke about gender equality. Mr. B. Sudhakar, Mr. Kanthi Kiran, Mr. Vijaya Kumar, Women Collective leaders Ms. Sumathi, Ms. Hemalatha, Ms. Nandini, Ms. Annamma participated and spoke on the subject.

Mr. B. Sudhakar stressed the need for education of all and the need to abandon the oppressive view of looking down upon women. He said it is the duty of everyone to stop all forms of violence on women. He emphasised that girls should be educated so that they can understand human rights and oppose violence and oppression.

Mr. Kanthi Kiran appreciated DSS for taking up the gender campaign and enlightening the society about the UN Call and the need to end violence on women.

Ms. Sumathi recollected various meetings and discussion that were held in that Basti. She said that DSS is always supportive of the women in the area and emphasised the need for everyone to be aware of rights, laws and move ahead with unity to end all forms of violence against women.

Ms. Hemalatha and Ms. Annamma also addressed the gathering.



28-11-2022

Awareness Camps in Schools:

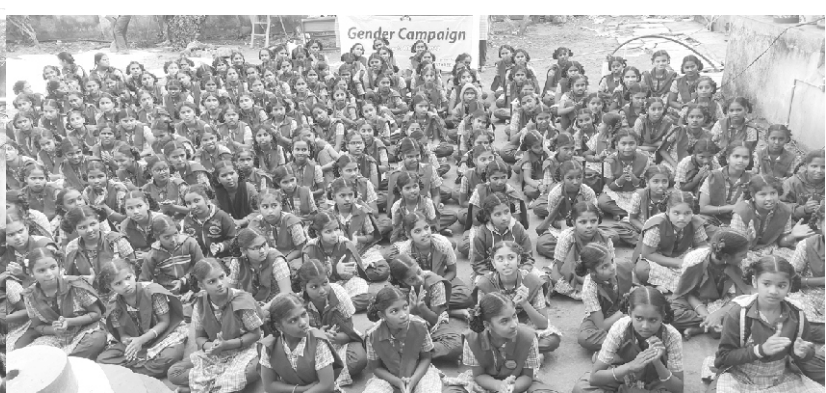
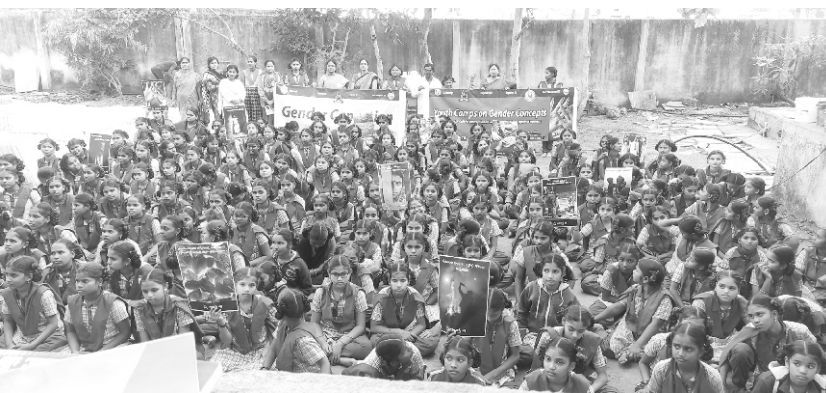
On 28th November the DSS team visited the following schools and addressed the students:

1. Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, Sankarpalli, Ranga Reddy district (650 students)
2. Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, Momin Pet (560 students)
3. Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, Girls, Bantvaram (540 students)
4. Vikarabad, BJR Paramedical College (280 students)
5. Kasturba Gandhi Balikala Vidyalayam (216 students)
6. Schedule Castes Welfare Hostel for girls, Chevella (80 students)

Campaign in Chenvelli Village:

Gender Campaign was conducted to 100 members in Chenivelli Village, Chevella Mandal, Ranga Reddy district. The meeting was addressed by the leaders of Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangham Former MPTC, Sri Narsimhulu who spoke about the need for achieving equality of women and ending all forms of violence on women. Everyone appreciated DSS in addressing all incidents of violation of rights of women. The villagers actively participated in the campaign. DSS team consisted of Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener, Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi, Telangana State Coordinator, Mr. Lalaiah and leaders of Women Collectives. A human chain and rally was conducted.







29-11-2022

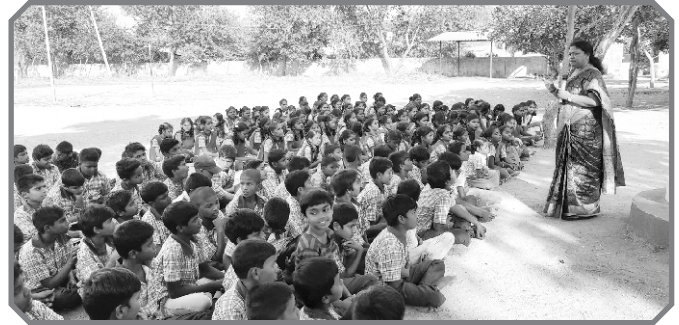
Awareness Camps in Schools:

On 29th November the campaign was continued in the following schools

1. Zilla Parishad High School, Tallapalli (245 students)
2. Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, Maheswaram (615 students)
3. Kasturba Gandhi Balikala Vidyalayam, Shabad, Ranga Reddy (205 students)

Campaign in Villages:

Campaign was carried in the villages of Bobbili Gama, Pothugal, Manmari of Shabad mandal and Gundala of Chevella Mandal Ranga Reddy district. Bobbili Gama MPTC Sri. Mallesh and DSS team and Women Collective leaders participated in the campaign.





30-11-2022

Awareness Camps in Schools:

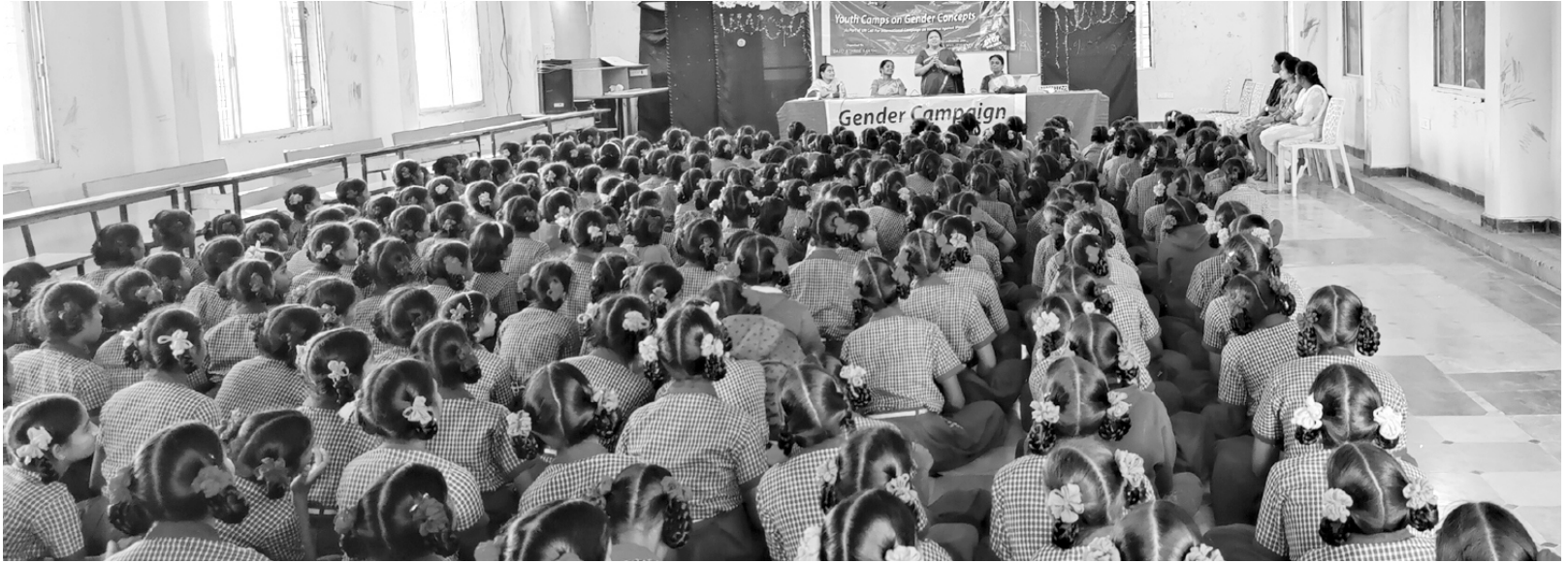
On November 30th the campaign was conducted in the following schools:

1. Government Junior College (160 students)
2. Kasturba Gandhi Balikala Vidyalayam, Nawabpet, Vikarabad district (204 students)
3. Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, Chevella, Ranga Reddy district (560 students)

Campaign in Nareguda Village:

Campaign was conducted in the village of Nareguda, Navab Pet Mandal, Vikarabad district with 70 members. The gathering garlanded Ambedkar statue and held rally, human chain and discussed about the issues of gender equality, ending violence on women. Sarpanch Sri. Parmaiah, Dalit Award recipient Sri. Siva Raju, Anganwadi teacher, Asha workers, VAO, DSS team and Women Collective Leaders participated in the campaign.





01-12-2022

Campaign in Villages:

Village campaign was conducted in the villages of Madi Reddy Palli, Yethiraj Palli, of Nawabpet Mandal, Vikarabad district. Sarpanch Ms. Yashoda, leaders of Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangham, Asha worker, Anganwadi teacher, Women Collective leaders and DSS team participated in the campaign.

Eswaribai Birth Anniversary:

Jhansi Geddani, National Convener, team and Women Collective leaders of DSS participated in the Memorial meeting of famous dalit women leader, Eswaribai, at Ravindra Bharathi. Ms. Geetha Reddy, former minister, present ministers, MLAs, IAS officers, DICCI leaders, leaders of various organisations and general public attended the anniversary celebrations.

02-12-2022:

Seminar on Gender Equality: A seminar on gender equality was organised by DSS along with Sakhi team of Adilabad. District Collector and officials of various departments of district administration participated in the seminar.

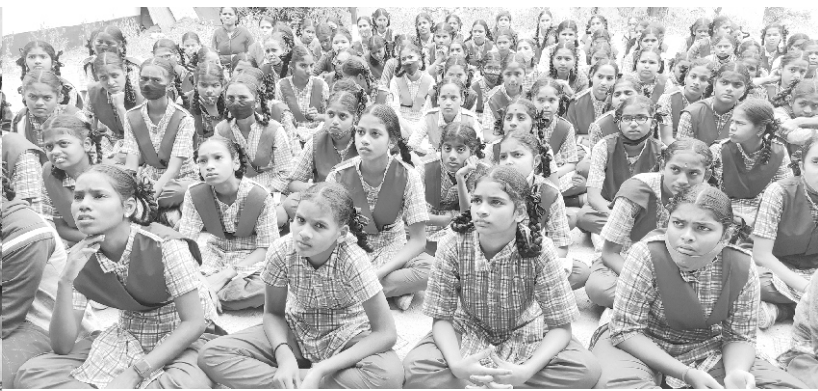
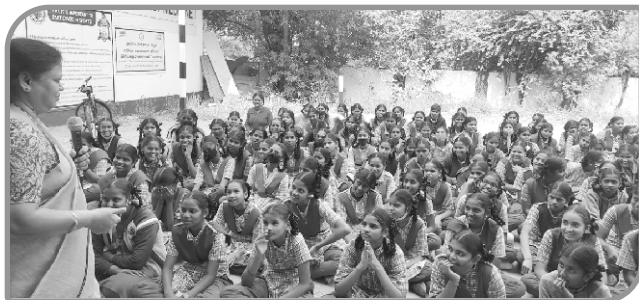


03-12-2022

Awareness Camps in Schools:

On 3rd December the following schools were covered:

1. Zilla Parishad High School (Girls), Maredpalli (340 students)
2. Telangana Social Welfare Residential School for girls, Mahindra Hills (460 students)
3. Telangana Social Welfare Residential Junior College for Girls, Mahindra Hills (180 students)
4. Zilla Parishad High School, Nehru Nagar, Mallapur, Medchal (580 students)



04-12-2022:

Conference in Jyothi Nagar Village:

A conference was organised in collaboration with Shanthi Chakra International at the village of Jyothi Nagar, Hanuman Peta, West Malkajigiri, Medchal district. Ambedkar statue at Uttam Nagar road, Anand Bagh was garlanded by Jhansi Geddam, National Convener, DSS; Sri Durga Prasad, Coordinator of Shanthi Chakra International and Sri. Jaswant, Railway Employee. Later, a meeting was held at Community Hall of Jyothi Nagar in which about 80 activists from Malkajigiri, Moulali, Tukaram gate, Hanuman Pet, Jyothi Nagar and other parts of the city attended. Individuals and representatives of several organizations spoke on the occasion.



Sri. Durga Prasad presided over the meeting and appreciated DSS for taking up gender campaign and sensitizing the society at large about the urgency of ending violence on women. Ms. Jhansi Geddam was the Chief Guest while the other hon'ble guests were: Prof. Dharma pal Buddha, Sri. Maruthi Dande, Sri K. Vijaya Prasad, Sri G.V. Kapil Kumar, Sri Kantha Boudha.



Ms. Jhansi Geddam, explained the various forms of violence prevalent on women and girl children, particularly, dalit women and girls. She narrated about the significance of the UN Gender campaign which is carried on every year throughout the world. She explained the stereotype gender roles and how these stereotypes are reinforced in socialisation at home and in the society and even school curriculum. At homes, girls are trained to do house hold chores like sweeping, washing utensils etc and sent to government schools, while boys are allowed to go around and play and boys are sent to private schools. Girls' education is discontinued at the school

level and she is married at an early age, even before she attains 18 years. More and more child marriages are taking place among the Dalits, backward castes of rural areas. In addition to oppression, discrimination many girls are being cheated in the name of love. Male youth are seducing girls, many minor girls and sexually exploiting them by promising marriage and abandoning them after some time. The number of such instances of cheating are increasing. In a number of such cases, the girl is made pregnant and abandoned. The ordeals of such girls are pitiful, as they have to face isolation and shame in the family and society. She stressed the need for continuous gender education and at levels including school curriculum.



Dharam Pal lauded DSS for the gender campaign and emphasised the need for such campaigns to sensitise the society. He called upon all men to come forward and participate in gender campaign. He said gender sensitisation is not just the responsibility of women but also of men. He explained the efforts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in protecting the women through law reforms and how the traditionalists opposed his efforts. He said in the existing patriarchal society many superstitious traditions are oppressive of women and said that we should come out of such superstitions.

Kantha Boudha, of Mytri Mahila Sangham spoke about the need for women to march ahead in all sectors. She called upon women to do some or other work and not confine to house. She advised women to get the children educated and never to neglect child's education nor to stop the education of their girls' children. She suggested that children be brought up above caste, religious and other parochial considerations.

Maruthi Dande, appreciated DSS team for their dynamic campaign on gender discrimination and sensitising all sections of the society on gender issues. He observed that there is need for ending all forms of violence on women. He said that there is hypocrisy in the society and everyone says that women should be respected and worshipped but in practice look down upon the women. He said even now there is patent discrimination with regard in employment in temples. Only males are appointed as temple priests.

G.V. Kapil Kumar, welcomed the campaign to end violence on women and said the dalit/Adivasi women have been suffering various forms of violence since decades and in most cases, they are denied justice, thereby giving impunity to the perpetrators of the crimes to escape from any punishment. The society and legal systems are under the domination of patriarchal ideology and women should raise their voice against all forms of oppression. Women and girls should pursue education and try to be economically independent. He called upon women to put efforts for standing on their own legs without being dependent on parents/husband etc.



Andhra Pradesh

After the December 4th meeting, the campaign was continued in Andhra Pradesh from 5th December onwards.

05-12-2022:

Kornepadu and Kopalle Villages:

A meeting was conducted in Kornepadu village, Vatticherukuru Mandal, Guntur district in which about 30 women participated. Jhansi Geddam, Bhagya Lakshmi, local dalit leader Mr. Vinayakumar and others participated. The gathering was explained about the nature and purposes of the campaign and the details of the campaign carried on till then. The gathering was enlightened about the situation women and about various forms of oppression and violence. They were narrated about the rights of women in general and under important special Acts. The gender concepts and the role of social traditions in perpetuating stereo type was discussed.



6-12-2022

Lurd Government High School, Guntur:

Awareness programme was conducted in Lurd Government High School, Bongarala Beedu, Guntur in which 205 boys and 219 girls i.e., 424 in total attended. National Convener, Jhansi Geddam, State Coordinator Bhagyalakshmi and the school Head Master spoke and inspired the children.



Government High School, Nambur:

Awareness Camp conducted in this government high school was attended by 421 boys and 310 girls i.e., 731 in total.

Slums in Guntur town:

Meetings in the slums of Mission Farm, Swarna Bharati Nagar and Yesubhakta Nagar were organised by women collective leaders and the gatherings were enlightened about the ongoing gender campaign and the need for ending all forms of violence against women and girls.



7-12-2022

Government School, Chittapur village, Eluru district:

Awareness camp was held at Government High School, Chittapur village, Chatrai Mandal, Eluru district in which 79 boys and 86 girls (total 165) participated.

Chinnampeta village, Chatrai Mandal, Eluru District:

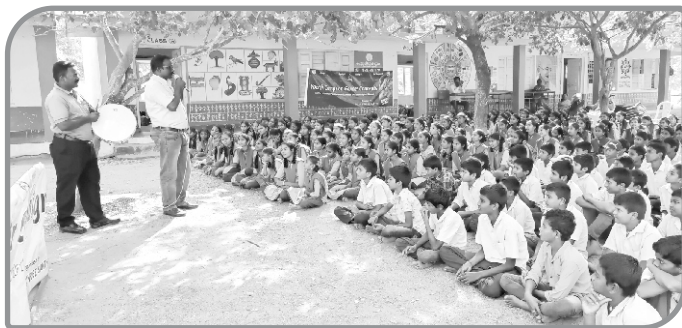
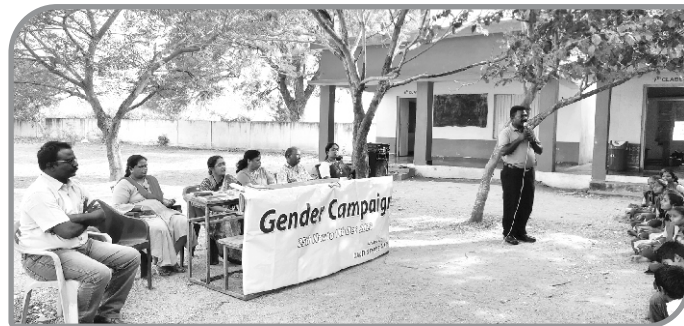
In this village awareness camp was conducted in Government High School in which 182 boys and 173 girls (total 355) attended the meeting.

Thus, two government schools were covered in Eluru district. In both the schools, Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS and Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, State Coordinator spoke and explained to the children about the 16 days gender campaign. The Coordinator of Child Line, Mr. Ramesh and his team, Mr. Kote Prakash & Ms. Sandhya from Bird organisation along with the Head Mistress participated in the meeting.

Mr. Ramesh, Child Line, explained that due to the impact of Covid-19 many children turned into child labourers and many children are on the verge of dangerous situation. He said that he saves nearly 45,000 children during the past 20 years. He expressed anguish that many girl children are being cheated every day. Large number of child marriages of girl children are taking place. Unfortunately, a few children are getting addicted to drugs also. It is sad to note that there is no proper protection of the children in the society. The only way to protect the children is to send them school. Only in school children get protection from all dangers. Children can learn ethical living through schools only. Then he asked everyone to note down the number 1098 and contact whenever a child faces any rights violation or call 100 if they need police help.

Mr. Prakash, first explained about the purpose of the present gender campaign of DSS and then sung a few educative songs to inspire the children.







8-12-2022

Govt. Hospitals and Slums in Vijayawada, NTR District:

Gatherings of women and men at the slums of Ranigari Thota (50 persons), Old Government Hospital (75 persons), New Government Hospital (70 persons), Ayurvedic Medical College (150 persons) and municipal workers (20) were addressed. The gatherings were held at various places in Vijayawada. Ms. Sri Devi, State Coordinator of SKA, Child Line Team, Administrator of Old GGH and Ms. Vijayakumari, Vice-Principal of Ayurvedic Medical College participated in these campaigns along with the DSS team.



9-12-2022

Social Welfare Residential Degree College, Kanchikacherla:

Awareness camp was conducted for 160 girls of this college.

Andhra Pradesh Minority Residential Girls School:

Awareness camp for 163 girls was held in this school.

Aligineni Peda Muthaiah Zilla Parishad High School:

Awareness camp held in this school was attended by 149 boys and 206 girls i.e., 355 in total.





Note on Gender Campaign in Schools and Colleges:

In the present social context, lot of bellicose and porn material is reaching the school children. The children are left to be influenced by pop and market culture. Due to the pernicious material and culture, the children are indulging in deviant behaviour and committing various crimes including rapes at a very young age. Most of the time the teachers and parents limit themselves to paying attention to marks, ranks and studies. Nobody is investing time to train the children in moral values and responsible behaviour. It is of utmost and urgent need to train the children and educate them on values and the need to be part of nation building. It is necessary to educate the children about basic gender concepts and inspire them towards simple living and high thinking. With this idea in the background, DSS always trains the children on gender, national and constitutional values in a manner which they can understand. Hence gender campaign was conducted in the schools. In the campaign DSS team covered 25 educational institutions and was able to address a total of 9374 boys/girls. Thus, quite a number of boys and girls were fed with alternative ways of thinking about gender, nation, Constitutional values, dangers of media culture, negative aspects of internet and social media addictions etc.

In all the educational institutions Jhansi Geddam, Bhagyalakshmi and heads of the institutions, others spoke about gender roles and the context of present campaign.

Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener DSS:

Jhansi Geddam explained about the concepts of gender and difference between gender and sex. Gender is a social differentiation while sex is a biological difference. But historically in all society's roles have been defined by tradition in which women and girls are differentiated and looked upon as low. There are various differentiations of human beings such as, white/black, caste and gender. All traditions and religions have imposed restrictions on women and oppressed them. The women are deprived of property rights and till recently in all countries, women were treated as 'things and not human beings with equal rights. With the efforts of social reformers and human rights leaders slowly there was change in all societies regarding women's rights. Earlier, when the husband died, women were burnt along with their husbands. Social reformers changed these brutal killings of women and laws have come prohibiting such practices. From 1985 onwards many conventions have come regarding women's rights. Despite such conventions and laws, lot of violence is going on women every day. According to government statistics, one rape is taking place for every 3 minutes and a domestic violence incident is occurring for every 11 minutes. All of us know about the news reports of gang rapes and murder of women and girls. All of you know about Disha rape and murder incident. The society reacted to the incident and in response to the social outrage, the government killed them in 'encounter'. Everyone supported the encounter, but what is the result. Many rapes and murders, cheating the girls, trafficking the women and girls, acid attacks on girls, etc are continuing in the same scale and are increasing. This shows that encounters, strict laws by themselves are not remedies to eradicate violence on women. Entire society should be educated about the gender equality and the need to end all forms of violence on women and girls.

Since this is a global problem, the United Nations gave a call to conduct a vigorous gender campaign every year for 16 days. This is termed as "16 days activism", which commences on 25th November every year and continues up to 10th December. UN declared 25th November as the International Day for Elimination of Violence on Women. DSS is conducting this campaign in response to the UN Call.

Jhansi Geddam, further explained the children about the traditions which dictate the gender roles and the need to come out of stereo types of gender roles and understanding. Not only social practices,

even the educational curriculum teaches that father is head of the family and that mother cooks food for the family. Certain chores like sweeping, washing utensils, cooking, bringing water etc are considered as womanly and from the childhood it is done by girls. In the family itself from the childhood, daughters are assigned the tasks of sweeping the house and washing the utensils while the sons are allowed to play outside. The children were impressed about the need to jettison these stereotype roles and backward concept of looking at some chores as low and womanly. They were impressed about the need to achieve equality of women in every sphere for rapid growth of the country and for a better future. She told that now the older people can't be changed but children should understand and change and grow as modern citizens.

Jhansi Geddam, motivated the children at every school to study well and aim at becoming a high lever officer like IAS/IPS officers. Only when a high position is achieved one can contribute to the society and eradicated inequalities. The children in every school were told about the POCSO Act and the dangers of indulging in deviant behaviour. The children were inspired to study well and with education only the differences on the basis of caste, religion etc can be eradicated.

Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi: Telangana State Co-ordinator of DSS, spoke at every school on the gender equality and the need for children to concentrate on education. She warned the children how dangerous it would be if the children get addicted to bad habits. If anyone indulges in deviant behaviour and get involved in police cases, their future will be spoiled, hence it is necessary to adhere to school discipline. She thanked the heads of all educational institutions for arranging the awareness camps. These heads not only arranged the camps but, they also actively participated and they educated the children about gender. The heads of the institutions appreciated DSS and Jhansi Geddam for conducting the awareness camps and told the children to follow the ideas explained to them by Jhansi Geddam.

DSS reached the following schools/colleges and boys/girls

S. No.	Name of the School/College	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total
1.	Government Zilla Parishad High Schools (5)	806	1108	1914
2.	Telangana Social Welfare Residential Schools/Colleges(7)	—	3465	3465
3.	BJR Para-Medical Junior College (1)	124	156	280
4.	Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya's (3)	625	—	625
5.	Andhra Pradesh:Government Schools, (5):	1036	994	2030
6.	Residential Schools (2) Degree College and Ayurvedic College (2)	—	1060	1060
	Total			9374

- ✓ During the 16 days campaign DSS team covered as many schools, residential schools and colleges as possible.
- ✓ Covered the areas of Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Vikarabad and Medchal.
- ✓ Students were explained about gender and other values in an understandable way, so that seeds of positive thinking were sown in the young minds.
- ✓ Young students were warned about the dangerous influences surrounding them.
- ✓ The Principals/Head Mistresses/ Teachers/Staff of all these educational institutions were involved in the programme, so that they may continue to educate the children.

- ✓ The Heads of various Institutions that participated in the events are: Ms. Vijayamma (Sankarpalli), Ms. Usha Rani, (Bantvaram), Ms. Anitha (Mominpet), Ms. E. Sri Lakshmi (Maheswaram), Ms. Rama Devi (Chevella), Ms. VVML Bharathi (Mahindra Hills), Sri. Narasinga Rao (BJR College), Ms. Sobha (Nawabpet), Ms. Asalatha (Nawabpet), Ms. Krishnakumari Shabad, Ms. Swetha Reddy (Chevella), Ms. Nusrat Fathima (Banjara Hills), Ms. Santha Bhai (RK Puram) Mr. Nagi Reddy (Tallapalli), Mr. Ramu Sarma (Maredpalli), Mr. Prabhudas (Nehru Nagar), etc.
- ✓ All the heads of institutions without exception welcomed the DSS team and appreciated the initiative. Everyone stressed the need for frequent interactions of this type to inspire the children to lead a responsible student life and protect them from vicious culture/habits.
- ✓ DSS involved a few leaders of dalit organisations to participate in the campaign and they all spoke to the children.
- ✓ DSS team included, Ms. Jhansi Geddam (National Convener), Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi (Coordinator of Telangana State), Leaders of Women Collectives Ms. Suneetha, Ms. Sumathi, Ms. Manjula, Ms. Hema Latha and Ms. Keerthana.

10-12-2022

Human Rights Day, Concluding meeting of gender campaign

The gender campaign conducted by DSS for 16 days in response to the UN Call was concluded on 10th December 2022 (on the Human Rights Day), by a meeting at Press Club, Vijayawada. The meeting was presided by Jhansi Geddam, National Convener, DSS. Sri. Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High commission attended as Chief Guest. Prof. Jayasri, Retd. professor of law, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Prof. Diwakar Babu, Principal, Siddhartha law college, Prof. Santhisree, Director of Centre for Women Studies, ANU, Dr. Lavanya, Dr. Vijayakumari, Vice-Principal, Ayurvedic College, Sri. Rajesh Konada, Human Rights leader, Australia and others attended the meeting as guests of honour.



All speakers highlighted the need for ending all forms of violence against women. Speakers appreciated DSS for its commitment in conducting this campaign.

Sri. Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High Commission expressed solidarity with DSS in its fight against violence on women said that it was sad that the violence is unabated even in the modern days. He said that poverty should be eradicated first and sexual exploitation should be curtailed.

Prof. L. Jayasri, noted that all women are being subjected to domestic violence, irrespective of whether she is educated, employed or ordinary house wife. There is no independence for women and she has to take permission of her husband even to spend on small errands. Though, women are considered equal as per the Constitution and though there are many special laws conferring rights on women, in actuality women are subjugated and denied all rights.



Prof. Diwakar Babu, felt that it is sad that there is no real freedom for women even after 75 years of achieving independence. Despite so many laws and constitution protecting the women and conferring rights, violence is continuing on women due to the failure of implementation of the laws, as well as the ignorance of women about those laws. He said that it is the responsibility of everyone in the society to root out all forms of violence on women. He underlined the need to realise the culture of indulging in violence, and pointed that even the parents are using force and violence on girl children.



Dr. Lavanya, observed that this campaign is inspiring to all women. She said that it is a step forward for all women to sit at one place and discuss about the status of women. It is necessary for all of us to change the stereo type socialisation.

Even now girl children are snubbed and dictated to be low lying and they are controlled in how they should laugh and how they should talk. This should be changed once for all and the girls should be brought up on equal footing with boys and with full freedom and liberty to express themselves.

Sri. Rajesh Konada, condemned the male preference that is prevalent even today. He pointed out how one of his friends said in a sorrowful mood that it was minus when his wife delivered. Instead of feeling happy about birth of child parents are feeling negative if a female is born. He cited statistics of how the female to male ratio is reducing to alarming levels. He brought the attention of the audience to the plight of women at every place like offices, hospitals etc. Further, he condemned the tradition of oppressing women in the name of Jogini etc. He called upon everyone to raise above all prejudices and work for full equality of women.



Prof. Santhisree, explained about the importance of gender campaign in response to the call of UN Women and said that on behalf of their centre, they conducted a programme on 6th December on Cyber Crimes and the ways and means of protecting women from cyber-crimes. She felt it is necessary to see that dalit/Adivasi women are developed and they also join the mainstream. She called upon the women to assert their rights and in this connection, she commented on the 'me too' movement in which the women are able to assert their rights and complain about the violation of their rights.

Sri. Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High Commission brought some folders for children and he distributed them to the children in the gathering. He interacted with the gathering lively. After this event the organisers and guests grandly felicitated Sri. Gareth Wynn Owen with a shawl and bouquet.



Dr. Vijayakumari, lauded the programme and said a gathering like this one give courage to all women as courage to assert the rights is important in protecting the rights. She called upon the women to come forward and express their views, their problems and assert themselves. Be it dalit/Adivasi women or women of other communities, it is necessary for all women to build their homes properly. Building homes means taking care of children, husband and everyone in the family. She pointed out that we should not marry our girls before attaining majority and cited one instance, where a girl who was married as a minor died at the time of delivery of a child as she was unable to deliver due to tender age.



Women's empowerment helps end gender discrimination: DSS

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WOMEN'S education and empowerment are the solutions for the prevention of violence against women, Dalit Shree Sakthi national convener G. Jhansi.

On the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Dalit Shree Sakthi (DSS) conducted various awareness programs in government schools and rural areas on Tuesday. She said that, the United Nations Organization in order to address the increasing violence against women and edu-

cate women and children, has introduced International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and various awareness programs are being conducted from November 25 to December 10.

Addressing the school students, she said that, inculcating knowledge about the constitution, lawful rights, and principles would help the students to learn about their responsibilities towards society and act accordingly and make them law-abiding and socially responsible citizens.

Along with this, respecting their elders and women should also be imparted to students from an early age, she added. She also stressed on the role of teachers and the coordination between parents and teachers to make the students socially responsible citizens and prevent gender discrimination in society. DSS coordinator Bhagya Lakshmi and others were also present.

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దళిత స్త్రీశ్చి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ రూప్సి



అసమానతలు కల్పిస్తున్న రూప్సి

చేష్ట: కల, మత, లింగ భేదం లేని సమాజంగా మార్చాలంటే ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ చదువుకోవాలని దళిత స్త్రీశ్చి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ గెడ్డం రూప్సి అన్నారు. మండలంలోని పలు పాఠశాలల్లో, గ్రామాల్లో సోమవారం అంతర్జాతీయ ప్రచారోద్యమాన్ని చేపట్టారు. రాష్ట్ర కో ఆర్డినేటర్ బ్యాగ్ లక్ష్మి, మహిళా కలయిక నాయకులతో కలిసి కార్యక్రమాన్ని నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా రూప్సి మాట్లాడుతూ... లింగ వ్యత్యాసం లేకుండా మన కుటుంబ వ్యవస్థ ఉండాలన్నా, పేదరికం పోవాలన్నా అందరూ విద్యావంతులుగా మారాల్సిందేనని పేర్కొన్నారు. స్త్రీ, పురుష అసమానతలు పోతేనే అభివృద్ధి సాధ్యమన్నారు. ప్రజల్లో చైతన్యం రావాలని దీనికోసం ఈ ప్రచారోద్యమం చేపట్టినట్లు చెప్పారు. విద్యార్థులు బాగా చదువుకోని తల్లిదండ్రులకు సమాజం గురించి వివరించాలన్నారు. రాబోయే తరాల్లో వివక్షలు లేకుండా చేయాలంటే జన్మదీ సుందీ దీనిపై అవగాహన కలిగి ఉండాలన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఆయా గ్రామాల పెద్దలు, ఉపాధ్యాయులు, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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ATROCITIES AGAINST WOMEN CONDEMNED

British Dy High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen pats DSS efforts



British Deputy High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen along with national convener of Dalit Shree Sakthi Geddham Jhansi and others releasing posters at Hyderabad.

● బుధవారం 30 నవంబర్ 2022

ఆంధ్రజ్యోతి

మహిళలపై హింసను అరికట్టాలి

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సమావేశంలో మాట్లాడుతున్న రూప్సి

The advocacy campaign against violence which started on November 25 culminated in a meeting at the Press Club here.

Presiding over the meeting, national convener Geddham Jhansi said that meetings were organised in schools, colleges and hostels as part of the advocacy campaign to bring awareness among various sections of people in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. She said the whole society should work in unison to root out violence against women. She deplored gender discrimination was rampant. She exhorted the women along with men to brace up to put an end to the violence. She advised women to learn about their rights to resist the exploitative forces.

Prof Jayasri and Santhi Sri from Acharya Nagarjuna University, principal of Siddhartha Law College Dr Ch Divakar Babu, Dr Lavanya, Dr Vijaya Kumari, Rajesh Kodada and State coordinator Bhagyalakshmi also spoke.

ఆంధ్రజ్యోతి

బుధవారం 30 నవంబర్ 2022

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సంపై ప్రచారోద్యమం



సమావేశంలో మాట్లాడుతున్న రూప్సి

ప్రచారోద్యమం కార్యక్రమాన్ని నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆమె మాట్లాడుతూ... లింగ వ్యత్యాసం లేకుండా మన కుటుంబ వ్యవస్థ ఉండాలన్నా, పేదరికం పోవాలన్నా అందరూ విద్యావంతులుగా మారాల్సిందేనని పేర్కొన్నారు. స్త్రీ, పురుష అసమానతలు పోతేనే అభివృద్ధి సాధ్యమన్నారు. ప్రజల్లో చైతన్యం రావాలని దీనికోసం ఈ ప్రచారోద్యమం చేపట్టినట్లు చెప్పారు. విద్యార్థులు బాగా చదువుకోని తల్లిదండ్రులకు సమాజం గురించి వివరించాలన్నారు. రాబోయే తరాల్లో వివక్షలు లేకుండా చేయాలంటే జన్మదీ సుందీ దీనిపై అవగాహన కలిగి ఉండాలన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఆయా గ్రామాల పెద్దలు, ఉపాధ్యాయులు, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

ఆంధ్రజ్యోతి

మంగళవారం 29 నవంబర్ 2022

పేదరిక నిర్మూలనకు చదువే ఆయుధం

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3. Dalit Girl Children – Post Pandemic Predicament

Education is the only remedy to free dalit girl children from child labour, child marriages. Only through education the present dalit girl children can grow into empowered, knowledgeable and dignified woman in future, so that, that all forms of oppression, atrocities that are occurring on the dalit women now will not continue in future. With this long-term objective in mind, DSS concentrates on the education of dalit girl children and has been motivating all dalit women in its working area to educate their girl children. Dalit parents will be inspired to send their girl children to schools if safety and quality of education in government educational institutions are improved. Hence, it is necessary to see that government schools' function properly. DSS designed various activities and campaigns to achieve this end. Every year, DSS monitors Anganwadis, Government schools and social welfare hostels for the safety and quality education of dalit girl children. Monitoring schools and hostels improves the conditions in these institutions. During the course of many years, DSS was able to identify many issues in these institutions and bring them to the notice of the authorities for suitable remedy. Thus, DSS was able to solve many problems concerning infrastructure in the schools, hostels through regular monitoring. We could train the girl children to report any abuse, oppression and about quality of education. The dalit women collective leaders also were trained to monitor and report issues to the concerned authorities. But Covid-19 came as a thunderbolt upsetting all activities for two years. Covid-19 goes in the history as the most dreadful calamity of humanity. Entire world population, economies and societies suffered in multifarious ways. The magnitude and facets of the problem were totally unforeseen and everyone in the world was caught unawares. None knew what to do except stalling all activities. Poor nations with high population, poor infrastructure in health sector suffered the worst. In India, the worst sufferers were dalits, dalit/Adivasi women and girl children. The loss suffered by dalit children is unrecoverable. As schools were closed for two years, children lost precious time in education and poor children lost even the mid-day meals. For the first time, education went online. But online education could be carried on by elite private schools and colleges, but not by government schools or village zilla parishad schools. Even where online education was carried on, it could be accessed only by the middle and upper middle-class sections but not by the village dalit children. Dalit families could not afford to purchase smart phones for their children's online education nor could they guide or monitor the online classes of their children. In fact, during Covid-19, for most of the families it became difficult to properly feed their children in the absence of mid-day meals at the school. These children in the villages had nothing to do except play with peers, watch TV. Children lost touch with their education.

While this is one aspect of the problem, the other facet is much more dangerous. Children who were provided with smart phone and internet facility got addicted to games, entertaining applications some of which are dangerous and even porn sites.

Post Covid, social life started becoming normal slowly and it still takes lot of time for the dalit girl children to fall back to normal education.





DSS conducted awareness camps and youth camps to enlighten the women collectives, children and others about the importance of education of girl children and motivate the children and youth away from vicious activities on the internet.

Women Collective leaders were explained about the need to monitor the safety and quality education of children. They were also enlightened on special laws concerning children like POCSO Act and various provisions of the Act. The leaders were appraised of the JJ Act also.

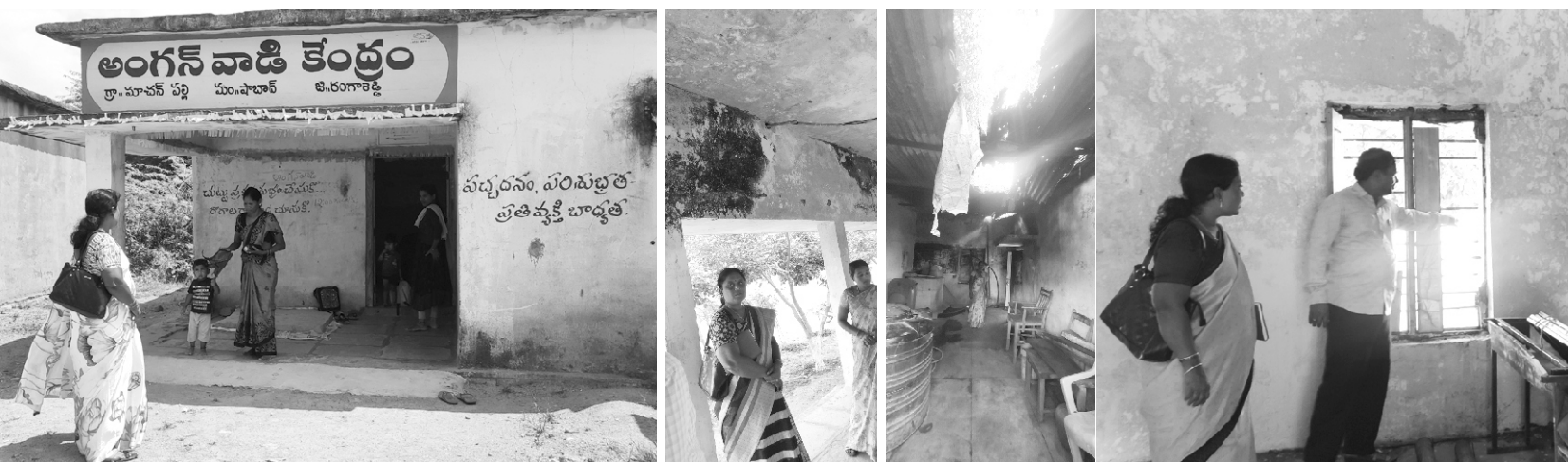
Post Covid period, children were found to be lacking in continuity and everyone felt there is need for coaching the children in the villages by private teachers. It came out from the discussion that such a coaching is necessary even after the schools reopen, as an aid to the teaching at schools.

Savitribhai Phule Birth Anniversary: As said earlier, DSS has been utilising all possible occasions to focus on the importance of educating dalit girl children. The birth anniversary of Savitri Bhai Phule is one such occasion to campaign on the need of educating dalit girl children. With this view, DSS organized a conference on Birth anniversary of Savitri Bhai Phule with the theme “Education in Times of Pandemic”, in which all issues of education of dalit girl children were discussed. Everyone that spoke on the occasion gave a clarion call to all dalit women and men to focus on the education of their girl children.

16 Days Activism: Again, during the 16-day activism of gender campaign much concentration was focussed on enlightening the children, particularly, dalit girl children. Number of colleges, schools were covered to interact with children. Full details of the awareness camps held at schools, colleges was given in previous chapters.

Awareness Camps at Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State: Awareness Camps were conducted at Telangana and A.P. States. In Andhra Pradesh, the camps were conducted at Ambedkar Bhavan, Lenin centre, Vijayawada and Community Centre, Amaravati Road, Guntur. In the State of Telangana, the camps were conducted at Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts.

Awareness camps are intended to educate and refresh the DSS women collective leaders about the latest developments on the human rights, changes in the laws, and about gender concepts. These camps are conducted with the active involvement of the women leaders. The women collective leaders are appraised about the situation of children and policies regarding children, educational system and also about various government schemes. Regular awareness camps equip the cadre to refresh their knowledge and help them to be up to date about the socio, legal situation. The leaders get an opportunity to seek clarifications about the practical and legal difficulties that need urgent attention. These camps help to rejuvenate and enthuse them.



In all camps, the participants were explained about the situation of the economy and state and how the aspirations of the people are not fulfilled by the respective governments. The poor and oppressed sections are not getting the welfare benefits promised by the State. Coming to the situation of the rights of Dalits and dalit women, the participants were explained about how the rights of these sections are being violated continuously and they are being denied their Constitutional rights. The people are exhorted to be aware of the Constitution and to be vigilant about their rights. It is necessary for everyone to see that the administration is carried on in accordance with the Constitution. If Constitution and laws are followed by the administration, everything will be fine, but the problem with the political elite at the helm of the affairs is that they are not interested in the Constitutional governance.

At every camp, the pathetic situation of children is brought to the attention the participants. It was explained how the children are denied nutritional food, quality education and how they are neglected. The condition of government schools and social welfare hostels has deteriorated. Due to lack of quality education and proper food the mental and physical growth of children is affected very much. There is no proper attention paid to the betterment of the schools and hostels, resulting in many deficiencies in these educational institutions. Hence, the women collective leaders should monitor the functioning of schools, social welfare hostels and anganwadi centres and bring all lapses to the notice of the concerned officials. Such monitoring helps in improving the conditions and in protecting the rights of children in schools and hostels.

The women were told about the need for everyone to question the illegalities, particularly, violation of human rights. The speakers appealed to the leaders to regularly conduct village meetings and discuss about laws and their implementation. With continuous education only we can mobilise all people in a united way to bring reforms.

In all the camps held, Jhansi Geddham, National Convener and State Coordinators, Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi and Ms. Hemalatha participated along with local leaders at the respective places. In every camp, about 55 dalit women collective leaders and dalit activists participated.







4. Breaking Impunity: Accessing Justice to Victims of Atrocities

DSS has been implementing various strategic activities towards empowerment of dalit/Adivasi women and girl children. But, to protect the dalit women from the unabated inter and intra community violence is of fundamental importance, because it threatens their very survival. Dalit women who are under constant threat of physical violence can't think of thriving unless freed from threat of survival. Continuous threat of survival distracts the dalit women from doing any work and drives them to be always vigilant to protect their bodies. Due to discrimination associated with traditions, religion, lack of gender sensitive policies, dalit women have remained victims of serious neglect and abuse within societies. As their rights get violated the dalit women are further forced into vulnerable situations.

DSS has been continuously addressing all instances of violence on dalit women and girl children in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. It is necessary to continue to address the issues of violence and see that the accused are punished without exception. Only then the impunity that the perpetrators enjoy can be broken and violence stalled. Once an atrocity takes place, as per the SCST(PoA) Act the government should immediately pay compensation, relief as per the guidelines and take all such further actions mandated by the Act and Rules. But, due to lack of knowledge and negligence nothing takes place as per the Act. Most of the officials are not aware of the latest amendments to the SCST(PoA) Act and Rules. DSS had to enlighten them in each case and compensation is paid only if pursued rigorously.

Ignorance among community members and law enforcement personnel is a major setback to the realization of women rights. People as well as administrative and police personnel are steeped in traditional patriarchal mindsets. Most of the local administrators do not have knowledge of the special laws and amendments brought to them. Therefore, it is necessary to sensitize the public and administrative personnel about the existing legal documents that are meant to protect the dalit women.

Cheating in the name of Love:

Apart from atrocities like rape, murder etc many innocent dalit girls are being cheated and sexually exploited in the garb of love. Girl children of immature mind, parental neglect, poverty are attracted in the name of love and cheated by non-dalit as well as dalit males. Many instances of this type are increasing in A.P. and Telangana. DSS addressed many such cases and rescued such girls and provided succour to them. In all such cases DSS ensures that proper cases are filed and further intervenes and gives proper Counselling, Registering the case under appropriate sections, arrest of the accused, DNA test to establish parentage, Medical termination of pregnancy as per law.

Land Grabbing: Hyderabad and surrounding areas of Telangana has now turned out to be a hub of real estate activity, as many corporate construction companies, Pharma and other industries are expanding in the area. With this boom in real estate the land values have skyrocketed and this has become a nightmare for poor dalit farmers, who owned small bits of lands in the area. The real estate vultures in collusion with dominant castes, police and revenue personnel are driving the dalits away from their land.

Land of dalits is being alienated in a big way in the state of Telangana now. In all these incidents of land grabbing, the dominant caste person in collusion with the revenue personnel grab the land and drive the poor dalit farmer to litigation. The dalit farmer is unable to challenge the dominant caste person in

court due to poverty. They cannot engage advocate, go to court and pay the stamp fee etc. DSS is addressing these instances also.

In all cases of violence on dalit women, DSS intervenes to conduct:

Orientation and Strengthening of the victims

- Interaction with PP
- Follow up of Adjournments
- Advocates and Team members closely monitoring the Trial process
- Fine tuning the Arguments

Interventions in High Court

- Got stay orders
- Filed PILs
- Reply to Stay & Quash petitions
- Went for Appeals

Interventions with Commissions

- All major cases are presented before the State and National Commissions
- Filing petitions
- Filing comments on action taken reports
- Presenting the victims physically before the Commissions
- Procuring immediate orders

Representations to State Officials and Commissions

- Submitting representations
- Presenting the victims physically
- Ensuring necessary instructions to the concerned authorities
- Medical treatment in corporate hospitals
- Placing the victims in shelter homes
- Immediate relief, compensation & rehabilitation
- Round Table Conferences (RTC) and Public Hearings in which issues of dalit women/ girl children are presented

Thus by adopting all the above strategies/activities, DSS attempts to render justice to the victims of atrocities and break the impunity associated with atrocities. During the year 2022 also DSS took up as many cases of atrocities as possible and facilitated in accessing justice. In this section, a few cases addressed by DSS are presented below:

1. Hepsiba - Kidnap and Rape

Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age : Misala Hepsiba/17
Caste : SC Mala
Village : Yedlapalli
Mandal : Tsundur
District : Guntur
State : Andhra Pradesh

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : Gummadi Gopi
Caste : OC Reddy
Village : Dundipalem
Mandal : Tsundur
District : Guntur
State : Andhra Pradesh

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 23/6/2022 at about 11.30am
Place of Incident : In lemon groove, Yedlapalli
Type of Atrocity : Minor girl Kidnap and Rape
Date of lodging the first complaint : 23/6/2022
Date of FIR : 23/6/2022
F. I. R No : 64/2022
Police Station : Tsundur

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : 376 (2)(r), 363 of IPC
SC, ST (PoA) Act : 3(2)(v)
Others : 6 r/w 5(1) of POCSO Act 2012

Details of the Case:

Pushpa Kumari and Rama Raju are wife and husband who belong to SC Mala caste are residents of at Yedlapalli village, Tsundur mandal, Guntur district. They eek their livelihood as agricultural labourers. They have two children, a son Prudviraj who is studying 2nd year B Pharmacy in Tenali ABN degree college and a daughter Hepsiba (17), studying Inter 1st year in JMJ College, Tenali. She transits to college every day by auto which belongs to Gummadi Gopi, OC Reddy by caste, resident of Dundipalem village. Everyday during the transit Gopi wooed Hepsiba that he loved her and he would take good care of her. Hepsiba trusted Gopi's words and also moved closely with Gopi. Even on Sundays or holidays they used to meet at a lemon groove nearby Hepsiba's house. They met very frequently and Gopi forced Hepsiba for his sexual desires.

Meanwhile Hepsiba visited her aunt Padma's house during summer holidays and returned back on 19/6/2022 and did not meet Gopi all this while. On 23/6/2022, while doing household work, Hepsiba came out of her house and saw Gopi roaming in front of her house. When Hepsiba questioned Gopi why he was roaming in front of her house, he took Hepsiba to the lemon grove and forcibly had sexual intercourse. While they were leaving the lemon grove Hepsiba's aunt Prameela saw both of them. Hepsiba got frightened as she was caught by her aunt. Instead of returning back to her house, Hepsiba went along with Gopi to his sister's house. She changed her dress from the night gown that she was wearing at lemon grove and Gopi threw that dress at the lemon grove. They both went to Bapatla railway station on the run, but later returned back to Tsundur. They thought that getting married will not create any issues, so, Gopi tied '*Tali*' to Hepsiba and left her at her house and Gopi left. Hepsiba narrated the entire incident to her parents, and her parents along with Hepsiba went to Tsundur Police station and complained about the same. A case was registered on the same day.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her family members
- SC, ST PoA Act
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

Present Status:

- FIR registered
- Accused arrested
- Chargesheet yet to be filed
- Compensation yet to be received
- Under investigation

2. P Venkata Laxmi - Caste abuse, Attack and Threatened to Rape

Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age	: Peerugani Venkata Laxmi/30
Caste	: ST Erukala
Village	: Santha Markat, Jangareddy Gudem
Mandal	: Jangareddy
District	: West Godavari
State	: Andhra Pradesh

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age	: Vallapu Venkanna, Subba Laxmi and Ravi Teja
Caste	: BC, Vaddera
Village	: Jangareddy Gudem
Mandal	: Jangareddy
District	: West Godavari
State	: Andhra Pradesh

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time	: 6/3/2021 at about 4pm
Place of Incident	: Near Victim's house
Type of Atrocity	: Caste abuse, Attack and threatened to rape
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 11/3/2021
Date of FIR	: 11/3/2021
F. I. R No	: 99/2021
Police Station	: Jangareddygudem

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C	: 324,323,506,509r/w34
SC, ST (PoA) Act	:3(1)(r), 3(1)(s), 3(2)(va)

Details of the Case:

Peerugani Venkata Laxmi, 30 years and Venkateshwara Rao are wife and husband belonging to ST Erukala Caste. They are residents of Santha Market, Jangareddy Gudem, village and mandal, West Godavari District. Venkateshwara Rao works as a bus conductor. They have two sons, Sai Narasimha and Ravi Teja who are studying intermediate and tenth class respectively. Traditionally they used to weave bamboo baskets, but now Venkata Laxmi is running chicken business in a street called Turpu Peta (East Street). While Venkata Laxmi was doing her routine household cleaning on March 6th 2021 at about 4.00 p.m. some dust slipped and fell into the premises of neighbours, Vallapu Venkanna, by mistake. Immediately the neighbours Vallapu Venkanna, his wife Vallapu Subba Laxmi, their son Vallapu Ravi Teja started abusing Venkata Laxmi in a filthy language in the name of caste and attacked her brutally. They said: "you yerukala bitch, how dare you throw dust in to our premises and started beating her brutally with a stick. She fell down unconscious. Meanwhile, Venkata Laxmi's maternal aunt's daughter, Sathyavathi came and tried to rescue Venkata Laxmi. Vallapu Venkanna and his family attacked and bet her also. In addition to abusing in filthy language and beating, Vallapu Venkanna took of his clothes and exhibited his private parts to Venkata Laxmi and said: 'I will rape you in public and you can't do anything to me'. Venkata Laxmi joined in hospital and undergone treatment. While undergoing treatment she complained about the incident on 11-03-2021 about caste abuse, hurt and outraging her modesty. Now Vallapu Venkanna is threatening her to compromise the case or else he will get her husband's job dismissed from RTC.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her family members
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

Present Status:

- FIR registered
- Accused arrested
- Charge sheet yet to be filed
- Received compensation of Rs. 1,50,000/-
- Under investigation

3. Durga Prasanna - Cheating in the name of Love

Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age	: Talluri Durga Prasanna/24
Caste	: SC Mala
Village	: Prakash Nagar, Payakapuram
Mandal	: Vijayawada
District	: NTR
State	: Andhra Pradesh

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age	: Talluri Sasi Kumar/23 & Talluri Ramu/45
Caste	: OC Kamma
Village	: LB Nagar
Mandal	: Saroor Nagar
District	: Ranga Reddy
State	: Telangana

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time	: 9/4/2022
Place of Incident	: Prakash Nagar, Payakapuram
Type of Atrocity	: Cheating in the name of Love
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 9/4/2022
Date of FIR	: 15/4/2022
F. I. R No	: 145/2022
Police Station	: Nunna

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C	: 498 A
SC, ST (PoA)Act	: 3(1)(r), 3(2)(va)

Details of the Case:

Mr. Aviti Gangadhara Rao and Suseela are wife and husband, residents of Payakapuram, Vijayawada mandal, NTR district, Andhra Pradesh. They belong to SC mala caste. They have two daughters, Durga Prasanna and Ramya. Gangadhara Rao works as a wood polisher while Suseela works in Cheppula Gudem. Their elder daughter Durga Prasanna completed her B. Tech and is in search of a job while the younger daughter Ramya completed her degree course. Elder daughter Durga Prasanna got introduced to one Mr. Sasi Kumar through one app by name Club House App and developed friendship and have been touch from July 2021. Sasi Kumar belongs to Kamma caste. Sasi Kumar said that he loves her and promised to marry her and look after her well. Sasi Kumar completed a course in hotel management and has been working in a hotel by name Burger King in L.B. Nagar. He is staying with his grandmother as his parents are separated. His father works in Bhadrachalam, Khammam district. They decided to marry and as per their plan, Durga Prasanna left for Hyderabad. She told in her house that she was going to Hyderabad to attend her friend's marriage. On October 16th Durga Prasanna and

Sasi Kumar married in Sanghi temple at Hyderabad. After marriage Sasi Kumar told Durga Prasanna that he would inform and convince his parents about the marriage and asked her to go back to Vijayawada. Accordingly, she went back to Vijayawada and told her parents about the marriage, but her parents didn't agree for it and asked her go away. She returned to Hyderabad and there, Sasi Kumar kept her in the room of one of his friend by name Ms. Anusha. Shortly thereafter, he again sent her to Vijayawada by saying that he would bring her back after convincing his mother and grandmother. After two weeks he called Durga Prasanna and asked her to come to Bhadrachalam where his father works and there, he took a house in Chakali Bazar. They both started living there. There they had regular sexual relationship and while having sex he took photos and videos. Durga Prasanna questioned him why he was taking photos and videos to which he said it is nothing wrong as they are wife and husband. They stayed there in Bhadrachalam for about a month and after a month, the father of Sasi Kumar who used to visit them was abusing and clashing with Durga Prasanna. He used to abuse her as low caste woman. As the clashes with the father of Sasi Kumar was growing bitter, they both shifted to Vijayawada and stayed at Payakapuram. There Sasi Kumar started harassing Durga Prasanna for money. He used to say that he had to go to London and he needs Rs.5/ lakhs and demanded her to bring that money from her parents. He used to say, as she belonged to low caste, he lost his dowry and that had he married his own caste girl he would have got lot of dowry. Having harassed her much he left her one day and left for Hyderabad, saying that she should bring money to continue marital life. He said she need not come without money. All these days he was insulting her as belonging to low caste. After he left for Hyderabad also, he used to call her now and then and asked her to appear nude in video call and if she refused, he used to say that she had no respect for husband's words. This happened many times. Thereafter he stopped calling her and blocked her number. Having waited for long on April 9th 2022 Durga Prasanna told everything to her mother and asked her to speak to the parents of Sasi Kumar. Durga Prasanna's mother, Suseela spoke to the mother of Sasi Kumar about the issue, but of no use. They were not willing to take Durga Prasanna. Frustrated with the behaviour of Sasi Kumar and his mother, Durga Prasanna complained to the Police at Nunna, Vijayawada to do justice.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her family members
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

Present Status:

- FIR registered
- Accused arrested
- Chargesheet yet to be filed
- Compensation yet to be received
- Under investigation

4. Baby Rani - Caste Abuse and Attack

Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age	: Kodamala Baby Rani/50
Caste	: SC Madiga
Village	: Rajeev Nagar, Payakapuram
Mandal	: Vijayawada
District	: NTR
State	: Andhra Pradesh

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age	: Kayala Lakshmi & Sai
Caste	: OC Kapu
Village	: Rajeev Nagar, Payakapuram
Mandal	: Vijayawada
District	: NTR
State	: Andhra Pradesh

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time	: 25/2/2022 at about 2pm
Place of Incident	: Vaddera Colony, Rajeev Nagar
Type of Atrocity	: Caste Abuse and Attack
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 25/2/2022
Date of FIR	: 28/2/2022
F. I. R No	: 79/2022
Police Station	: Nunna PS

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C	:323
SC, ST (PoA)Act	: 3(1)(s), 3(2)(v)(a)

Details of the Case:

Kodamala Baby Rani and Abraham are wife and husband. Abraham died long back. They belong to S.C. Madiga caste and are residents of Rajiv Nagar, Payakapuram, Vijayawada. They have three children, Subhashini, Ramesh and Vijayakumari. All the three children were married. Baby Rani ekes out living as sweeper in the government school at Payakapuram. A savings group by name 'Subhashini Saving Group' was formed near her house and she is a member of that group. She was taken as member in the group in the month of February 2022. Later one member by name Kayala Lakshmi, belonging to Kapu caste, wanted to take loan, but they didn't come to the group meeting. They were not given loan. Somehow, they thought that they were not given loan due to the objection raised by Baby Rani. They developed ill will against her and on 25-02-2022 Kayala Lakshmi along with her son Sai came to the house of Baby Rani and quarrelled with her and bet her and dragged her on to the road. Baby Rani's daughter in law Sujatha came to her rescue and picked her up from the road. Baby Rani gave police complaint but the police didn't take the complaint. Next day Baby Rani started bleeding in the ear and she went to government hospital for treatment. A case was registered by the police on that day.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her family members
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

Present Status:

- FIR registered
- Accused arrested
- Chargesheet filed
- Compensation yet to be received
- Trial yet to be commenced
- Under investigation

5. Rupasri -Murder**Details of the Victims:**

Name of the Deceased /Age : Karukutla Rupasri/29
Caste : SC Mala
Village : Chilumuru
Mandal : Kolluru
District : Guntur
State : Andhra Pradesh

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : Sankuri Praveen/
Caste : SC Mala
Village : Nelapadu
Mandal : Tenali
District : Guntur
State : Andhra Pradesh

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 27/04/2022 at about 2pm
Place of Incident : Chilumuru Lanka
Type of Atrocity : Murder
Date of lodging the first complaint : 27/4/2022
Date of FIR : 27/4/2022
F. I. R No : 67/2022
Police Station : Kolluru

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : 302 of IPC

Details of the Case:

Jalli Anil Kumar and Bharathi are wife and husband. They belong to S.C. mala caste and are residents of Chilumuru village, Kolluru Mandal, Guntur district. They have three children, Vijaya Babu, Vinod Babu and Rupasri. All the three are married. They work as agricultural labourers. Rupasree was married to K. Ravi Kumar of Manduru village, Tsundur Mandal about 14 years ago. They have two children, daughter Mrudula and son Joel. About 5 years ago, the husband of Rupasree, Mr. Ravi Kumar died due to ill health. Since then, onwards Rupasree shifted to her parent's place, Chilumuru village, Kolluru mandal and has been living there. Since about an year she developed friendship with one Mr. Praveen, her distant relative, who hails from Nelapadu village, Tenali mandal. Praveen has many relatives at Chilumuru. He used to visit his relatives often and, in the process, developed more intimacy with Rupasree and they started living together. Having come to know about the affair, the parents of Rupasree reprimanded her to cut of the relationship and not to allow Praveen henceforth, as it would bring bad reputation for them in the society. Rupasree understood the feelings of her parents and told Praveen to cut off and not to visit her. Since then, she is not talking with him. About 3 months ago Praveen rang up to Rupasri and threatened her that he would kill her if she doesn't continue extra-marital relationship with him. After this threat, Rupasree mother Bharathi spoke to the community elders and prevented Praveen from interfering with the life of her daughter. But Praveen developed grouse on Rupasri. While so, on 27-04-2022 Rupasree went to work in the maize fields of one Mr. Venkatappaiah along with Ms. Lakshmi, wife of Venkatappaiah. Having worked in the field, at about 12.00 noon they had lunch and were taking rest. Praveen, who came to know the whereabouts of Rupasree reached the spot and attacked her with a knife. Lakshmi, who was there admonished and attempted to stop the attack, but Praveen didn't heed to her appeals and stabbed Rupasree on the chest, in the back, on the buttocks etc. indiscriminately.

Rupasree died then and there in the maize field. Lakshmi shouted loudly about the attack and hearing her screams, one Mr. Gali Jawahar and a few others working in the nearby fields started coming. Seeing them, Praveen ran away across the fields. At about 2.15 p.m. one Mr. Gali Prabhakar informed Anil Kumar, the father of Rupasree about the attack and death. All the family members rushed to the spot and found Rupasree lying dead. On 28-04-2022 post mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the parents of Rupasree. Parents of Rupasree requested Kolluru police to take appropriate action on Praveen who killed their daughter for refusing to continue extra-marital relationship. Children of Rupasree are living with the paternal grandmother at Manduru.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the deceased family members
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case
- Rs.10/ lakh compensation was given.
- The family members were convinced to join the children in hostel.

Present Status:

- FIR registered
- Accused arrested
- Received compensation of Rs. 10 lakhs
- Charge sheet to be filed

6. Bharatamma -Murder

Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age : Bindla Bharatamma/35
Caste : SC Madiga
Village : Govindapur
Mandal : Mominpet
District : Vikarabad
State : Telangana

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : A1- Md Abdul Gafur/36, Muslim
A2 – Kammari Lakshmi Bai/52, BC Kammari
A3 – Syed Sadulla Hussain/55 , OC Muslim
Village : Shabad
Mandal : Shabad
District : Ranga Reddy
State : Telangana

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 22/5/2022
Place of Incident : Rented house of Accused Laxmi Bai
Type of Atrocity : Murder
Date of lodging the first complaint : 27/5/2022
Date of FIR : 27/5/2022
F. I. R No : 144/2022
Police Station : Shabad

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : 374, 302
SC, ST (PoA)Act : 3(2)(v)

Details of the Case:

Bindla Bharatamma, 35 years, S.C. Madiga, resident of Govindapur village, Mominpet mandal, Vikarabad district. Bharatamma's mother Kamsamma and father Yellaiah passed away during her childhood. They have 3 acres land. She has only her elder sister Lakshmi who was married to one Mr. Ramesh of Shabad. Bharatamma used to live with her paternal aunt Posamma and studied up to X class at Govindapur. After that she came to her sister Lakshmi at Shabad to take care of her children and stayed there with her sister for nearly 15 years, assisting her sister until the children grew. During those days she learnt tailoring there. She joined as tailor in a private company at Isnapur village, Patancheruvu mandal, Sanga Reddy district. She used to shuttle between Shabad and Isnapur for about 4 years. Three years ago, she came across one Mr. Bindla Syam at Isnapur and married him in the presence of elders. Since marriage she stayed at Isnapur. They both used to visit Shabad now and then. As part of her occasional visits, on 20-05-2022 Bharatamma came to Shabad from Isnapur. On 21-05-2022 she and her sister were together. On 22-05-2022 Bharatamma's sister Lakshmi went for wage labour. On the same day i.e., 22-05-2022 Bharatamma rang up to her sister and asked her to have lunch and that she was going to Shadnagar hospital. At about 11.00 a.m. Bharatamma went to

Shadnagar hospital. After that also Lakshmi was in phone contact Bharatamma up to 2.00 p.m. Later, when Lakshmi came back to house called Bharatamma in the evening, but her phone was switched off. Since Bharatamma has number of friends, Lakshmi thought that she might have gone to one or the other friend and so kept quiet. But, shockingly, Bharatamma didn't turn up even after 2/3 days. Bharatamma's husband also enquired Lakshmi about Bharatamma as she didn't call or answer the calls. Lakshmi told that Bharatamma was not heard of after she went to hospital on 22nd. All of them searched and enquired about Bharatamma everywhere. On 27-05-2022 in the evening between 6.00 and 7.00 p.m. Lakshmi's friend called Lakshmi and informed that there is one dead body of a woman floating in the Shabad Pahilwan tank and as they were searching for her sister, she suggested to go look at the dead body. Lakshmi went to the tank and saw the dead body. But the body has no hair and is fully swollen. There are no ornaments in the neck or any other way of recognizing the dead body. As it was night 8.00 p.m. it was dark also and nothing could be seen properly. Police asked Lakshmi to come and examine the body again, but nothing could be recognized as clothes were fully torn off and no other recognizable things. There was part of the chudidhar the color of which matched the one worn by Bharatamma and likewise the ankle chains were also that of Bharatamma. It was confirmed as the body of Bharatamma on the basis of these two. The dead body was shifted to Chevella government hospital. On 28-05-2022 after post mortem the body of Bharatamma was cremated at Govindapur. Police registered this case as suspicious death. But the police in the course of investigation verified her phone call data and found out that she last spoke to one Mr. Mohammad Abdul Ghafoor. Then the police took him into custody and enquired him. He runs a chicken shop in Shabad. He is married and has two children. It is learnt that during the time when Bharatamma stayed at Shabad with her sister, she used to buy chicken at Ghafoor's shop and in course of time they developed extra-marital relationship. They used to meet often as part of their extra-marital relationship. Bharatamma was pressurizing Ghafoor to marry her saying that she didn't like to continue as wife of her present husband Bindla Syam. As Bharatamma was pressurizing Ghafoor, he decided to eliminate her and asked Bharatamma to come to the rented room of one Ms. Kammari Lakshmi Bhai on 22-05-2022. This Kammari Lakshmi Bhai has no one and she used to encourage things like this and take money for using her premises. Now also she allowed Ghafoor to use her premises for extra-marital sex with Bharatamma. When both Ghafoor and Bharatamma came to the room, Lakshmi Bhai left them alone and went away with the understanding that they may enjoy. Ghafoor told the police that while he and Bharatamma were enjoying, she suddenly passed away. But actually, Bharatamma died in the hands of Ghafoor only and he took the help one of his friends Sayyed Sadulla to dispose of the body by calling him on phone. Lakshmi Bhai also noticed the death of Bharatamma when she came back and she took away the gold ornaments of about 4 tulas on the person of Bharatamma and kept silent. Ghafoor with the help of his friend carried the body of Bharatamma and threw it in the Pahilwan Tank. All these facts came to light in the course of investigation by Shabad police on the basis of the call records. All the three accused were arrested and remanded on 7-06-2022.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the Deceased family members
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

Present Status:

- Accused Arrested
- Charge sheet to be filed
- compensation yet to be received

7. Jayamma Rape and Murder

Details of the Deceased:

Name of the Deceased /Age : Kamireddy Jayamma ?39
Caste : SC Mala
Village : Pothugal
Mandal : Shabad
District : Ranga Reddy
State : Telangana

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : Intenuka Malreddy/33
Caste : OC Reddy
Village : Pothugal
Mandal : Shabad
District : Ranga Reddy
State : Telangana

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 20/12/2021
Place of Incident : Cheryala Gadda, Outskirts of the Julakal village
Type of Atrocity : Rape and Murder
Date of lodging the first complaint : 22/12/2021
Date of FIR : 22/12/2021
F. I. R No : 420/2021
Police Station : Shabad

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : women missing and alter the Sections
364, 376(1), 302, 394
SC, ST (PoA)Act : 3(2)(v) :

Details of the Case:

Kamireddy Jayamma and Jangaiah are wife and husband, S.C. mala, are residents of Pothugal village, Shabad mandal, Ranga Reddy district. They eke out living as agricultural labourers. They have two children. Tarunkumar, son is 19 years old and is studying 3rd year degree course in Khairathabad Degree College, while daughter Navaneetha, 18 years, is studying 1st year degree in Sri Chaitanya Degree College, Chevella. On 20-12-2021 at about 2.00 p.m. Jayamma started to Bulkapur village, Sankerpalli mandal, Ranga Reddy district to attend a function in her cousin sister's house, Ms.Amrutha, w/o Yadaiah. Jayamma's son Tarunkumar escorted her up to bus stand at Pothugal gate and she got into the bus, at about 2.00 p.m. While so, at about 6.00 p.m. Amrutha rang up to Jangaiah and Tarunkumar and told that Jayamma did not reach her house even at that time. Jangaiah and Tarunkumar got worried as to what happened and rang up to all relatives to know the whereabouts of

Jayamma. But they didn't get any lead. Some students of Pothugal college told them that they saw Jayamma at Chevella bus stand. On this information Jangaiah and his son searched Chevella and surroundings. They couldn't trace the whereabouts of Jayamma for two days and on 22-12-2021 they complained to the Shabad police. Police registered it as a woman missing case and started investigation. As part of the investigation, the police checked the CC footage near Chevella bus stand. It was noticed in the CC footage that Jayamma came out of Chevella bus stand and got on to a two wheeler bearing no.TS07GQ2457. Police found out that the vehicle belongs to Mr. I. Malla Reddy of Pothugal village. On the same day i.e. 22-12-2021 the police took him into custody and interrogated him. Though, he initially denied any knowledge, the police used their method to extract information from him and he admitted the entire story. He revealed how he came to know about Jayamma's plan to go Sankerpalli and he followed her until she gets into the bust and then chased her bus up to Chevella. Then, at Chevella when Jayamma came out of the bus stand to purchase flowers, he approached her and told her that he was going to Sankerpalli and that he will drop her there in his motorcycle. In the middle of the journey he drank liquour at Yenikepalli. Then they further proceeded and at another point, Parveda gate, he purchased two bottles of liquor. From there, instead of proceeding to Sankerpalli he changed the direction towards Kandi village. Jayamma asked him why he changed the direction, to which he told her and convinced her that on the way to Sankerpalli, the police are checking for drunken driving and that was why he changed the direction. Near Kandi village, he stopped the motorcycle at the land of one Mr.Vitalayya, at Cheriylagadda, at the outskirts of Jolakallu village. There he pleaded Jayamma to come on to the land and there he persuaded her to consume liquor. Having consumed liquor, Jayamma lost her consciousness. Then he raped her. Then he saw gold ornaments on her person and got a wild idea to rob the entire gold, so that he can repay his debts. He started taking her ear studs. At that point, Jayamma regained consciousness and resisted him. Then Malla Reddy throttled her neck with her scarf and killed her. Then he took away all ornaments weighing about 5 tulas. But in confusion and hurry, one of her anklets fell there itself, while the ears were cut off when forcibly removing ear studs. Having collected the ornaments, he threw the dead body in the bushes and fled away. This was done on 20-12-2021 and on 21-12-2021 he pledged the ornaments at Muthoot finance and took Rs.90,000/. Out of this 90,000 he cleared Rs. 50,000/- loan. The police recovered from him the remaining Rs.40,000/ and a few ornaments still in his possession. He was remanded to jail on 23-12-2021 and the case which was registered as woman missing case was changed into crime under relevant sections of IPC and SC,ST (PoA) Act.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her family members
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

Present Status:

- Accused Arrested
- Charge sheet to be filed
- compensation yet to be received

8. Girl Kidnap and Rape

Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age : Molagalla Aishwarya/13
Caste : SC Madiga
Village : Kondakal
Mandal : Sankarpalli
District : Ranga Reddy
State : Telangana

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age : Abhi Mudiraj/18
Caste : BC Mudiraj
Village : Kardhanoor
Mandal : Patancheruvu
District : Sanga Reddy
State : Telangana

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time : 6/5/2022 at about 8pm
Place of Incident : In between victim's house to Shop
Type of Atrocity : Kidnap and Rape
Date of lodging the first complaint : 07/05/2022
Date of FIR : 08/05/2022
F. I. R No : 252/2022
Police Station : Sankarpalli

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C : Sec 363, 376 (2)
SC, ST (PoA) Act : Sec 3(2)(5)
Others : Sec 5(1)r/w/6 of POCSO Act

Details of the Case:

Molagalla Suseela, 34 years is wife of Late M. Ramachandraiah, S.C. Madiga caste, residents of Kondakal village, Sankarpalli mandal, Ranga Reddy district. Ramachandraiah passed away last year August. They have three daughters. Eldest daughter was married and at the time when she was in her 5th month pregnancy, she was beaten up on her abdomen with iron rod. Due to those injuries, she died in May last year. Second daughter, Archana (16 years) is studying Intermediate. Third daughter, Iswarya is studying 9th class in Z.P. High School at Kondakal. After the death of her father, Iswarya is using his phone number. In the Instagram of this phone number, she got introduced to one Mr. Abhi Mudiraj. He is resident of Kardhanoor village, Patancheruvu mandal, Sanga Reddy district. Abhi used to chat with Iswarya on Instagram and also make calls. In the course of such friendship on Instagram, Abhi came to Kondakal to meet Iswarya on 6-05-2022. But on that day Iswarya went to fields for work along with her elder sister and mother. After that entire family went to attend a marriage. Evening at about 7.30 – 8.00 p.m. Iswarya went to the nearby provision shop to get cool drink and curd. Iswarya who went to bring those items didn't come back. Abhi who was waiting for Iswarya till then told Iswarya that he wants to talk with her and took her away on his motor cycle to Sanga Reddy. He took

her phone and switched it off. As Iswarya didn't come back home, her mother rang up to her and it was getting switched off answer. They went around searching for her in the surroundings but she could not be traced anywhere. They called all the relatives and enquired about Iswarya but of no avail. As she could not be traced anywhere, they got frightened and complained to the police on 7-05-2022 at Sankarpalli police station. Police registered a kidnap case and started investigation through phone calls. Abhi who took away Iswarya on the pretext of talking with her, took her to his maternal aunt's house at Sanga Reddy. There he tied a turmeric knot in the neck of Iswarya saying that he was marrying her and despite protest by Iswarya he had sexual intercourse with her. She pleaded him to leave her and that she will go back to her home, but he didn't heed to her request. On 8-05-2022 Iswarya took her phone back and switched it on. Then police spoke to her on that phone. The police told Iswarya that her mother is in the police station with poison and she will take poison and die. Further, they told Iswarya that no one will do anything to her if she comes back and requested her to come back. With these assurances, Abhi brought Iswarya back to Kondakal on his motor cycle on the evening of 8-05-2022. Then the family members of Iswarya approached the Sankara Palli police along with Iswarya. The police came to know about all the events through Iswarya and the turmeric knot was removed and thrown away and Iswarya was sent back along with her family members. First a case of kidnap only was registered. After knowing full details, all relevant sections of POCSO, IPC & SC, ST(PoA) Act were booked. The motor cycle of Abhi was seized and he was remanded.

9. Varshitha - Minor Girl Rape

Details of the Victims:

Name of the Victim /Age	: Yadasi Varshitha/15
Caste	: SC Madiga
Village	: Chinna Revalle
Mandal	: Balanagar
District	: Mahbubnagar
State	: Telangana

Details of the Accused

Name of the Accused / Age	: Madapuram Raju/26
Caste	: SC Madiga
Village	: Antaram
Mandal	: Shabad
District	: Ranga Reddy
State	: Telangana

Details of incident /FIR

Date of Incident/Time	: 25/8/2021at about 1pm
Place of Incident	: Accused's house
Type of Atrocity	: Rape
Date of lodging the first complaint	: 24/5/2022
Date of FIR	: 24/5/2022
F. I. R No	: 141/2022
Police Station	: Shabad

Sections applied in the FIR

I. P. C	: 376
Others	: 5(1) r/w 6 of POCSO Act

Details of the Case:

Yadasi Narsamma and Ramesh are wife and husband, belonging to S.C. Madiga caste, natives of Chinna Revalle village, Balanagar Mandal, Mahbubnagar district. In search of livelihood, they shifted to Hyderabad and are staying at ECIL cross roads and Ramesh goes for centring works, while Narsamma works as maid servant. They have two daughters, Sruthi (18), Varshitha (15) and a son Vinod Kumar (11). All the three children are studying in Hyderabad. These parents felt that it is difficult to safeguard the girls in Hyderabad and so they took Sruthi and Varshitha to their parents (i.e., grandparents of the children) in the village Antaram after they completed 7th class. The grandparents are Darshanala Pentaiah and Pylamma. While keeping them at the grand parents, they were joined in Girls High School at Shabad. These children stay at Antaram and go to school at Shabad. Elder daughter Sruthi completed X class and after that Ramesh brought her to Hyderabad and joined her in Intermediate in Pragati college at ECIL. Due to Covid Sruthi could not complete her Intermediate. Varshitha completed her 9th class and promoted to X class. On 16-05-2022 Narsamma and Ramesh with their children visited Tirupati to have darshan of the deity in a car. After the visit to temple, they returned. By the time they reached back Hyderabad, there was lot of swelling of the legs of Varshitha. Her mother Narsamma got suspicion and checked her body and noticed that her abdomen is a bit bloated. Varshitha's mother got frightened and questioned Varshitha if she is getting periods in time. Varshitha replied that she was not getting monthly periods. On 21-05-2022 Varshitha was taken to Khaja Garib Nawaz Hospital. Doctor examined Varshitha, conducted tests and told that she was pregnant. The doctor referred her to a gynaecologist at Saibaba Hospital. Then on 22-05-2022 Varshitha was taken to Saibaba hospital. The gynaecologist there examined Varshitha, conducted scanning, blood tests and informed that Varshitha is 7 months pregnant. Then the parents questioned Varshitha about who was responsible for her pregnancy and got the information from her that it was one Mr. Madaram Raju, s/o of Narasaiah, Antaram village. It was learnt further that Raju was married and has a son and a daughter. The parents of Varshitha requested the doctor at Saibaba hospital to conduct abortion of pregnancy. The doctor said that they can't do it there and referred her to Jajjikhana government maternity hospital at Hyderabad. Accordingly, on 23-05-2022 Varshitha was taken to the concerned hospital. It being a government hospital, but given the facts and circumstances of the case, the doctors there insisted that a police complaint should be given before they could proceed with the abortion. They suggested the parents of Varshitha to give a complaint at the place of occurrence or they would give the complaint at the hospital. Then Varshitha's parents proceeded to Shabad and lodged a complaint at Shabad police station on 24-05-2022. The police registered the case and enquired Varshitha about what happened and when did it happen. Then Varshitha narrated how Mr. Raju regularly followed her to school and back and how he continuously used to say that he loves her and would marry her. He used to say that he likes her very much and asked her to love him. She further told that she told him number of times not to follow her and that she would inform her parents. Despite these warnings he never stopped following her. On 25-08-2021 at about 1.00 p.m. he asked her to bring charger and when she brought the charger and was giving it to him, he dragged her in to his house and raped her. He dragged her, closed the doors, gagged her mouth and forcibly had sexual intercourse. Then he threatened her that he would kill her and her family members if she disclosed the matter to anyone. On 27-08-2021 when she was returning from school, he obstructed her with his motor cycle and forcibly took her on the bike to his house and again raped her for the second time. He took out a knife and threatened her. Varshitha was afraid that he might kill her and didn't tell anyone. Varshitha told that at the time of sexual intercourse she had lot of pain and suffering and cried a lot but he didn't heed to her screams. The police registered a case on Raju under Sections 376 IPC and relevant sections of POCSO Act on 24-05-2022 and remanded him to custody on 26/5/2022. Varshitha was examined by doctors again at Amangal on 2-06-2022 and they found her to be anaemic, low haemoglobin etc. She is now in Prajwala Home.

Interventions:

- Conducted thorough fact finding
- Strengthened the victim and her family members
- Penal and Pecuniary follow up of the case

Present Status:

- Accused Arrested
- Charge sheet to be filed
- compensation yet to be received

**District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meeting
Vikarabad**

The district SC, ST Development Department of Vikarabad district organised the District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meeting at the Conference Hall of the office of the District Collector on 15-07-2022. The meeting was chaired by the district Collector, Sri. Nikhila. District Collector briefed the gathering that 54 cases were registered in the district under SC, ST (PoA) Act during the year 2021 and that an amount of Rs.59/ lakhs was disbursed to the victims. Further, during 2022, so far 14 cases were registered under the Act and Rs. 13.22 lakhs were disbursed to the victims. The state Co-ordinator of DSS as been a member of this committee and gaps in the cases that are dealt by DSS have been highlighted at DVMC.

Minimum Wages for Daily Wage Labourers in Tellapur:

Forest Department organised Haritha Haram (going green) in Tellapur, Sanga Reddy district in about 100 acres of land. About 400 labourers were employed for this task. In addition to these labourers, a few workers from Bihar also were employed in the task. All these workers were not paid minimum wages and they have no minimum facilities, like toilets or rest rooms. There was no security for their children. In addition to this if any worker is injured or dies in the course of employment they were not compensated. One Mr. Chandraiah, a labourer died in the course of work on 08-03-2022. DSS conducted a fact finding into the death of this labourer. In the course of fact finding, the labourers narrated their woes. In this connection DSS held meeting with the workers and noted their problems and met the concerned officials. The issues were brought to the notice of the officials who assured to solve them.





5. Justice to Survivors of Violence Public Hearing and Legal Clinic

DSS conducts these Public Hearings regularly to access justice to the dalit women and girl children victims of atrocities. The purpose of conducting is to bring to light the delay, omissions and other ordeals of the victims in accessing justice. In these Public Hearings the concerned officials are requested to attend and listen to the anguishes of the victims in accessing justice. The S.C. & S.T. (PoA) Act 1989 and the amendments made in 2015 are intended to provide speedy justice to the victims of atrocities and deter the perpetrators of violence on Dalits. But it has been the experience of DSS that the law is never properly implemented and the Act is violated in all aspects. Compensation is not paid totally and in time. Investigation, filing of chargesheets, examination of witnesses and all procedures are not done with commitment. While this is the actual reality, a concerted propaganda is being carried on by the dominant castes that the Dalits are abusing the S.C. & S.T. (PoA) Act. Even the Supreme Court in its decision a few years ago endorsed this view and imposed restrictions on registering the cases under the Act, which decision was nullified later by legislation. In this type of situation, it is necessary to expose the actual reality vis-à-vis the canard. More so, it is pertinent to make the concerned officials to realise how the justice system is operating against the victims and witnesses. This purpose is served in Public Hearing in which the victims and witnesses narrate their arduous journey in accessing justice. Through these interactions, the officials, heads of other organisations, media representatives and the society in general would come to know about the unfortunate reality of lop-sided implementation of the Act. Further, these Public Hearings provide the opportunity to give a fillip to deliver speedy justice by bringing together the Victims, Witnesses, Human Rights Defenders, Advocates, Social Welfare Department, Police Department, Director of Prosecutions, State & National Commissions so that a concerted effort can be initiated by all concerned.

Public Hearing on 12th October 2022:

DSS conducted a Public Hearing of the victims of atrocities on 12th October 2022 at Ambedkar Bhavan, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

As part of our ongoing efforts to render justice, we have selected 30 cases for presentation before the Jury of this Public Hearing. The cases selected are attached to this report. The hard copies of the case details in the form of booklets have been distributed to all the participants. The jury members have been supplied the booklets sufficiently earlier so that they can come prepared.

Ms. Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson of A.P. Women Commission attended as Chief Guest while the other jury members were: Sri Ajay Prem Kumar, Director of Prosecutions, Sri Mohan Rao, representing PCR Cell, CID, Ms. Sridevi, Safai Karmachari Andolan, Ms. Anupama, Bhumika Women's Collective, Sri Kiran Kumar, Indian Labour Union, Ms. Qumar Begum, SEEDS. Ms. Hemalatha, State Co-ordinator, AP was the rapporteur of the public hearing.



Ms. Jhansi Geddam:

The proceedings were chaired by Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS. Jhansi Geddam explained about the purpose of the public hearing and gave details of cases. The 30 cases presented comprised of major atrocities like, murder, rapes, gang rapes, kidnap and rape of minor girls, cheating innocent girls in the name of love, caste abuse and attacks. All the victims narrated how the atrocity was committed on them, the police conduct in registering the case, investigation and the ordeals faced by them in going around the offices for payment of compensation. All the victims broke down and sobbed uncontrollably while recounting their ordeals from the time of atrocity. Their misery and pathetic situation moved everyone. The officers who attended as jury members were moved by the pitiful stories of the victims and the how they were denied access to justice was at every stage. The telling effect of the tardy implementation of the Act and the pitiable predicament of the victims became clear to the jury and everyone that attended the hearing. Ms. Jhansi Geddam analysed each case and explained how the Act and the Rules were violated in each case by the concerned personnel. She pointed out how the Act is not effectively implemented despite the stringent amendments made to the Act and how there is inordinate delay in filing the charge sheets in utter disregard of the time limits prescribed in the Act. Thus, it can be seen, that the Act is diluted and neglected. Further, it is noticed that the enforcing personnel are not aware of the provisions and amendments of Act.



Ms. Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson, State Women's Commission:

Ms. Vasireddy Padma appreciated the efforts of DSS in bringing the victims of various atrocities together. She expressed sympathy at the plight of the victims and commended their fortitude in standing for justice instead of compromise. She appealed to the concerned authorities to seriously implement the provisions of Act. She delved on the subject of oppression of dalit women and pointed out that unless the inequities among people in the society is eradicated, one cannot put a stop to the atrocities. She called the people and the governments to concentrate on the eradication of all forms of inequalities. She chided insensitive officials in not responding to the woes of the victims in accordance with law. She promised to write to the concerned departments wherever there is delay in implement the Act. Further, she assured to put efforts to see that the compensation amount is released to the victims. Referring to the girls who were cheated in the name of love, she emboldened them to face the reality and not to loose hear. She advised them to pursue studies. She concluded her speech with a promise that, she will lend all support to the victims along with DSS.



Sri Ajay Prem Kumar, Additional Director of Prosecutions:



Sri Ajay Prem Kumar, confided that he was moved by listening to the pathetic stories of these hapless women and girls. He told that, though they have knowledge of court cases and how the justice system runs in general, this interaction with the 30 victims and the specific details narrated by them, revealed how insensitive the system is operating towards the victims. He said he was heartbroken at the torments of the dalit women. Then, he pointed out that various atrocities are happening on the dalit women due to their economic deprivation and lack of education. The dalit girls are being cheated due to their innocence and lack of knowledge. He bolstered them to



concentrate on studies and education to overcome all sorts of discrimination and oppression. He assured to take care of their needs at the courts when the cases come up for trial.

Leaders and representatives of various organisations joined in expressing their solidarity with the victims. Everyone appreciated the victims for their perseverance and courage in fighting for justice without compromise. The leaders applauded the victims and said that they stand out as inspiration for all Dalits to stand up for justice.

All the victims and witnesses who shared their distresses got emboldened and felt reassured to stand up till the end. Their confidence was boosted.

Ms. Hemalatha, State Co-ordinator, presented vote of thanks to everyone that participated and made the public hearing a success.





Legal Clinic

Dalit Sthree Sakthi Conducted Legal Clinic at Ambedkar Resource Centre, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad on 25th November 2022. It is necessary to clarify, what is meant by Legal Clinic. Legal Clinic is meant to bring together the women victims of atrocities and all concerned officials at one place, so that the victims can explain their woes to the higher officials and the higher officials can resolve the problems of the victims in accessing justice. The chief objective of the Legal Clinic is to give a fillip to deliver speedy justice by bringing together the Victims, Witnesses, Human Rights Defenders, Advocates, Social Welfare Department, Police Department, Director of Prosecutions, State & National SC Commissions, so that a concerted effort can be initiated by all concerned. This Clinic will, thus, provide an opportunity to the jury to perceive directly the distress and predicament of the victims and witnesses of selected 30 blatant incidents of violence, so that they can evaluate the penal & pecuniary action taken and recommend for necessary further action till logical end. The other corollary objective of this Legal Clinic is to see that the S.C. & S.T. (PoA) Amendment Act 2015 is appropriately implemented in at least the select few cases which will go a long way in realizing the objectives of the Amendment Act.

In the Legal Clinic organised on 25th November 2022 at Ambedkar Resource Centre, Hyderabad. 30 Dalit/Adivasi women and girls who were subjected to various forms of atrocities participated and presented their problems in accessing justice.

The proceedings commenced at about 10.30 a.m. and Jhansi Geddam, National Convenor of DSS, presided over the Legal Clinic.

The dignitaries that participated in this Legal Clinic were: Hon'ble Justice Chandraiah, Chairperson of SHRC, Mrs Vyjayanthi, DOP, Mrs. Lakshmi, JD- WCD, Mrs Kavitha, JD – SWC, Mrs Naga Lakshmi, JD – SC Development Dept., Ambassador Vinod Kumar, Shri Ravi babu IAS (Retd.). Women organisations leaders Mrs. Sajaya, Mrs. Sathyavathi from Bhoomika, Mrs. Vanajakshi from DICCI, Jhansi and Pushpa from PoW, Sumitra from Ankuram, also participated. Shri Venkat Reddy, MVF, Advocates Shri Sadiq, Shri Ananthayya, Shri Srinivas, Shri Narasimhulu and Shri PSN Murthy, IDAS etc also attended the Legal Clinic.

Jhansi Geddam, first explained the 30 cases of dalit/Adivasi victims who were subjected to atrocities like murders, rapes, attacks, mass attacks, cheating in the name of love, land grabbing and sexual harassments. She explained the purpose of the Legal Clinic. She brought to the attention of the participating officials that the victims were not given compensation or rehabilitation. She narrated how the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was not implemented properly. She explained that on the one hand the victims are denied access to justice and on the other hand they subjected to harassment by foisting false counter cases. The police who are unresponsive to the atrocity committed on the poor dalit women exhibit lot of enthusiasm in the counter case knowing fully well that it is a false case. The victims/witnesses are threatened to compromise the case. It is the responsibility of the government to provide protection to the victims and witnesses as per law, but it is neglected and the perpetrators of violence are free to threaten and pressurise the victims and witnesses. The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act is a comprehensive law laying down various duties on the police, prosecutors etc, but it is never implemented seriously. The police fail to book proper



sections of the Act while registering the case. Investigation is to be done by higher officials which is done only on paper. Most of the time the police indulge in pressurising the victims for compromise than serious investigation. The Act lays down the time frame for filing charge sheet, which is not done even in one percent of the cases. The Act provides for rehabilitation which is rarely implemented. With regard to compensation also it is becoming difficult to get the same. The victims are forced to run around offices for getting the compensation.

Justice Chandraiah interacted with the dalit Adivasi women victims and witnesses expressed sympathy with their suffering. He explained about various laws and institutions that provide relief to the victims. He referred to the institutions like, Human Rights Commission, SC Commission, but people are not aware of these institutions. There is one authority by name legal services authority which is headed by the District Judge and this institution can resolve various issues of law without formal proceedings. Marginalised people can seek the Legal Services Authority to provide legal aid to them, solve their problems. An advocate is not necessary in approaching Legal Services Authority, no fees is needed. Despite the availability of such an authority, people are not utilising it to the desirable extent due to lack of knowledge. He opined that lack of legal awareness among the people and improper understanding about the laws is the reason for non-implementation of the law. He explained that institutions like Legal Services Authority, Human Rights Commission are doing commendable work in providing relief to victims in various instances of violation of rights and appealed to the people to utilise the service of these institutions for relief. He lauded DSS for the great work being done to assist the victims in accessing justice.



Mrs Vyjayanthi, first congratulated DSS for arranging this meet as it provides opportunity for getting feedback of the work done by them. She said Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act is a very comprehensive and good legislation that not only provides punishments but also the way of implementation of the Act. The Act places responsibilities on various officers to implement the Act and achieve the objectives of the Act. Due to lack of knowledge, overburdened responsibilities the officials are unable to effectively implement the Act. From the stage of investigation to the trial at court there is lot of procedure and responsibilities by various officials and this causes unwarranted delay in rendering justice. On our part, we give trainings to the concerned personnel about the Act and its implementation. Some of our officers are so well trained that they are able to give trainings to others, even at the national level. She advised the victims to know about their rights under the Act and utilise the provisions and fight for their implementation. But it is a process that takes its own time and whole process in evolution. She advised them to give truthful evidence, to stand up against pressures for compromise. If the victims can stand up properly, they can get good compensation also after the trial. If the victims select a legal counsel, we can appoint him/her as prosecutor. She insisted that the victims should stand up to get justice and not get tempted for money offers. If the victims compromise and surrender to the perpetrator of atrocities, that disillusions the implementing personnel also.





S. Lakshmi, Joint Director, Women and Child Welfare Department said that she has experience of 28 years in her department and her department is always available for any help, be it monetary or rehabilitation or any other type of help. She asked anyone to call the toll-free number 1098 with regard to any problem of children below 18 years and with regard to women above 18 years one can call 181 for any help. She assured that they work 24/7 and respond to any call. She assured that they have hostels, homes to safeguard destitute and old age homes. She appreciated the services and assistance of women organisations as commendable.



Ravi Babu, Retired IAS, said that the concerned departments who are supposed to implement the Act have not been committed to do their duty. He felt that it is unfortunate that there are no police officers willing to respond and implement the Act seriously. In this regard, he appealed to the Chairperson of Human Rights Commission to take up case *Suo motto* and start enquiry by issuing notices to the DGP etc. He appealed that at least in grave cases of murder etc the Commission should act *Suo motto*. He pleaded that the Commission should take up at least the 5 most heinous cases out of the 30 cases presented today. He felt that the Commission may conduct online trial and give verdict. He pointed out the lack of positive action from the district administration in going to the rescue of the hapless victims.

Ambassador Vinod Kumar appreciated Dalit Sthree Sakthi work. He said this process is very much useful to victims. In this society, all are assuming that lot of benefits are gained by Scheduled Caste people, but in reality, even 50% of the people are not getting any benefits. In this meeting the owes of the victims reveal many dalit women are living in precarious and heinous conditions. It is very sorrowful to even to talk about the type of crimes against them. He pointed out conducting legal clinic and interacting with the concerned officials like this is a very helpful process to get justice. In the present-day society, there is lot of oppression going on the marginalised sections, but the response of the government to ameliorate these sections is not up to the desired level. Hence, it is the responsibility of all of us to respond and speak in support of oppressed and suppressed sections. He felt that in sexual harassment cases society has a major role to play, while in the instances of land grabbing the role of the government is vital. He called upon everyone to struggle for justice to the victims of injustice.



Ramadevi, JD, Social Welfare Department, expressed sorrow at the agony of the victims. She said that what they see in the department and what they now actually see in their interaction with the victims is different. She appreciated DSS and its commitment in assisting the victims. In all the districts the Social Welfare Department functions to attend to the requirements of victims in each district. We always instruct our district officers to give compensation promptly. Compensation is disbursed at the district level and in these cases also we give necessary instructions to the district personnel to disburse compensation. Our department and other departments give some aid, but it is actually victim should stand up against all odds and muster courage, awareness, internal strength to fight for rights.



B. Manikyam, Deputy Engineer, Electricity Department, appreciated the courage of the victims and witnesses in standing up for justice. She said that Dalit Sthree Sakthi is standing as a support to the victims in accessing justice as per law and the constitution. Women development can happen with the support of the family, but unfortunately, they are subjugated and neglected within the family. Women should be able to assert the rights conferred on them by the constitution. Women should strive to get their socio, economic and political rights. She said that as a government employee, they face lot of restrictions and pressure. She said all of us need to extend our support to Dalit Sthree Sakthi activities.

Ms. Kavitha, Counsellor, State Women Commission, in her speech referred to the girls who were cheated in the name of love and called upon them to face the problem with courage and not to get frustrated or depressed. Then she advised them not to think that they are alone but think independently. She appealed to the victims that they should utilise the services of Women and Child Development to the extent possible. She said women's commission has been serious to work as much as possible and then she announced her WhatsApp number as 9490555533 and assured that she will respond to any problem sent through that WhatsApp number. Then she asked everyone to note her mail ID: telanganastatewomenscommission@gmail.com and suggested them to send all available material like FIR etc to the mail. She assured that she will definitely look into all the 30 cases presented in the Legal Clinic and take up them as a challenge. She added that if the police don't respond they will summon the Deputy Superintendent of police.



Mr. Sadiq, Advocate, spoke about the prevailing fear psychosis of advocates, prosecutors in not arresting one of the hardened perpetrators of violence who is occupying the lands of Dalits. He said he was prepared to take up such cases and appear along with prosecutor. The Act provides for intervention and assistance by advocates and the court cannot deny this. He assured that he will argue along with the prosecutor and see that the case is tried properly.



Ms. Sumitra, said that though she has been associated with Jhansi for long, she is practically seeing the victims and their woes only now. She added that these victims need psycho social counselling. It is not group counselling but each individual has to be given psycho social counselling. The victims need to understand the process involved in which the abuser/oppressor employs various methods of keeping the victim in control. In fact, he uses these methods first to subjugate her and seduce her and that is why the victim submits to him. If the entire process of his control can be understood by the victim, she can become free to a large extent. The abuser indulges in character assassination of the victim to terrify and make her feel low. Sometimes the male files counter cases and controls her. If the girls are sensitive, he touches those weak points to subjugate her and disarm her. Counselling helps the girls to understand this mechanism. Sakhi is rendering counselling services. In all instances of women victims, be it domestic violence, land grabbing or any other, the concerned NGOs should keep touch with Sakhi as nodal agency and review all cases. Likewise, there were committees earlier under domestic violence law etc and we should try to revise and activate these



committees. Under the POCSO Act also it is necessary to have a support person to assist the minor girl. We should train up these support persons in all cases.

Leaders of various mass organisations appealed to the commissions to take up all cases of atrocities Suo motto and render justice. They lamented that young girls are being cheated in the name of love. They appealed to the media to give coverage of violence on dalit Adivasi women and girls.

Ms. Baghya Laxmi, State Coordinator of DSS thanked the jury, leaders of all organisations for participating in the Legal clinic.

Legal Clinic, thus marked the inauguration of gender campaign and from the next day i.e., 26th November onwards, the gender campaign continued in the villages, slums, schools and colleges of State of Telangana.





Victims of atrocities assured of govt help

- **State Women Commission chief V Padma assures the victims to get their compensation at the earliest**
- **DSS national convener G Jhansi points out inordinate delay in awarding punishments to the perpetrators though**

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VLJAYAWADA (NTR DISTRICT)

THE violence against weaker sections will continue in society as long as there is inequality, stated Vasireddy Padma, the chairperson of Andhra Pradesh State Mahila Commission. She addressed the public hearing of the victims belonging to weaker sections, who suffered violence in the hands of perpetrators, here on Wednesday.

Dalit Shree Sakthi (DSS) has organised the public hearing regarding the violence faced by Dalit, Adivasi and Girijan women at Ambedkar Bhavan and presided over by DSS national convener Geddam Jhansi.

Padma said the girls, who were cheated in the name of love, should face



AP Mahila Commission chairperson Vasireddy Padma addressing a public hearing at a programme at Ambedkar Bhavan in Vijayawada on Wednesday. DSS national convener Geddani Jhansi is also seen.

life with courage and continue their education to achieve greater heights in life. She assured the victims that she would strive to get the compensation, they are entitled from the government, released at an early date. I will take the 30 cases that are mentioned during the public hearing to the departments concerned to get the compensation released,' she said. Hailing the role of Dalit Shree Sakthi for taking up the issue on behalf of

the victims, Padma said that the Mahila Commission is with the DSS in the struggle.

The public hearing had taken up 30 cases of violence against weaker sections in which the victims narrated their plight before Director of Prosecutions Ajay Prem Kumar, Sridevi of Safai Karmachari Andolan, Mohan Rao from PCR cell of CID, Qamar Begum from Seeds, Anupama from Bhumika, Kiran Kumar from Indian Lawyers Union and others.

These 30 cases include murders, atrocities, kidnap and rape of minor girls, cheating in the name of love, caste abuse, gang rapes and physical attacks.

Addressing the gathering, DSS national convener G Jhansi said that despite the amendment to the SC, ST (PoA) Act in 2015, it was not being implemented in its letter and spirit. There has been inordinate delay in awarding punishments to the perpetrators though there are special SC, ST courts, she pointed out.

Director of Prosecution Ajay Prem Kumar said that he was moved by the plight of the victims. "Since there is no opportunity for education, Dalits are still facing atrocities and it is high time education is provided to them," he said.

DSS State coordinator Hemalata proposed a vote of thanks.

'Egalitarianism only way to end violence against weaker sections'

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Raising the living standards of the weaker sections and creating an egalitarian society is the only way to curb violence against those at the lower echelons of the social ladder, said Andhra Pradesh State Mahila Commission Chairperson Vasireddy Padma.

Addressing a public hearing of victims from Dalit, Adivasi and Girijan women who suffered violence in different forms, Ms. Padma said girls duped in the name of love should not lose heart and face life with courage. She said they should continue their education, as it would help them gain confidence and achieve their goals in future. The public hearing was organised by Dalit Sthree Sakthi (DSS).

Referring to the 30 cases of violence against women and girls belonging to the weaker sections, the women's commission chief assured that she would take them up with the departments concerned for early release of compensation to the victims. Compliment-

Referring to the 30 cases of violence against women and girls belonging to the weaker sections, the women's commission chief said she would strive for early release of compensation

ing the DSS role in helping women in distress, she said the women's commission would extend its full support in this regard.

Some of the victims of the 30 cases of murders, kidnapping, rape of minor girls, cheating in the name of love, caste abuse, physical attacks and other atrocities, poured out their woes in the presence of the Director of Prosecutions Ajay Premkumar, Sridevi from Safai Karmachari Andolan, Mohan Rao for the Protection of Civil Rights cell of the CID, Kiran Kumar from Indian Lawyers' Union and representatives of NGOs Qamar Begum from Seeds and Anupama from Bhumiika. DSS national convener Gaddam Jhansi was present.

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సినిమీయల్లో నటించే 28 (సమస్య తెలంగాణ): జిందగీ. నమ్మకము అభిమానుని కేవలం ఆర్థికంగా వేగించినా ఆవు కూడా అందుకు వైకేసీ కేసీఆర్ నిజమైన జీవిత ప్రభుత్వం అన్నారు. ఈజువారి దేశిక ఆర్థిక ఆధునికత లక్షికాభూలే నాటి అంబేద్కర్ దిగ్భాగ్ నింబాత్తే. దిగ్భాగ్ నిజమే కాల్పనిక వాటిని అయినా అభిమానులకా హోదావారి అయినా. మహావీర్య హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా ప్రతి ఏటా నవంబర్ 28 నుంచి డిసెంబరు 10వ తేదీ వరకు నర్తకానంద ఆకాశాద్వితీయ ప్రభావాలను మూర్తికాంబోధించారు. ఈ కందభాగ్ అయిన మూర్తికాంబోధించారు.. మహావీర్యకు నమాన హక్కులు ఉన్నారని, వాటిని అమలు పర్మాదిన హక్కులకు ప్రతి హక్కు ఉన్నదని నేటికీ స్పష్టం. మహావీర్య హక్కుల కోసం హక్కులకు దేశిక వ్యతిరేక స్పష్టం నాకునకు అభిమానులకు. ఈ కాల్పనికమం దేశిక



టీగర్ క్లెన్ థాక్సాక్సుమల్ మాట్లాడుతున్న వైజయంతి.
 చిత్రంలో పెన్ఆర్ట్ ఛైర్మన్ జస్టిస్ చంద్రయ్య, తదితరులు
 స్ట్రీట్ కన్నీసర్ గడ్డం రూపి, అధికారులు వైజయంతి, లక్ష్మి,
 కవిత, నాగలక్ష్మి, రవిబాబు, ప్రజా సంఘాల ప్రతినిధులు
 పీఎస్ఎస్ మూర్తి, సజయ, సత్యవతి, డిఎస్ఎస్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి,
 పోల్ నార్సు.

బాధితుల కోసం మానవ హక్కుల కమిషన్
తలుపులు తెరిచి ఉన్నాయి: జస్టిస్ చంద్రయ్య

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సేభలో ప్రపంగీస్తుత్వ జస్టిస్ చంద్రయ్య

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ఆంధ్రజ్యోతి గురువారం 13 అక్టోబరు 2022

అసమానతలు తగ్గించే దిశగా కృషి జరగాలి

» రాష్ట్ర మహిళా కమిషన్ చైర్పర్సన్ వాసిరెడ్డి పద్మ

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వార్యక్రమంలో ప్రసంగిస్తున్న మహిళా
చైర్పర్సన్ వాసిరెడ్డి వద్దు

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అసమానత్వం తొలగిపోతేనే
హింస తగ్గుతుంది

పాపం. రూపిన్ మామూలుతనం, సదతే ప్రవేశావస్థన కేసులే వచ్చులు, అత్యాచారాలు, దాడులు, ప్రేమ పీడిత మహిళలు, బిడ్డలు, లైంగిక వేదింపులనుబడి ఉత్పాదించే విపరీత పాపం. మహిళా శిశు సంరక్షణకా క్షాంతిలో జైల్లోని లక్షి, ఎనభయ్యన్న తేడీ వీరిత, ఏగ్గతా తేడీ నాగలైత, చిశాల తవ్వనీ ఆదితా రుదాతాన, నాగ్తామరదాన నాడిత, ఆనం తవ్వనీ, త్రినాన, నరసూన, అంబాదేవీరీ రింగ్గో నాంరీ ప్రదాన సవరణదాన పి.ఎన్.ఎన్.మంజులై మామూలదాన, నజీబ నంధానతర్కగా దోతత వ్రీ శీ శక్తి రాత్త సమసమరతర్క దానలై, వ్యవహారలై

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శాసన చట్టం, నిర్దిష్ట కాల పరిమితి విధించినా చట్టం అమలు కావడం లేదన్నారు. ప్రత్యేక న్యాయస్థానాల ఏర్పాటు చేసినా న్యాయం జరిగిందని లేదన్నారు. ఆనంద తరం ముఖ్యఅతిథి వద్ద హాజరుదాతలతో దగిత, ఆదిత్య తోనీ బాధితుల దేవప్రసాద్ హాజరులు సాధించుకోవడం చూశారు. విద్యుత్ ద్వారా ఆత్మ స్వేచ్ఛల పెరుగుతున్నాయన్నారు. దగిత, ఆదిత్యల కోసం దగిత స్త్రీ శిక్ష వస్తున్నట్లు కృషిని అభినందించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో రాష్ట్ర కమిషనరీ కౌన్సిలర్లు, వివిధ సంస్థల సేవకులు ఆసన పట్టి, శ్రీమతి, కమర్ బేగం తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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నామాజంతో మార్పు రావాలంటే ముందుగా అట్టుడుగున ఉన్న దళిత, ఆదివాసీ మహిళలపై వివక్ష, హింస ఆలంబి దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి తాతీయ కమీషనరీ గ్రంథ రూపాన్ని ఆచార్య గణపతి శ్రీ ౪౭

నేహ్రూనగర్: ఐక్యరాజ్యసమితి పిలుపు మేరకు
 స్త్రీలపై హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా అంతర్జాతీయ
 ప్రచారోద్యమం మంగళవారం సిద్ధిహించారు.
 దశోత్తీ శక్తి నేషనల్ కన్వీనర్ జీ రూన్సీ పలు
 ప్రభుత్వ పాఠశాలలో అవగహన కలిపించారు.

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6. Significant Days of the Year

United Nations through its General Assembly declares certain days as International Days signifying certain themes and certain weeks also on some themes. These days are meant to be celebrated across the world. Every year, DSS celebrates a few International Days and a few significant days of national importance. These days are celebrated on certain relevant themes. International days are occasions to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address relevant, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity.

Recently UN declared January 24th as International Day of Education. UN declared that International Day of Education 2022 will be celebrated under the theme “Changing Course, Transforming Education.” The celebration, led by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), aims to showcase the most important transformations that have to be nurtured to realize everyone's fundamental right to education and build a more sustainable, inclusive and peaceful futures.

The right to education is enshrined in article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The declaration calls for free and compulsory elementary education. The Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted in 1989, goes further to stipulate that countries shall make higher education accessible to all. When it adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015, the international community recognized that education is essential for the success of all 17 of its goals. Sustainable Development Goal 4, in particular, aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” by 2030.

DSS highlights the theme of UN and celebrates International Day of Education on January 3rd to coincide with the birth anniversary of Savitri Bai Phule. In 2022 DSS highlighted the problems of dalit children during pandemic period by selecting the theme, “Education in Times of Pandemic”. Likewise, International Women's Day was celebrated by conducting a campaign on gender equality and on March 8th a conference was conducted on the theme, Equality of dalit/Adivasi Women is the Foundation for Social Progress. Independence Day was celebrated on the theme CASTE AND RELIGIOUS EQUALITY IN INDEPENDENCE INDIA. In addition to the significant days, DSS conducted a week long awareness campaign on Constitution of India and distributed booklets on the salient features of the Constitution in Telugu.

Birth anniversary of Savitri Bai Phule

Education in Times of Pandemic

DSS celebrated the birth anniversary of Savitri Bai Phule on 3rd January 2022. Savitri Bai Phule was a committed teacher who sacrificed her life for educating the downtrodden a century ago with courage. Her commitment to the cause was so adorable that she continued her mission despite non-cooperation from the society and attacks from fundamentalists. Every year DSS celebrates the birth anniversary with a relevant theme to discuss the status of education of dalit children, particularly, girl



children. This year the theme chosen was “Education in Times of Pandemic”. This theme was chosen to analyse the dalit children education during the closure of schools and during online classes.

The meeting was held in Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Hyderabad on 3rd January 2022. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS presided over the meeting. Other dignitaries who spoke on the occasion were:

- Sri. PSN Murthy, IDAS (Retd.), Chief Advisor of PBI
- Sri. B. Manikyam, DE, TS Transco.
- Sri. Venkata Reddy, National Co-ordinator, MV Foundation.
- Dr. Praveena, DGO, Nilofar Hospital.
- Dr. Sneha, Dermatologist.
- Rajitha, Lecturer

Ms. Jhansi Geddam in her presidential address presented the life and struggles of Savitri Bai Phule as first teacher. Savitri Bai Phule was a great visionary and social reformer who thought of educating the women more than a century ago. Lack of education is the cause of all social evils and backwardness and this was sought to be eradicated by Savitri Bai Phule. She realised that lack of education was the reason for all superstitions, child marriages, sati and all other evils. Savitri

Bai Phule fought against these evils through Satya Sodhak Samaj and started educating the downtrodden sections. Jhansi Geddam pointed out that though the Constitution recognised education as a fundamental right under Article 21A, the actual implementation of this right is pitiful.

Sri. PSN Murthy emphasised the role of education in shaping the future of children. If children provided education in atmosphere of peace and without the problems of hunger and poverty, they would grow as good citizens. He pointed out that parents should take care and properly mould the children up to the age of 5 years.

He wished that everyone, irrespective of caste and social status should be able to get good education equally. He stressed the need for women education, as only an educated mother can bring up the children properly. He said, if one wants to know the greatness of a mother one should know about Savitri Bai Phule. Mother and father play crucial role in proper upbringing of the children. Savitri Bai Phule, during her time established 18 Satya Sodhak Schools and it is their efforts that paved the way for the spread of education later. He lauded Savitri Bai Phule and her husband as ideal couple who dedicated their lives for the emancipation of the downtrodden against all odds. Savitri Bai Phule can be termed as the first teacher of the country.



Sri. Venkata Reddy in his speech said that during the time of pandemic all children and mothers suffered. He said girls are asking us a question whether we want to see them as free children in pursuit of education or we want to see them as mothers or daughter-in-law. Encouraging our children to pursue education and become independent is the only way of paying real tribute to Savitri Bai Phule. He narrated at the horrible situation of children of lower income group where domestic violence is rampant and these innocent children witness their mothers being beaten up routinely by their fathers. The agony of such children is pitiable. The sufferings of such mothers also can be eradicated only through education. He opined that now we don't have governments that shows concerns about us. Present dispensation is more concerned in providing fly overs etc than providing drinking water and other facilities for the poor. Governments are not interested in providing toilets or drinking water in schools but are providing plenty of wine shops. He extolled DSS for its anxiety about the education of downtrodden.



Dr. Praveena, recounted how Jyotiba Phule succeeded in educating and inspiring his wife Savitri Bai to work for the education of the oppressed people. She suggested to watch the plays about the lives of prodigious people like Savitri Bai Phule. She expressed her distress at the present state of affairs of government schools where there is lot of indifference towards children education. She said that the role of parents is of utmost significance in nurturing the children. She added that society can be virtuous only if family system is good.



Ms. Manikyam, adored the life of Savitri Bai Phule in dedicating for the oppressed people. Everyone should realise that the present society is caste ridden and one should work for the well-being of oppressed castes without caring for what others might think. She cautioned everyone to be aware of the conspiracy of the governments to whittle down the advantage of reservations on the one side and privatising all institutions on the other side. She insisted that all employees and professionals should be given proper training and orientation on the subject of social justice, so that they may develop proper perspectives. She observed that during the time of pandemic the poor children suffered a lot as they missed schools and also mid-day-meals. The poor children suffered when online classes were taking place, as these children had no internet and no lap tops or smart phones. Further, as their parents are not aware of internet, they could not help their children. She called upon the leaders of dalit women collectives to further develop their leadership qualities.



Ms. Rajitha, in her speech emphasized the significance of education in freeing the society from superstitions and vicious culture. She appreciated



DSS for promoting discussion on the education of the downtrodden and for monitoring the schools, social welfare hostels.

Dr. Sneha, paid tributes to Savitri Bai Phule for showing us the way with regard our responsibilities and the culture we ought to follow. Education is important and without education one cannot develop rational thinking. The goal of education should be human progress and eradication of all superstitions. She observed that during the time of pandemic poor children suffered a lot due to lack of Wi-Fi facilities, lap tops and smart phones. She advised the downtrodden sections to give lot of importance to education as without education they will be restricted to continue the hard working and less remunerative jobs that they are now forced to do.

Ms. Bhagyalakshmi and Ms. Hemalatha, co-ordinators of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh explained the activities of DSS in promoting the education of downtrodden children.



Campaign on Gender Equality on the Eve of International Women's Day

On the eve of international women's day, DSS organised week-long campaign on gender equality, awareness of special laws in the villages and slums of the working area of DSS in both the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh from 4th March 2022 to 10th March 2022. In Andhra Pradesh, the campaign was undertaken in:

- Angala Kuduru, Tenali mandal, Guntur district.
- Uppalapadu village, Guntur district.
- Pattabipuram, Sangadigunta, A.T. Agraharam of Guntur town.

In Telangana State:

- Erra Manzil, R.K. Nagar, Devarakonda, Balapur, Khairtabad slums in Hyderabad.

The campaign was carried on by the women collective leaders under the guidance of state coordinators of both the states. The campaign was carried on the main theme: "Equality of Dalit/Adivasi women is essential for Social Progress". In all the gatherings the women collective leaders-initiated discussions on gender equality, family system, socialising the children, social evils, effective implementation of special laws etc. The village and slum women were encouraged to present the problems faced by them.



International Women's Day

Equality of Dalit/Adivasi Women is the Foundation for Social Progress

DSS organised a meeting on the eve of International Women's Day at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Hyderabad on 11th March 2022. Telangana State Co-ordinator, Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi presided over the meeting. The dignitaries who spoke on the occasion were:

- Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS.
- Sri. Tarachand, General Manager, BSNL.
- Ms. Sruthi, Senior Psychologist, Women and Child Welfare Department.
- Sri. Jnaneswar, Senior Ambedkarite.
- Dr. Sneha, SWAROES, District Convener.
- Dr. Siddoji, Convener, IAS/IPS Officers Forum.
- Sri. Govardhan, Industrialist.
- Ms. Vijayalakshmi, Retd. Employee.
- Ms. Hemalatha, Co-ordinator, DSS, A.P. State.



Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi, in her presidential remarks, appraised the gathering that DSS conducted gender campaign on the eve of International Women's Day in both the state for a week. She told the audience that every year DSS conducts International Women's Day on a gender theme relevant to dalit/Adivasi women. This year the theme is: "Equality of dalit/Adivasi Women is the Foundation for Social Progress".



Ms. Jhansi Geddam touched upon the gender concept and said that our country is ranked at 123rd in the world in terms of gender equity. This is due to the fact that despite advances in science and technology our people are still steeped in traditions and traditional thinking. Women are still treated inferior. The unfortunate fact is that women themselves are unconsciously believing in patriarchal ideology and they themselves are supporting subjugation. In a recent survey in A.P. a large number of women stated that it is perfectly proper for a husband to beat his wife and believed that it is his right. This situation shows the need for all of us to educate the society and bring about transformation. Traditions, religious beliefs and other factors play an important role in consolidating gender roles. The age-old stereo type gender concepts are instilled in the society consciously and unconsciously, thereby consolidating and continuing the patriarchal gender roles. She cited how these stereo types have crept into the syllabus of LKG/UKG level. For example, the lessons say, who is



Head of the Family? which is answered as 'Father' and similarly, the lesson says, who cooks food for the Family? and this is answered as 'Mother'. Likewise, the language of all in all aspects is loaded with gender inequity. When the politicians of leading political parties are accusing each other, they are frequently saying, “we are not wearing bangles”, by which they mean we are not woman. Sometimes, to insult other politicians for their failures, these parties send bangles, etc to signify them as equal to women. It is necessary to thoroughly address the gender question and bring about changes in all aspects. Exploitation and atrocities on dalit/Adivasi women and girl children is continuing unabated even today, due to this male dominant and caste dominant attitudes. All intellectuals, politicians and other opinion makers should come forward to change this situation.

Ms. Sruthi enlightened about the Sakhi centres being run by the government and various facilities available at those centres. She pointed out how the society and media ascribes and fixes the role of women by praising that she is symbol of tolerance and that she is symbol of mother hood. During the time of Covid, one media showed how a woman was cooking while taking oxygen. While everyone shows woman in various ways, no one asks a woman what she wants or what she likes. TV serials also are depicting woman in objectionable roles. All this can be eradicated only when woman become conscious of their own personality and practice what they want. Change should come from the woman first. She narrated the problems of harassment at work places and enlightened about the provisions of the law to fight against such harassment. Despite the existence of protective laws, in most cases the women hesitate to approach the police due to fear of prolonged legal process and also lack of support from the family. Everyone would suggest to bear the agony instead of approaching the police and courts. Due to this atmosphere women have been bearing the anguish and are not fighting for their rights. In all such instances, Sakhi centre is highly useful.



Dr. Siddoji Rao, in his speech pointed out that during 2010 more number of women used to complain on men but by 2020 it is more men that are approaching to complain. He felt that women are not weak as such but it is psychological factors that make them suffer the domination and attacks. He cited the situation in villages where even when the dominant castes are very few in number and Dalits are more in number, still due to psychological factors, Dalits accept subjugation, while the dominant castes intrude and exercise power over the Dalits. He said that women are more honest compared to men and are more hard working. The progress of society is to be measured on the basis of the progress of women of that society. He detailed about the attitudes of men against women and said that the women belonging to dominant castes do not see the dalit women as equals. They look down upon dalit women as unequal and exploit them. This should go. He appealed to women to realise their strengths and struggle for equality in all aspects.



Sri. Jnaneswar, appreciated the committed work of Dalit Sthree Sakthi for the empowerment of dalit women. He said, he had been associated with dalit movements for the past 42 years, but he couldn't identify any other organisation which is as committed and as sincere as DSS. He much-admired the documentation of DSS which he felt will go as a recorded history of the dalit women situation.

He highlighted the need for recording everything so that it may serve as a reference for future generations about the facts. He added it is a matter of pride that Ms. Jhansi Geddami played key role in the struggles against atrocities like Tsundur and Lakshmi Pet. He wished DSS grow strong further and continue to serve the cause of dalit women empowerment.



Ms. Vijayalakshmi acclaimed the committed work of DSS and said that it is adorable. She appealed to women to educate and encourage the youth amongst the women as they are the future of the society. She observed that the young women are not aware of what is happening in the society, policies of the government and about gender concepts. They are being swayed away by whatever is being thrust on them by the media, TV and fashions.

It is of utmost urgent need to educate the young women and bring them back on to social reality.



Sri. Tara Chand applauded DSS and said that activists are greater than IAS and it is the activists that are serving the society. He commended the way in which DSS is serving the dalit women victims of atrocities, working in the slums and villages by providing succour to the hapless dalit women. He called upon DSS to further work against domestic violence.



Sri Govardhan praised DSS for its consistent work in empowering dalit women. He stimulated the dalit women to develop boldness and feel confident to do or face anything. He reminded that the dalit women should remember that Constitution of India has provided them full protection. Dalit women should feel strong about their rights as enshrined in the Constitution. He lamented that within the family, we look down upon the girls and bring up the girl children as unequally. This outmoded culture should go.



Dr. Sneha opined that if 50 per cent of women are not developed it is impossible for such a society to develop. As on now there are many impediments for the progress of women. Even when the women are educated, they have to face lot of barriers in their path towards development due to inequality practices. She encouraged women to take self-determining decisions for their own progress. She advised women to be self-aware and suggested that they need not abide by whatever others say. It is necessary to properly socialise girl children from a very impressionable age, with equality and gender self-respect.

Ms. Hemalatha, State co-ordinator of DSS explained the campaign activities of DSS for the past one week and how DSS took the message of gender equality among dalit/Adivasi women of its working area.

Dalit women, intellectuals and women collective leaders of DSS actively participated in the meeting.



Awareness Campaign on Constitution of India

In view of the need for protecting and strengthening democracy, DSS launched a campaign on spreading the knowledge of Constitution of India among the people of villages and slums in both the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The objective of the campaign is to impart a basic knowledge of the Constitution and inspire the public to learn deeply about the Constitution. Initially, it was planned to conduct the campaign for a week from 6th of April to 14th of April culminating on the birth anniversary of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar.

Telangana:

The campaign was launched on 6th April 2022 at 10.30 a.m. from Ambedkar statue on Tank Bund. DSS team and women collective leaders gathered at the Statue with flexis of the campaign and after garlanding Ambedkar statue, the campaign was formally launched. Banners portraying the objectives of the campaign were displayed. The slogans coined for the purpose were: "Let us learn the Constitution and Protect Democracy", "Let us Know the Constitution and Achieve Equality". Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi, State Co-ordinator of Telangana State elucidated about the purpose of campaign and the schedule of the campaign. She said the campaign will be carried on in all the villages and slums of the working area of DSS. Then, Ms. Jhansi Geddam clarified to the gathering about the need to acquire the knowledge of Constitution. She said, Constitution of India is the basic law of the country and all laws, regulations, government orders, institutions should be within the Constitutional framework. Entire administration from village level to the top, all government departments, police, all judicial institutions, should abide by the Constitution. Any act, orders or rules are invalid if they are in conflict with the Constitution.

After formal launching, the campaign was continued as per the schedule given below:

- 07-04-2022 - BJR Nagar, Khairtabad, Hyderabad.
- 08-04-2022 - RK Nagar, Erra Manzil, Hyderabad.
- 09-04-2022 - Gundala and Aluru villages, Ranga Reddy district.
- 10-04-2022 - Yeti raj Palli & Madi Reddy Palli, Vikarabad District.
- 11-04-2022 - Bobbili Gama, Bodampadu & Manmari villages, Ranga Reddy district.
- 12-04-2022 - Chenvelli, Ranga Reddy district.
- 13-04=2022 - Veer Nagar & Chintal Basti, Hyderabad.

Throughout the campaign the outlines of the Constitution was explained. It was clarified that Constitution is the foundation of the country's legislature, judiciary and executive systems. Constitution doesn't belong to anyone and all are bound by the Constitution. Essential features of the Constitution were elucidated at all meetings. At all meetings, the local leaders, the village sarpanches, youth and women were involved.





On 14th April all team and women collective leaders assembled at Ambedkar statue along with the National Convener, Ms. Jhansi Geddamm. Other dignitaries associated with DSS were: Sri. T. Gopal Rao, IAS(Retd.), Sri. A. Murali, IAS (Retd.), Sri. Siddoji Rao, Convener, IAS/IPS Officers Forum, Ms. Aruna, DICCI State President, representatives of DICCI and DSS women collective leaders. Each one of the persons that assembled there garlanded the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and raised slogans of 'Jai Bheem'. After the garlanding session, a meeting was held all DSS team and women collectives gathered at the office of DSS. With this meeting the campaign on constitution came to an end.





Andhra Pradesh

Campaign on Constitution was launched in Andhra Pradesh on 7th April 2022 with the slogan, “Let us learn the Constitution and Protect Democracy”. DSS National Convener, Ms. Jhansi Geddam launched the campaign by garlanding the statue of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar, at Lodge Centre, Guntur at about 10.30 a.m. on 7th April 2022. A.P. State Co-ordinator, Ms. Hemalatha and women collective leaders participated in the campaign launching event. Ms. Hemalatha spoke about the objectives of the programme and said that the campaign will be carried on in the villages and slums of DSS working area. National Convener, DSS, Ms. Jhansi Geddam explained the idea of Constitutional governance and need for everyone to know about the Constitution. She said that due to lack of knowledge of the Constitution, many people are taking it for granted that the governments are supreme in taking any decision, whereas actually, the governments should work in accordance with the Constitution. She clarified to the gathering that all institutions of governance, including legislature and judiciary are bound by the Constitution. Hence it is necessary for everyone to have knowledge of at least the outlines of the Constitution. She said, that since the dalit women in the working area of DSS are more aware of their rights, important laws, it is necessary to impart the knowledge of Constitution, so that they can better work for strengthening democracy. She also spoke about gender equality, prohibition of untouchability and other aspects of equality that are enshrined in the Constitution of India. She said that if the implementation of Constitution fails it is only due to the lack of knowledge of people about the Constitution. It was suggested that Constitution should be introduced in the syllabus from the school level so that the children may be made aware of the concepts of equality, democracy etc.

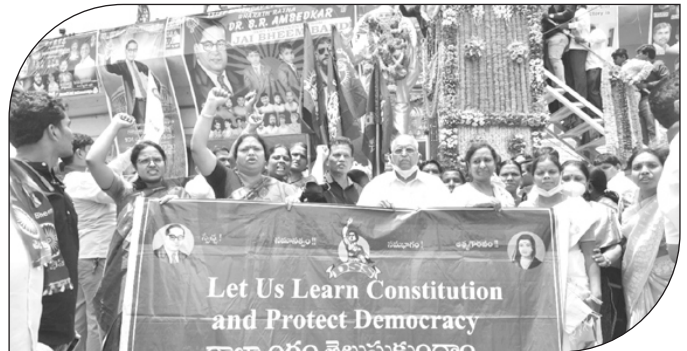
After the launching programme the campaign continued as follows:

- 08-04-2022 - Pattabipuram, A.T. Agraharam, Guntur.
- 09-04-2022 - Nandivelugu & Katevaram, Tenali Mandal, Guntur district.
- 10-04-2022 - Kopalle & Angala Kuduru, Tenali Mandal, Guntur district.
- 11-04-2022 - Uppalapadu & Sangadigunta, Guntur.
- 12-04-2022 - Chitti Nagar & Ranigari Thota, Vijayawada.
- 13-04-2022 - Balaji Nagar, Vijayawada.

A.P. State Co-ordinator Ms Hemalatha led the campaign in all the above villages and urban slums. At all place, the youth, dalit women collective leaders participated in the campaign. The local sarpanches were invited to take part in the meetings held at villages. Everywhere, the essential features of the Constitution, the relationship between various organs of the State and how they have to work within the framework of the Constitution have been explained.

On 14th April 2022 the State co-ordinator Ms. Hemalatha and women collective leaders gathered at Ambedkar statue at Lodge Centre and garlanded the statue. With the celebration of birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the campaign on the Constitution came to an end.





CASTE AND RELIGIOUS EQUALITY IN INDEPENDENCE INDIA

Like any other organisation Dalit Sthree Sakthi also celebrates Independence Day every year, but with a little difference. DSS takes the opportunity of events like this to initiate a debate on a socially relevant topic each year. In the existing situation in the country there is a feeling that Dalits, minorities are at the receiving end. Even after 75 years of independence there is no visible progress among the Dalits and minorities and DSS felt it is appropriate to discuss about the “*Caste and Religious Equality in Independence India*”. Prof.KY Ratnam, Professor of University of Hyderabad, Prof. Saraswathi Raju, Professor of Social Work and Executive Member of Executive Council of Acharya Nagarjuna University, Dr. Sayyed Babu, Advocate High Court of A.P., Sister Mary, DWF participated as resource persons and presented their view on the topic of caste and religious equality in the country. Mrs. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS presided over the meeting, while Ms. Hemalatha and Bhagya Lakshmi, State Co-ordinators of A.P. and Telangana participated.

Ms. Jhansi Geddam: In her presidential address, Jhansi Geddam emphasised the need to take stock of the progress of the country on the question of achieving equality during the past 75 years. She said, the actual reality of dalit situation presents a dismal picture. The Dalits, particularly the dalit women, continue to be discriminated in all fields. Major share of the natural, economic and political resources are cornered only by a few dominant castes and Dalits are denied their share in all resources. The letter and spirit of the Constitution is flouted in achieving equality and equity of all people. The Directive Principles of State Policy, Article 39 in particular, has never been taken seriously by the State in formulating its economic policies. As a result, after 75 years of independence a major section of the populace is living at subsistence levels while a very few industrialists are ranking as world's richest persons. We can see that not only in economic terms, but in terms of caste also, equality is nowhere to be seen. Atrocities are committed on Dalits and dalit women even today. Caste intolerance is on the rise and this can be seen in the rise of incidents of murder of Dalits for marrying the girls of other castes.





On occasions like this, it is necessary to review the drawbacks and work out for future progress and advancement. Instead, unfortunately, the governments and dominant political elite are doing the opposite. Concerted canvassing is going on for abolition of all welfare measures and reservations. None is bothering about the failure to implement the Constitutional provisions and special laws. There is no system to question the failures. Even the courts are not coming to the rescue of Dalits and minorities.

Prof. KY Ratnam:

Prof. Ratnam outlined the importance of freedom of expression and religious freedom as important pillars of democracy. He traced the roots of the practice of untouchability to religion. He said, religion forms the basis of caste and caste forms the basis of social practice. In case of Dalits, it is caste system that proclaimed the theory of lower caste and created the practice of untouchability. This practice is legitimised by the theory of religion. He explained detail about the right to freedom of religion. Freedom of religion encompasses, the corollary rights like, right to practice, profess and propagate one's religion. Unfortunately, in the present scenario there is lot of intolerance when people start exercising these rights. Only when we develop tolerance and secular outlook, we can achieve equality and not otherwise. Then only there can be real independence. Now the governments have turned religious and that's why there is lot of inequality. He asserted that it is only the dalit women that have these qualities and called upon them to lead the nation. He appreciated DSS for transforming the dalit women as potential leaders.

Prof. Saraswathi Raju:

Prof. Saraswathi observed that the caste prejudices are getting consolidated in all spheres of social, political life. She felt that poverty, illiteracy are the main causes that promote casteism. She called upon the dalit women to pursue education and advised them that it is only through education they can achieve dignity. She opined that with education, the civil society can turn to be more conscious to demand for the implementation of constitutional provisions in letter and spirit.

Dr. Sayyed Babu:

Sayyed Babu in his speech said that one has to differentiate between culture and religion. He felt that the culture of Indus Valley civilisation was attributed to Hindu religion, whereas, all people of the country follow the same culture irrespective of religion. He exhorted the dalit women to get educated to the highest level and also get their children educated. He commented that the political elite is not seriously interested in improving the educational system and that is why they never pay attention to schools, because they know that educated public will question their administration.

Dalit Women Collective leaders and members actively participated in the meeting.



రాజ్యాంగంపై ప్రచారోద్యమం ప్రారంభం

నెహ్రూదగ్గర: బారత రాజ్యాంగం సారాంశాన్ని ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ తెలుసుకోవాలని దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ గృహం ధూర్జుని తెలిపారు. రాజ్యాంగం తెలుసుకుందాం... సమానత్వం సాధించుకుందాం అనే నినాదంతో 7 నుంచి 14 (అంతర్జాతీయ జయంతి)వరకు ప్రచారోద్యమం నిర్వహించనున్నట్లు ఆమె పేర్కొన్నారు. లాక్డౌన్ సెలవులలోని అంతర్జాతీయ విగ్రహం వద్ద గురువారం ప్రచారోద్యమాన్ని ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆమె మాట్లాడుతూ వివక్షతకు తావులేకుండా అందరూ సమానంగా ఆస్తి హక్కులు పొందుకోవాలని రాజ్యాంగం చెబుతోందని చెప్పారు. దాన్ని ప్రజలకు వివరించడానికి ప్రచారోద్యమం నిర్వహించనున్నట్లు తెలిపారు. దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి రాష్ట్ర కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ హేమలత మాట్లాడుతూ రాజ్యాంగం



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మంగళవారం : 13 ఏప్రిల్, 2022, రంగారెడ్డి

రాజ్యాంగ ఫలాలను అందుకో



అంతర్జాతీయ విగ్రహం వద్ద ప్రచారోద్యమాన్ని ప్రారంభిస్తున్న ధూర్జుని

చేష్ట: ప్రతి ఒక్కరు రాజ్యాంగం ద్వారా అందే ఫలాలను పొందాలని దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ గృహం ధూర్జుని, ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ, బిఎస్సీ, బిఎస్సీ ఆధికారుల సంఘం జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ సిద్ధాంతరావు అన్నారు. చేష్ట మండలంలోని చనువెల్లి గ్రామంలో

దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్

అంతర్జాతీయ యువజన సంఘం ఆధ్వర్యంలో ధూర్జుని విగ్రహాన్ని మంగళవారం ఆవిష్కరించారు. ముఖ్యఅతిథులుగా ఎంపీపీ విజయలక్ష్మి, జెడ్పీటీసీ మాలతి, సర్పంచ్ వడ్డ, విగ్రహహాతులు రామేశ్వర రెడ్డి, శ్రీనివాసచారి హాజరయ్యారు. అంతర్జాతీయ విగ్రహాన్ని ఏర్పాటు చేసినందుకు ముందుకు వచ్చిన యువకులను, దాతలను ఆభినందించారు. దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి రాష్ట్ర కన్వీనర్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి, ఎంపీటీసీ మమత, అంతర్జాతీయ యువజన సంఘం నాయకులు సర్పంలు, మాజీ సర్పంచ్ సర్పంలు, మాజీ ఎం పీటీసీ సర్పంలు, నాయకులు ప్రభాకర్, ప్రభాకర్ రెడ్డి, రవీందర్, వార్డు సభ్యులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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మంగళవారం ఏప్రిల్ 13, 2022

అంతర్జాతీయ



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సాక్షి

మంగళవారం : 8 ఏప్రిల్, 2022, గుంటూరు

దళిత, అసహజ వర్గాల అభివృద్ధి

సంక్షేమం లక్ష్యం



అంతర్జాతీయ విగ్రహం వద్ద ప్రచారోద్యమాన్ని ప్రారంభిస్తున్న ధూర్జుని

దళిత మహిళ గళమెత్తే సందర్భం!

అంతర్జాతీయ మహిళా దినోత్సవాన్ని ప్రతి ఏటా మార్చి 8న ప్రపంచ వ్యాప్తంగా జరుపుకున్నారు. కానీ మన దేశంలో ప్రభుత్వాలు దాని ప్రాధాన్యతను సవ్యంగా గుర్తించటం లేదు. ప్రస్తుతం బళ్లారాజ్యసమితి స్త్రీలపై జరుగుతున్న హింసను రూపుమాపడం కోసం నవంబర్ 25 నుంచి డిసెంబరు 10 వరకు 16 రోజుల పాటు అంతర్జాతీయ ప్రచారోద్యమాన్ని రూపొందించింది. దీన్ని '16 days activism' అని పిలుస్తున్నారు. ఈ పదహారు రోజుల్లో స్త్రీలపై హింసను రూపుమాపేందుకు అంతర్జాతీయ దినోత్సవంగా (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) జరుపుకోనే మొదటి రోజు నవంబరు 25వ తేదీ, 'మానవ హక్కుల దినోత్సవం' (Human Rights Day)గా జరుపుకోనే అఖిరి రోజు డిసెంబరు 10వ తేదీ కలెక్షన్లనవి. ఈ పదహారు రోజుల ప్రచారోద్యమం చాలా ప్రత్యేకమైనది అయినప్పటికీ మన దేశంలో దీనికి ఎక్కడా ప్రాధాన్యత కనిపించటం లేదు. కారణం స్త్రీలపై హింసను రూపుమాపడంలో మన ప్రభుత్వాలకు ఉన్న నిర్లక్ష్యమే.

స్త్రీల స్థితిగతులు మారాలన్నా, పిల్లల భవిష్యత్తు బాగు మరాలన్నా, స్త్రీ పురుష సంబంధాలు స్నేహపూరిత సంబంధాలుగా ఉండాలన్నా, అసమానతలు, అంతురానితనం పోయి సమ-సమాజ సౌభర్యం జరిగాలన్నా, విలువలతో కూడిన రాజ్యాంగం అమలు కావాలి. మహిళ-యువ అంతర్జాతీయ అలోచనా విధానమే శరణంగా ప్రజలను చైతన్య పరచడం, అవగాహన కల్పించడం ఒక్కటే ఇందుకు మార్గం. అందుకే బళ్లారాజ్యసమితి ఇచ్చిన పిలుపు మేరకు 'దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి' నవంబరు 25వ తేదీ నుంచి డిసెంబరు 10వ తేదీ వరకు రెండు తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాల్లో, పది జిల్లాల్లోని గ్రామాల్లో, వాడల్లో, ప్రభుత్వ పాఠశాలల్లో, కళాశాలల్లో నడచు, సమావేశాలు, రాబీలు, మానవహారాల రూపంలో కార్యక్రమాలను రూపొందించింది. దీనిలో భాగంగా ఈ నెల 25వ లక్షికాపూర్వ, హైదరాబాదులోని అంతర్జాతీయ రిసెర్చ్ సెంటరులో ఈ సందర్భంగా జరిగిన 90 హింసాత్మక సంఘటనల్లోని బాధితులను, సాక్షులను ప్రభుత్వ అధికారులు, కమీషన్లు, ప్రొసెక్యూటర్లు, లాయర్లు, వివిధ సంస్థల నాయకులు, మీడియా ప్రతినిధుల సమక్షంలో హాజరు పరిచి లీగల్ క్లినిక్ పేరుతో ప్రారంభ సభను నిర్వహించింది. డిసెంబర్ 10న విజయవాడ ప్రెస్ క్లబ్బులో మానవ హక్కుల దినోత్సవం రోజు ముగింపు సభ జరుగుతుంది. భావసారూప్యం కలిగిన వ్యక్తులు, సంస్థలు ఈ ప్రచారోద్యమంలో పాల్గొని దళిత ఆధివాసీ స్త్రీలపై, బాధితులపై జరుగుతున్న హింసను రూపుమాపాలని ప్రతిజ్ఞ చేద్దాం.

- ధూర్జుని గృహం

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సమానత్వంపోనే సమాజ ప్రగతికి సాధ్యం



గుంటూరు, మార్చి 7 (ప్రభుత్వం): దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో అంతర్జాతీయ మహిళా దినోత్సవం సాగింది. పురుషురించుకొని ఈనెల 4వ తేదీ నుంచి 10వ తేదీ వరకు దళితాధివాసీస్త్రీల సమానత్వం, సమాజ ప్రగతికి పునాది అనే అంశంపై ప్రచారోద్యమాన్ని నిర్వహిస్తున్నట్లు దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి రాష్ట్ర కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ ఎం. హేమలత తెలిపారు. సోమవారం సంగడిగుంట, పట్టాభిషేకం, ఉప్పలపాడు, అంగలకుదురు, నాగరాజుకాలనీ పలు గ్రామాల్లో ప్రచారోద్యమం, గ్రామసభలు నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా దళిత, అధివాసీ స్త్రీలను సమాయత్తపరిచి హక్కులను సంబంధించి ఉత్సాహపరిచి ముందుకు తీసుకువెళ్లేందుకు అంతర్జాతీయ మహిళా దినోత్సవం ఒక మంచి సందర్భంగా అన్నారు. దళితస్త్రీశక్తి పనిచేస్తున్న ప్రాంతాల్లో జండర్ సమానత్వం, స్త్రీ, పురుష సంబంధాలు పిల్లలపై జరుగుతున్న దోపిడీలు, పాఠశాలల్లో అంగనవాడీ కంటర్లు, హస్తాక్షర పనితీరు మెరుగుపడి, విద్యార్థులకు మంచి భవిష్యత్తును అందించటం కోసం సమాజిక బాధ్యత, పర్యవేక్షణ, స్త్రీలపై జరుగుతున్న అత్యాచారాలు, నియంత్రణ పద్ధతులు అనే అంశంపై ఈ ప్రచారోద్యమం సాగిందన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి జిల్లా, రాష్ట్ర మహిళా కార్యకర్తలు అవ్వ, సామాజ్యం, కోవేళ్ళు, నుజాత, కుమారి, మేరీ నిర్మల, కదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

సూర్య - అమరావతి

స్త్రీ సమానత్వమే సమాజ ప్రగతికి పునాది

గుంటూరు - సూర్య ప్రతినిధి అంతర్జాతీయ మహిళా దినోత్సవాన్ని పురస్కరించుకొని ఈనెల నాలుగో తేదీ నుంచి పదో తారీకు వరకు దళిత అధివాసీ స్త్రీల సమానత్వం సమాజ ప్రగతికి పునాది అనే అంశంపై ప్రచార ఉద్యమాన్ని నిర్వహిస్తున్నామని. ఆంధ్ర ప్రదేశ్ రాష్ట్ర కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ హేమలత తెలిపారు. సోమవారం సంగడిగుంట, పట్టాభిషేకం, ఉప్పలపాడు అంగలకుదురు, నాగరాజు కాలనీ, పలు గ్రామాల్లో ప్రచార ఉద్యమాన్ని ముందు గ్రామ సభలు నిర్వహించడం జరిగింది తెలిపారు. ఈ ప్రచార ఉద్యమం



అంతర్జాతీయ విగ్రహం వద్ద ప్రచారోద్యమాన్ని ప్రారంభిస్తున్న ధూర్జుని

మన మహిళా దినోత్సవాన్ని ప్రతి సంవత్సరం జరుపుకుంటుంది తెలియజేసారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి పనిచేస్తున్న ప్రాంతాల్లో సమానత్వం స్త్రీ పురుష సంబంధాలు పిల్లలపై జరుగుతున్న దోపిడీలు, పాఠశాలలో అంగనవాడీ సెంటర్ లో హస్తాక్షర పనితీరు మెరుగుపడి, విద్యార్థులకు మంచి భవిష్యత్తును అందించటం కోసం సమాజిక బాధ్యత పర్యవేక్షణ, స్త్రీలపై జరుగుతున్న అత్యాచారాలు, నియంత్రణ పద్ధతులు అనే అంశంపై ఈ ప్రచారోద్యమం సాగుతుంది అన్నారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి మహిళా నాయకులు, కార్యకర్తలు కదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

ఈనాడు

గురువారం ఏప్రిల్ 7, 2022

రాజ్యాంగాన్ని తెలుసుకుందాం: డిఎన్ఎస్

హిందూత్వదగ్గర: రాజ్యాంగంపై ప్రజల్లో అవగాహన కల్పించేందుకు, ప్రజాస్వామ్యాన్ని కాపాడుకునేందుకు దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి(డిఎన్ఎస్) రాజ్యాంగాన్ని తెలుసుకుందాం అనే కార్యక్రమాన్ని మంగళవారం ధూర్జునితో ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ విగ్రహం వద్ద ప్రారంభించింది. పుష్ప జాతీయ టీగర్స్ జాన్మి గృహం, రాష్ట్ర ముఖ్యమంత్రి పీఠానికి కదితరులు హాజరైంది. మొదటిసారి ప్రజలు ఎక్కడా ఉన్న లేని రాజ్యాంగంపై అవగాహన కల్పించే నిర్వహిస్తున్న వివరించారు.

ఆంధ్రప్రభ

గురువారం 7 ఏప్రిల్ 2022

రాజ్యాంగం తెలుసుకుందాం

హిందూత్వదగ్గర: రాజ్యాంగంపై ప్రజల్లో అవగాహన కల్పించేందుకు, ప్రజాస్వామ్యాన్ని కాపాడుకునేందుకు దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి(డిఎన్ఎస్) రాజ్యాంగాన్ని తెలుసుకుందాం అనే కార్యక్రమాన్ని మంగళవారం ధూర్జునితో ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ విగ్రహం వద్ద ప్రారంభించింది. పుష్ప జాతీయ టీగర్స్ జాన్మి గృహం, రాష్ట్ర ముఖ్యమంత్రి పీఠానికి కదితరులు హాజరైంది. మొదటిసారి ప్రజలు ఎక్కడా ఉన్న లేని రాజ్యాంగంపై అవగాహన కల్పించే నిర్వహిస్తున్న వివరించారు.

ఈనాడు

మంగళవారం ఏప్రిల్ 12, 2022

రాజ్యాంగం తెలుసుకుందాం

హిందూత్వదగ్గర: రాజ్యాంగంపై ప్రజల్లో అవగాహన కల్పించేందుకు, ప్రజాస్వామ్యాన్ని కాపాడుకునేందుకు దళిత స్త్రీశక్తి(డిఎన్ఎస్) రాజ్యాంగాన్ని తెలుసుకుందాం అనే కార్యక్రమాన్ని మంగళవారం ధూర్జునితో ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ విగ్రహం వద్ద ప్రారంభించింది. పుష్ప జాతీయ టీగర్స్ జాన్మి గృహం, రాష్ట్ర ముఖ్యమంత్రి పీఠానికి కదితరులు హాజరైంది. మొదటిసారి ప్రజలు ఎక్కడా ఉన్న లేని రాజ్యాంగంపై అవగాహన కల్పించే నిర్వహిస్తున్న వివరించారు.

7. Networking - Collaboration with Democratic Forces

Dalit women struggle for liberation, to be successful can't be carried on in isolation without the support of larger sections of the society. In fact, oppression of dalit women is not just their problem, it is the concern of everyone to see that a sizable chunk of its population is freed from the yoke of suffering and violence. It is a matter of social, political and economic justice that we have avowed to in the Constitution of India. In that larger perspective it is the responsibility of all right thinking people to join hands with dalit women in accessing justice and eradicating all forms of violence. DSS designed its strategic activities with this perspective of inclusion of all democratic forces in the struggles of dalit/Adivasi women and girl children. Parallel can be drawn from the recent struggles of blacks against the police killings. Their struggle was coined as "Black lives Matter", meaning that one can't take black lives easily as if they are not citizens. In that movement many white Americans and whites across the world joined hands and expressed solidarity. In that context, it was observed on behalf of the white Americans that: "Whether or not we feel we are part of the problem, all of us can do better than we are. We must all look sincerely deep within and document what all we can and doing whatever we can to make black people feel that this is their country as much as it is ours. We should concede that many of us are blind to the level of injustice affecting black Americans. It starts with us educating those close to us and not turning the other way when we see racist behaviour, no matter how subtle". DSS sincerely feels that this attitude should be inculcated among all the non-dalits and males vis-à-vis dalit women. Hence, it is of fundamental importance to mobilise the support of likeminded organizations, individuals and institutions. DSS always tried its best to convince everyone, including dominant castes to support the just cause of dalit women. DSS has been approaching democratic minded individuals and other organizations to come and participate in the activities of DSS. Whenever Public Hearing, Legal Clinic or Round Table Conference are conducted, DSS invited and involved all available CSOs/CBOs, officials to participate and give suggestions. Likewise, DSS participated in the struggles, conferences etc of other organizations expressing solidarity with them. As part of its networking DSS participated in various activities jointly conducted by NGOs and CBOs. Given below are some of the networking activities:

Universal Periodic Review Meeting Telangana: January 10th 2022

A preparatory meeting of UPR was held with the representatives of multifarious organisations of Telangana State in Zoom on 10th January 2022. This meeting was organised by a joint platform of various all organisations in which Jhansi Geddani, National Convener of DSS, State Co-ordinators of DSS and women collective leaders participated and presented facts of ground reality and their perspectives on continued violations of human rights. Various participants presented the situation of rights of minorities, transgenders, children and women.

Training Session on Budget: January 11th 2022:

Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre (DBRC) organised a training session for all dalit/Adivasi leaders on the topic of Budget allocations for SC/ST welfare, sub-plan allocations and welfare schemes. The training was held at SC, ST Railway Employees Auditorium, Guntur. In this training session leaders of SC, ST organisations, DVMC members participated. Ms. Hemalatha, DSS State Co-ordinator of A.P. participated and shared the experiences of DSS. She explained that large number of people are not aware of the SCSP/TSP Act and the procedures for getting various schemes sanctioned under the Act. She stressed the urgent need to launch a concerted programme of spreading the knowledge of the Act

among the concerned sections, particularly, the youth and motivating them to demand for various schemes, so that they may become economically self-reliant.

Universal Periodic Review Meeting A.P.: January 22nd to 28th 2022

Preparatory meeting for submitting UPR was held on Zoom from 22nd to 28th January 2022 for the State of A.P. This was organised jointly by DSS and DBSU involving the representatives of various mass organisations. The meeting was held to take feedback from activists and organisations about the ground realities of human rights for preparing alternative report on human rights situation in India. Representatives of dalit/Adivasi organizations, women organisations, representatives of workers unions & minorities participated and gave their views. DSS team, leaders of women collectives participated in the discussion and submitted details of violations of human rights in their working areas. In both the states, DSS presented a working paper on the situation and the course of action needed.

Round Table Conference on Budget: February 10th 2022:

A Round Table Conference on the topic 'Ambedkar Economics- Utilisation of SC/ST Budget in the State of Andhra Pradesh' was organized by DBRC on 10th February 2022 at V. Royal Park, Arundel Pet, Guntur. The Round Table Conference was conducted under the auspices of Mr. A. Chitti Babu and Mr. A. Dev Kumar. Noted intellectuals, Mr, N.D. Babaiah, Mr. D. Muni swamy spoke as resource persons and enlightened the participants on various aspects of budget allocations. A.P. State co-ordinator Ms. Hemalatha attended the Round Table Conference and expressed the issues concerning various aspects of budget allocation. She stressed the need to allocate budget for compensation, rehabilitation and payment of T.A. & D.A. for the victims of atrocities. Further, she pointed out the need for sufficient budget allocation for various schemes of economic self-reliance of the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes' populace.

Periodic Review of Human Rights Situation in India: February 14th 2022:

NCDHR conducted a national consultation of Stakeholders Report for UN Universal Periodic Review with representatives of all States in India on 14th February 2022. A zoom conference of all representatives was conducted for presentation of views of the participants. Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener, Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi & Ms. Hemalatha, Co-ordinators of A.P. & Telangana participated and presented the factual situation of human rights in the States of A.P. & Telangana.

International Women's Day Celebration by All India ST Employees Association: March 6th 2022:

All India Scheduled Tribes Employees Association organised International Women's Day on 6th March 2022, at Ambedkar Bhavan, Mallpur, Hyderabad. Sri. PV Ramana, National President of the Association presided over the event. Sri. Anjaneyulu, Sri. Y. Giri, IPS, DCP, Rachakonda Police Commissionerate and Ms. Jhansi Geddam, National Convener of DSS participated as speakers. Jhansi Geddam highlighted the situation of tribal women and stressed the need for their all-round development, particularly, economic self-reliance. She pointed out that dalit/Adivasi women are oppressed and exploited on all fronts and called for the active support of men to achieve gender equity of dalit/Adivasi women. She said that all sections of the society should actively support the development of dalit/Adivasi women for the betterment of the society and for the economic progress of the country. The association leaders felicitated Jhansi Geddam in appreciation of her work towards the empowerment of dalit/Adivasi women.



International Women's Day Celebrations of City Library, Hyderabad: March 8th

The City Library Organisation conducted International Women's Day on 8th March 2022 at Hyderabad. Ms. Jhansi Geddham, National Convener of DSS was the Chief Guest at the event. Telangana State Co-ordinator Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi, Ms. Keerthana and Ms. Swapna also participated on behalf of DSS. Ms. Jhansi Geddham in her speech narrated the significance of International Women's Day and said that it is working class women's day. She recalled how the working women waged historic struggle for 8 hours working day and in recognition of the triumph of the working women the day is remembered and celebrated. It is due to the struggles of working women only that we are able to achieve important rights like voting rights, equal pay for equal work and other basic rights. She reminded that the women's rights that we enjoy today are not a gift or grant out of generosity by a benevolent State, but were achieved through determined struggles of women at national and international levels. She appealed to the educated and employed women to equip themselves with the knowledge of social issues, laws and in turn educate and inspire other women, for social transformation. Society can be transformed and gender equity achieved only if the women contribute their bit. She congratulated Chairperson of the Library Ms. Prasanna and Director Ms. Padmaja Reddy. After the meeting, the organisers felicitated Ms. Jhansi Geddham and DSS members.



International Women's Day Celebrations by SWAROES: March 8th 2022

A meeting to celebrate International Women's Day was held by SWAROES of Balapur, Hyderabad. Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi, State Co-ordinator attended this meeting as Chief Guest. Mr. M. Jagan presided over the meeting while Ms. Deevana from TRANSCO department attended as a speaker. Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi spoke about the need for achieving total gender equality in the society. She pointed out that the gender relations play a key role on future generation. She explained that gender is a social construct and that now all traditions and social practices are steeped in old stereo type gender relations. She stresses the need to thoroughly overhaul the existing stereo type gender constructs and educate the younger generation about gender equality. She enlightened the audience by citing how the lessons for small children are prepared in the school syllabus in a stereo type format. This type of syllabus with gender stereo types spoils the minds of children. She elucidated the need for changing everything from the school syllabus to entire culture to bring about gender equality in the society. Later, the organisers felicitated the DSS team.





Social Wellness and the Role of Women: March 10th 2022

Spandana Eda International Foundation organised a seminar on the theme, “Social Wellness and the Role of Women” on 10th March 2022 at hotel Green Park, Ameer Pet, Hyderabad. Dr. Eda Samuel Reddy and Ms. Eda Nirmala established this, Eda Foundation to motivate the youth and implement various activities for the betterment of young men and women. Prominent leaders and intellectuals attended the meeting on 10th March 2022. Ms. V. Suneetha Lakshma Reddy, Chairperson of Women Commission, Ms. Vani Devi, M.L.C., Sri K. Venkatesan, I.A.S., Ms. D. Kavitha, Ms. Usha Giri, Psychologist and others attended the meeting as speakers. Ms. Jhansi Geddham, National Convener, DSS was invited as one of the chief speakers. Ms. Jhansi Geddham spoke about the problems faced by youth these days. She lamented at the way many dalit girls are being cheated in the name of love and these young girls are facing lot of problems and frustration due to failure of love. She said, however, that the young women should muster courage and face the situation with equanimity, instead of committing suicides or such other extreme steps. It is necessary to instil confidence in such young women by counselling and implementing other palliative measures. Society should also learn to be sympathetic towards such girls instead of condemning and isolating them. Spandana Eda Foundation felicitated Jhansi Geddham.

Awareness on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act: Mar. 12th 2022

A conference was held under the auspices of Chairman, SC, ST Commission on 12th March 2022 at Zilla Parishad conference hall, Guntur. This conference conducted with the objective of enlightening the participants about the provisions of the Act and briefing them on the occurrence of various atrocities in the district. The conference was attended by the members of the Commission and representatives of various dalit/Adivasi organisations. DSS state co-ordinator of A.P. and leaders of women collectives actively participated in the conference and expressed their views about the implementation of the Act and other issues connected with payment of compensation, trial of the accused etc.

International Women's' Day Celebrations by DICCI: March 16th 2022

DICCI Telangana Chapter celebrated International Women's Day on 16th March 2022. A one-day awareness camp on the theme of 'Stand up India Schemes' at Ambedkar Resource Centre, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad. The session was presided over by Ms. Aruna, President of DICCI, Telangana Chapter. Ms. Seema Kamble was the Chief Guest, while Sri Narra Ravi Kumar, National President of DICCI, Sri. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary of Industries Department spoke on the occasion. Representatives of SIDBI, SBI were amongst others that participated and shared their views. Jhansi Geddham, National Convener of DSS participated as invitee and spoke on the occasion. She motivated the women to improve their skills and grab the opportunities to become economically self-reliant. The organisers of the event felicitated Jhansi Geddham on the occasion in recognition of her contribution towards the empowerment of dalit women.

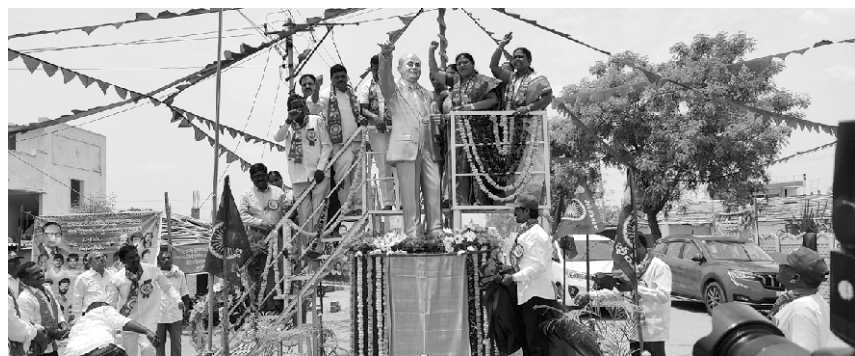


Babu Jagjivan Ram's 115th Birth Anniversary: April 5th 2022

Guntur district Social Welfare Department celebrated the 115th birth anniversary of crusader of social justice and former Deputy Prime Minister of India, Babu Jagjivan Ram, on 5th April 2022. Director of Social Welfare, Sri. Madhusudan Rao presided over the event. The district collector of Guntur, Sri. Venugopal Reddy was the chief guest of the celebration. Chairperson of Zilla Parishad, Ms. Henry Christina, Joint Collector, Mayor Sri. Kavati Manohar Naidu and others participated in the function. A.P. State co-ordinator of DSS, Ms. Hemalatha and women collective leaders participated in the meeting. Ms. Hemalatha called up on the students to emulate the commitment and contribution of Babu Jagjivan Ram. She lauded the organisers for conducting the meeting and spreading the message of equity and social justice of Babu Jagjivan Rao. She explained the contribution of Babu Jagjivan Ram in the parliament in implementing the ideals of the constitution.

Unveiling of Dr B R Ambedkar Statue – Chenveli Village: April 12th 2022

On 12th April 2022 Ambedkar statue was inaugurated at Chenivelli Village, Chevella Mandal, Ranga Reddy district. Ms. Jhansi Geddani, National Convener of Dalit Stree Sakthi was the Chief Guest who unveiled the statue. There are many specialities in the installation of Ambedkar statue in Chenivelli village. The committee that was instrumental in making and installing the statue were all youth and consisted of not just youth from dalit community but is inclusive of others. Unlike the scenario in most villages, the statue of Ambedkar in this village was erected in the centre of the village and not in the dalit colony. Long ago, there was a clash between the dominant Reddy castes over a land issue and a dalit boy was beaten up brutally. Cases were filed against the attackers. DSS took up the issue and with the intervention of District Collector and Superintendent of Police amicably solved the issue. Apart from the legal action, the dominant caste people of the village were counselled to behave and to learn to respect and treat Dalits with equality. Continuous counselling, education of the entire villagers about the negative consequences of clashes and how such an atmosphere stalls development of the village, resulted in positive thinking. Both the castes started developing good relations and treating each other with mutual respect. Over a time, the villagers developed unity and now all of them unitedly installed the statue of Ambedkar.



After, Jhansi Geddarn unveiled the statue, a meeting was conducted in which the following persons were seated on the dais and spoke on the occasion:

- Sri Vijayalakshmi, MPP, Chevella
- Sri Malathi, ZPTC, Chevella
- Sri Padma, Sarpanch, Chenvelli
- Sri Bhagya Lakshmi, State Co-ordinator, DSS
- Sri Jhansi Geddarn, National Convener, DSS
- Sri Siddoji Rao, Convener, IAS/IPS Officers Forum
- Prof. A. Subrahmanyam, Retd. Law Professor, Acharya Nagarjuna University
- Sri G. Ravi, District Convener, TRS, SC, ST Cell



Sri. Narasimhulu, Ambedkar Chaitanya Yuvajana Sangham presided over the meeting.

Everyone spoke about the great contribution of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar and all the speakers stressed that Ambedkar belongs to all and not just to Dalits.

Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebrations: April 14th 2022

Scheduled Castes Development Department organised annual day of Girls Hostel at Chevella, Ranga Reddy district on 14th April 2022. The Chief Warden of the hostel Ms. Madhavi presided over the meeting. DSS Telangana State co-ordinator, Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi was the chief guest of the event. As 14th April was birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, various competitions were organised for the hostel girls. The hostel students actively participated in the competitions and exhibited their talents. Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi distributed prizes and dictionaries to the winners of various competitions. Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi addressed the hostel students and inspired them to become more knowledgeable by studying the life stories of great personalities like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. She goaded them to emulate the hard work, intellectual acumen of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and others. She cautioned them never to fall victims of poisonous culture of bad habits, addictions and watching nonsensical things on internet. She advised them to frame goals and work hard in the direction of reaching the goal. The organisers felicitated Ms. Bhagya Lakshmi and Ms. Vijaya on the occasion.

Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebrations: 14/04/2022

DSS participated in the Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebrations organised under the leadership of Sri. T. Gopala Rao, IAS Retired, at Lower Tank Bund, Hyderabad. Sri. T. Gopala Rao, Sri K K. Raja, Sri. Siddoji Rao, Sri. Koteswara Rao and other participated in the celebrations. On behalf of DSS Ms. Jhansi Geddarn joined the celebrations and garlanded the statue of Ambedkar and paid tributes.



Ambedkar Birth Anniversary at University of Hyderabad: April 17th 2022

On the eve of Ambedkar birth anniversary, the Ambedkar Students Association of University of Hyderabad organised birth anniversary celebrations on 17th April 2022. Sri. R.S. Praveen Kumar, IPS, Retired and presently State Co-ordinator, BSP was invited as Chief Guest, while Prof. Bhangya Bhukya, Prof. P.L. Visveswaraya Rao and Ms Jhansi Geddam, National Convener, DSS were invited as Guests of Honour. Ms. Jhansi Geddam spoke about the contribution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. She pointed out that Dalits have become more aware of their rights during the last three decades and are asserting their dignity and demanding equality. This rising consciousness of Dalits everywhere made them realize the contribution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's greatness and now a days, Dalits are erecting Ambedkar statues. Thus, the growing statues of Ambedkar and celebrations of Ambedkar Jayanthi is symbol of growing awareness among Dalits. She called upon the students to raise above sectarian interests and emulate Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in working for social transformation. She asserted that it is the responsibility of the youth to commit to the vision of Ambedkar and do hard work for the upliftment of the oppressed sections.



Unveiling of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue at Poolapalli Village: Vikarabad District: 29/4/2022

Ambedkar Youth Association of Poolapalli Village, Nawabpet Mandal, Vikarabad District is a local active organization of dalit youth. These youth mobilized the support of all sections of the village in a friendly manner and erected Ambedkar statue in the village of Poolapalli. The youth organization invited Education Minister, Sri. Sabitha Indra Reddy to be the Chief Guest and unveiled the statue. The organisers invited Sri. Jhansi Geddam, DSS National Convenor, Sri. Kale Yadaiah, local MLA, Sri. B. Bhagya Laxmi, State Coordinator of DSS, Telangana, Sri. Prasanth Goud, market committee chairman, and other village Ambedkar youth organizations. The event of unveiling, followed by a public meeting took place on 29th April 2022. The meeting was addressed by Sri. Sabitha Indra Reddy. She expressed happiness at the establishment of Ambedkar statues in all villages. Referring to the involvement of the entire villagers in this event shows she said that it exhibited equality among villagers irrespective of caste and religion. Usually, Ambedkar Statue is erected with the initiative of Dalits and in the residential area of Dalits in the village. On most of the occasions it goes as the programme of only Dalits and other castes of the village remain aloof. But in the village of Poolapalli, all castes including, the dominant castes, backward castes, Muslims and everyone without exception contributed and participated in the event. The statue was erected in the centre of the village. Sri. K.



Yadaiah, M.L.A, said that in Chevella Constituency most of the youth organizations were working actively. He also spoke that he is feeling proud for erecting Ambedkar statue who brought Constitution for us. DSS National Convenor, Jhansi Geddam in her speech said that, DSS has 12 years of relation with Poolapalli village. She recollected old memories with Poolapalli Village. She mentioned about the atrocity cases, family exclusions cases and other instances that DSS worked. She remembered that DSS worked on many problematic issues in Poolapalli village and expressed happiness that now there is harmony in the village and she appreciated the youth of the village for being inspirational. She said that there is a need to erect Ambedkar statue in every village as Dr.B.R.. Ambedkar is a great leader who gave Constitution to us for our democratic governance and liberties. We should try to emulate the way shown to us by Ambedkar. DSS State Coordinator Sri. Bhagya Lakshmi spoke that DSS is working in Poolapalli village since 2010. She lauded that the women in Poolapalli village are active and smart. They encouraged youth in Poolapalli village to erect Ambedkar Statue. She called upon the women of the village to continuously guide the youth in all issues as they have done now in erecting the statue. She advises the women and youth to regularly conduct village meetings and discuss about village development, socio-economic issues, rights under constitution, laws etc. She assured that DSS will always be ready to assist them in all matters. The organisers felicitated the speakers with a shawl and bouquet.



Prabhudda Bharat International (PBI):

PBI organised a conference on the theme “India@ 75 Review: Vision and Mission 2047”. This was organised by Sri. Narra Ravikumar, DICCI and Sri. PSN. Murthy. On this occasion the organisers felicitated all the resource persons who gave lectures on Ambedkar ideology, reading of Constitution etc. Ms. Jhansi Geddam and Prof. A. Subrahmanyam were felicitated as resource persons.



Telangana for Peace and Unity (TPU)24/4/2022

Telangana for peace and unity (TPU) is a broad platform of various Peoples organizations representing the fields of Human rights, Women, muslim, transgender and other sections of people. Under the auspices of this broad platform a mammoth rally was organised on 24/4/2022 from Babu Jagjivan Ram statue, Basheer Bagh to Dr B R Ambedkar Statue, Tank Bund. Several social activists participated in the rally carrying posters with messages “we stand united for peace”, “say no to communal hatred”, etc. In this rally noted leaders of different organisations like Prof Padmaja Shaw, Khaleda Parveen, Sandhya, Mazhar Hussain, Saba Quadri, Maria Tabassum, Sajaya, Vimala, Jhansi Geddam, Keertana etc. actively participated. The main theme of this rally is to spread the message of Communal harmony and oneness.





Protest Against the Release of Rape and Murder Convicts of Bilkis Bano: 27-8-2022

Telangana women rights and transgender organizations have formed into a joint action committee and organised a meeting on 27-8-2022 at Maqdoom Bhavan, Hyderabad demanding to revoke the release of the 11 convicted rapists and murderers of Bilkis Bano. The meeting was organised under the leadership of Shri. Sajaya and presided by Shri. Khaleda Parveen, Shri. Padmaja Shaw and Shri. Jhansi Geddam. Leaders of women rights organizations like Shri. Sathyavathi, Bhoomika, Shri. Prasanthi, Shri. Devi, Shri Mallu Lakshmi, Shri Ambika and many more have voiced out that the government should immediately revoke the release of accused in Bilkis Bano case and take them into custody.

Jhansi Geddam, National Convenor, Dalit Sthree Sakthi pointed that this rape and murder of Bilkis Bano has taken place as a part genocide of Muslims in the country. The accused were not only released but were garlanded and honoured by the ruling party. This was a signal to convey that they may be accused under the law but they are heroes. These actions of glorifying the murderers would encourage more crimes. The most unlawful and horrifying act of taking the judiciary into the control of the government is the prime cause for the repercussions. The rape of 8 years girl in Kashmir and arrest of Teesta Setalvad are few of the prime examples of this pattern. The government conveys indirectly that rapes and murders against the Muslim community would be concealed. Communal hatred is being seeded into minds of every citizen and it creates inharmonious situations in the society. She mentioned that it is our duty to inculcate the brotherhood and fraternity in the community as Civil society organisations.

Conference Organised by Children Believe: 22 /11/ 2022

Children Believe is a global child rights funding organisation with its head office at Canada. It is headed by Dr. Belinda Bennet, Chief International Programs Officer and Ms. Nancy J Anabel, Country Director. This global organisation conducted a conference on the theme of “Ending Child Marriage in Andhra Pradesh”, on 22 November 2022, at Hotel Murali Fortune, Vijayawada. Ms. Jhansi Geddam was invited to participate in the conference as one of the resource person to speak on the topic “Laws and Policies in Ending Child Marriages”. She gave power point presentation of the situation and facts about child marriages and the failure of law enforcement agencies. All participants appreciated the presentation and the perspectives of DSS. In this conference apart from Ms. Nancy J Anabel, Country Director and Dr. Belinda Bennet, Chief International Programs Officer, other resource persons that

participated were: Ms. M. Babitha, Member Secretary, AP State Legal Services Authority, Ms. Meera, Director, WINS, Ms. Ranjani. K. Murthy, Consultant and Researcher, Women and Development, Ms. K. G. V. Saritha, Superintendent of Police, AP – CID, Dr. A.Mamatha Raghuvier, Founder, Tharuni, Mr. K. Apparao, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,





Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Ramesh Reddy, Mahitha. Mr. RSuneel Kumar, Executive Secretary, SARDS and Francis Thambi, Program Director, CRAF organised the conference.

Constitutional Day: 26/11/2022

DSS team participated in the 73rd Constitutional Day celebrations organised by Bheem Raksha Federation. Sri. Gopal Rao, IAS presided over the function. The logo of Bheem Raksha was inaugurated. Ms. Jhansi Geddam addressed the gathering and gave a detailed version of the gender campaign and the significance of "16 days activism". She called upon all dalit organizations to follow the precepts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to treat women as equal beings and as friends. She stressed the need for all men to shed the age-old views of treating women as low and foster equality within the homes and in the community. She briefed them about the campaign being carried on by DSS in schools, colleges, villages, towns and slums.

Sri Naragoni, Sri Samanulla Khan, Sri Ratna, Chennaiah, Mahesh, GV Ratnakar, Nimma Narayana, and other leaders also participated in this meeting.



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Prasadi said that nobody sticks to the constitutional values and democratic principles were not adhering to, which could be attributed to the loopholes in the administrative system. "It is sad that nobody was discussing the removal of caste inequalities nowadays, but the discussions were more veered towards to the implementation of the reservations in order to deprive the facility to the oppressed sections," she said.



A dignitary speaking at a workshop in Vijayawada on Wednesday

Prof Ratnam said that the directive principles of the State policy enshrined in the Constitution were not being implemented. Freedom of speech and freedom of religion are two important ingredients. Caste comes from religion and practice emerges from caste and the religion follows that practice, Ratnam pointed out. There are three im-

Prof Saraswati Raj said that caste discrimination is rampant in society

Sizable number of women leaders from various regions participated in the workshop.



Jhansi Geddam, National Convener, Dalit Stree Sakthi (DSS) along with others offering floral tributes to statue of B R Ambedkar at Tank Bund in Hyderabad on Wednesday. An Awareness Campaign was launched by Dalit Stree Sakthi, on Constitution of India. The campaign aims at educating everyone about the importance of the Constitution. The organisers said the Campaign will be taken up in villages of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from April 6 to April 14, to educate people on the Constitution of India and its importance in

day today life. Judiciary, Police, Revenue departments and Governance should obey the Constitution. But nobody is implementing it. That's why DSS is campaigning on the constitution to reach every citizen and its importance. Only through the constitution will the society achieve development, liberty, and equality. DSS has been sensitising Dalit women and striving for their upliftment. They are also providing legal assistance to rape victims across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh since the past 16 years, the organisers said.

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Retired IPS officer and former ambassador in Germany Dr B M Vinod Kumar addressing after releasing DSS Annual report in presence of, PS N. Murthy HDAS Chief Advisor, Prabuddha Bharat International, PS N. Murthy HDAS Chief Advisor, Prabuddha Bharat International Dr. Susha Kam Director Academic, DIBRAOUM N. Kalpana Protocol Officer (GAI) Red, Dalt Stree Shakti (DSS) convener Gaddam Ilam and others at the 16th State-level Annual Conference of Dalt Stree Shakti (DSS) in Hyderabad on Thursday. Dalt Stree Shakti (DSS) working since 16 years for the welfare and rehabilitation of the social victims and to stop atrocities on Dalit women and girls and fighting for justice

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Demand for law to protect people entering inter-faith, inter-caste marriage

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At a press conference held in Hyderabad on Tuesday, members of TPU and the JAC said that the Chief Minister and Minister for Home's intervention is needed to ensure the case is not used by the communal forces to dis-



Members of Telangana For Peace and Unity, Women and Transgender Organisations JAC has urged Chief Minister to ensure safety of Ashrin Sultana, wife of Nagaraju who was murdered, in Hyderabad on Tuesday. ■ NAGARA GOPAL

Financial support
They have spelt out some demands from the government which includes adequate financial support, housing, land, and a government job to both Ashrin and Nagarkar's family.

State on people who got into inter-faith, inter-caste marriages, they have demanded: "Government must immediately begin the process of drafting a law for protection of rights of inter-faith and inter-caste couple, to be passed by the State Assembly, in consultation with civil society and concerned statu-

V Sandhya, National Convener of Progressive Organisation for Women, Surepalli Sujatha of Dalit Women Collective, Baghya Lakshmi of Dalita Stree Shakti, general secretary of AIDWA Mallu Lakshmi, Meera Sanghamitra, and others spoke at the press conference.

విశేషం

స్త్రీ-పురుష సమానత్వం సాధించాలంటే

కుటుంబ వ్యవస్థలో మార్పు రావాలి

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దళిత , ఆదివాసీ సీలపె దాడులను

ಅರಿಕಟ್ಟಾವಿ

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దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి ఆధ్వర్యంలో : రాజ్యాంగ నిర్మాత

డా.బి.ఆర్.అంబేద్కర్ ఆలోచనా విధానం ఈ దేశానికి శరణ్యమని దశితి వ్రే శక్తి జాతీయ కన్నీన ర్ గడ్డం ధూన్సి, రాష్ట్ర కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి చెప్పారు. నగరంలో ర్యాబీ నిర్వహించి ట్యూంక్ బం ి చురగల అంబేద్కర్ విగ్రహానికి పూల మాలలు

ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ

చదువే అన్ని సమస్యలకు
పరిష్కారం

సవాలుపేట: చదువే అన్ని సమస్యలకు పరిష్కారమని దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి రాష్ట్ర కన్వెన్షన్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి అన్నారు. స్త్రీ హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా మంచల పరిధిలోని ఎత్ రాజ్ కపర్, మాదిరెడ్డిపల్లి, పూలపల్లి గ్రామంలో గురువారం ప్రచారం నిర్వహించి, కా సుదర్శంగా ఆమె మాట్లాడుతూ.. దళిత మహిళలు అన్ని రంగాల్లో పురుషులతో సమానంగా రాజీంచాలన్నారు. దేశానికి స్వాతంత్ర్యం వచ్చి 75 ఏళ్లు దాటినా తెలుగు, లింగం, వర్గ వివక్ష కొనసాగుతోందని ఆవేదన వ్యక్తపరిచారు. దళిత స్త్రీల పరిస్థితి మరెవరి ద్వారాణంగా ఉందని తీలపారు. కా కార్యక్రమంలో మాదిరెడ్డిపల్లి సర్పంచ్ యశోద, వివిధ గ్రామాల దళిత మహిళా నాయకులు లక్ష్మి, పద్మ, యాదమ్మ, లాపణ్ణ, దళిత నాయకులు ప్రణయ్ కుమార్, శ్రీశాంత్, రాజ్ కే, తదితరులు ఉన్నారు.

ఈనాడు అమరావతి

ఆదివారం, ఏప్రిల్ 11, 2022

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గాంధీనగర్(విజయవాడ), ఏప్రిల్ 11: సమాజంలో విస్తారం కల్గిన సోదరీ కేసులపై ప్రత్యేక డిప్యూటీ కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు. విజయవాడ నగర పరిషత్ కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు. విజయవాడ నగర పరిషత్ కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు.



కుటుంబ వ్యవస్థలో మార్పు రావాలి

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Retired IPS officer and former ambassador in Germany Dr B M Vinod Kumar addressing after releasing DSS Annual report in presence of, P.S.N. Marthy IDAS Chief Academic Director Bharat International, P.S.N. Marthy IDAS Chief Academic, Prabhakar Bharat International, D.S. Sathya Ram Director Academic, D.S. Sathya Ram Director Academic, D.S. Sathya Ram Director Academic.

సాక్షి విజయవాడ సిటీ

ఎన్టీఆర్ జిల్లా

ఆదివారం, 11, ఏప్రిల్, 2022

మహిళలపై హింస అమానుషం

ప్రిటిమ్ దిప్తూబీ హై కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వివేక్

గాంధీనగర్(విజయవాడ), ఏప్రిల్ 11: సమాజంలో విస్తారం కల్గిన సోదరీ కేసులపై ప్రత్యేక డిప్యూటీ కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు. విజయవాడ నగర పరిషత్ కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు.



పోస్టల్ ను అభివృద్ధి చేసే ప్రాజెక్టులో గౌరవ వివేక్

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అంటేడ్యూర్ ఆశయాలను సాధిద్దాం

చేపేళ్ల, ఏప్రిల్ 12: అంటేడ్యూర్ ఆశయాలను సాధించేందుకు ప్రత్యేక కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు. విజయవాడ నగర పరిషత్ కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు.



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రాజ్యాంగం తెలుసుకుందాం సమానత్వాన్ని సాధించుకుందాం: దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి రాష్ట్ర కోఆర్డినేటర్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి

ఏప్రిల్ 11, 2022

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అంటేడ్యూర్ ఆలోచన విధానము... దేశానికి ఆత్మశ్రద్ధ మార్చమని దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు. విజయవాడ నగర పరిషత్ కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు.



Let Us Learn Constitution and Protect Democracy. రాజ్యాంగం తెలుసుకుందాం... సమానత్వం సాధించుకుందాం... దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి కమిషనర్ గౌరవ వర్గం ద్వారా విచారణ చేపట్టారు.

ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసులను

సమర్థవంతంగా సమస్యల పరిష్కారానికి కృషి చేయాలి : జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల్



సమావేశంలో మాట్లాడుతున్న జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల్.

విశాఖలో జిల్లా ప్రతినిధి, మేజర్ స్టూన్ (జులై 15) ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసులను వివక్ష లేకుండా సమర్థవంతంగా సమస్యల పరిష్కారానికి కృషి చేయడం జరుగుతుందని జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల్ అన్నారు. శుక్రవారం జిల్లా కలెక్టరేట్ సమావేశ మందిరంలో ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అభివృద్ధి శాఖ అధ్యక్షులతో జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో జిల్లా సమన్వయ మరియు పర్యవేక్షణ కమిటీ సమావేశం నిర్వహించడం జరిగింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా జిల్లాలో యస్సీ, యస్టీ అత్యాచార నిరోధక పురోగతిపై కలెక్టర్ మాట్లాడుతూ... జిల్లాలో

2021 సంవత్సరంలో ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార నిరోధక చట్టం కింద 54 కేసులు నమోదు చేయడం జరిగిందని, ఇట్టి కేసులకు సంబంధించి బాధితులకు 59 లక్షల నష్టపరిహారాన్ని అందించడం జరిగిందని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. అందులో ఎఫ్ఐఆర్ నమోదైన 47 కేసులకు 29 లక్షల 25 వేలు నష్టపరిహారం మరియు చార్జి షీట్ దాఖలు అయిన 39 కేసులకు 29 లక్షల 75 వేల లక్ష రూపాయల నష్టపరిహారం కింద మంజూరు చేయడం జరిగిందని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా మే నెల అఖిరు వరకు 14

కేసులు నమోదు కావడం జరిగిందని అందు బాధితులకు 13.22 లక్షలు మంజూరు చేయడం జరిగిందన్నారు. ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసుల యంత్రాంగంలో నిత్యాంగీకార పారదర్శకంగా ఉండేలా తీసుకుంటామని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. ప్రతి నెల యోజకవర్గం స్థాయిలో ప్రతి గ్రామంలో చూపుల దినాన్ని ప్రపంచ తపకుండా నిర్వహించడం తీసుకుంటామని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. రిపోర్ట్ పునరావేశం విషయంలో అలెగరకుండా చూడాలని సభ్యులు

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- ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార బాధితులకు పరిహారం
- జిల్లా సమన్వయ కమిటీ సమావేశంలో కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల్

విశాఖలో అర్హత: ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసులను వివక్ష లేకుండా, పారదర్శకంగా వ్యవహరిస్తున్నామని కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల్ అన్నారు. ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అభివృద్ధి శాఖ అధ్యక్షులతో శుక్రవారం జిల్లా సమన్వయ, పర్యవేక్షణ కమిటీ సమావేశం నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన కేసుల పురోగతిపై మాట్లాడారు. జిల్లాలో 2021లో ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార నిరోధక చట్టం కింద 54 కేసులు నమోదైనట్లు తెలిపారు. సంబంధిత బాధితులకు రూ.59 లక్షల పరిహారం అందించామన్నారు. ఎఫ్ఐఆర్ నమోదైన



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రైండ్ నివారించారు. ఈ ఏడాది మే నెలారూ వరకు 14 కేసులు నమోదవగా బాధితులకు రూ.13.22 లక్షలు మంజూరు చేశామని సస్పెండ్ చేయడం జరిగిందని తెలిపారు. ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసుల విషయంలో పురోగతిని సాధి

మెంతుకు ఆసక్తి మాట్లాడుతూ... ప్రతిఒక్కరూ పోలీసు శాఖకు సహకరిస్తే కేసులు త్వరితగతిన పరిష్కారం అవుతాయన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో వేదేజ్ ఎమ్మెల్యే శాసన యాదయ్య, డీఎస్సీ సభ్యులు, ర్యాన్స్ స్టాఫ్ మొదలైన సభ్యులే

సమానత్వం కానరాదు అందరికీ



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కృదపల్లి, మార్చి 12 : జంధర్ నత్తంలో మన దేశం 123 స్థానం గ్రంధి దీన్ని అధిగమించి సమాజ స్ఫురణ అందరూ కృషి చేయాలి దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్

గడ్డం రూప్సీ అన్నారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి అధ్యక్షులలో సుందర య్య జిజ్ఞాస కేంద్రంలో దళిత ఆదివాసి స్త్రీల సమానత్వం సమాజ ప్రగతికి పునాది అనే అంశం సమావేశం నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా రూప్సీ మాట్లాడారు. స్త్రీ శక్తి రాష్ట్ర కో ఆర్డినేటర్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి అధ్యక్షతన జరిగిన ఈ సమావేశంలో డీఎస్ఎమ్ఎల్ జనరల్ మేజర్ తారా చందర్, డాక్టర్ స్నేహ, హేమలత, గోవర్ధన్ తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

అన్ని రంగాల్లోనూ రాజ్యమేలుతున్న అసమానత్వం

ధర్మాచక్ర, ఆగస్టు 16 : దేశంలో అన్ని రంగాల్లో ఇప్పటికీ అసమానత్వం రాజ్యమేలుతోందని దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ రూప్సీ గెడ్డం ఆవేదన వ్యక్తం చేశారు. 75 ఏళ్ల స్వాతంత్ర్య దినోత్సవం సందర్భంగా దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి అధ్యక్షులలో 'స్వతంత్ర్య భారతదేశంలో కుల, మత, సమానత్వం' అనే అంశంపై గాంధీ నగర్లోని ప్రెస్ క్లబ్లో మంగళవారం సభ జరిగింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆమె మాట్లాడుతూ రాజ్యాంగ సూత్రాలు అమలు కావడం లేదని, ప్రజాస్వామ్యబుద్ధంగా జరగాల్సిన అంశాలు జరగడం లేదని, వీటికి వ్యవస్థాగత లోసుగులే కారణమన్నారు. దేశంలో అసమానతలు పోగొట్టాలనే అంశం పోయి రిజర్వేషన్లు, అణగారిన వర్గాలకు ప్రత్యేక సదుపాయాలు ఉండకూడదనే చర్చ ఎక్కువైందన్నారు. ప్రేమ వివాహాలు జరిగిన చోట నరహత్య, వేధింపులు, అత్యాచారాలు, హత్యలు రోజురోజుకూ పెరుగుతున్నాయన్నారు. హైదరాబాద్ సెంట్రల్ వర్సిటీ ప్రొఫెసర్ కె.వై.రత్నం మాట్లాడుతూ సహనం, ఓర్పు, లౌకికత్వం లాంటివి కలిస్తేనే సమానత్వం సాధ్యమవుతుందని, అప్పుడే

దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ రూప్సీ గెడ్డం



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నిజమైన స్వతంత్రత వస్తుందన్నారు. హైకోర్టు న్యాయవాది సయ్యద్ బాబు మాట్లాడుతూ సింధూ నాగరికత అనే సంస్కృతిని హిందుత్వ అనే మతానికి ఆపాదించారన్నారు. ఆచార్య నాగార్జున వర్సిటీ ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ కౌన్సిల్ ప్రొఫెసర్ సరస్వతి అయ్యర్ రాజ్, సిస్టర్ మేరి, దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి రాష్ట్ర కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ హేమలత, భాగ్యలక్ష్మి వివిధ ప్రాంతాల మహిళా నేతలు పాల్గొన్నారు.

ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసులను సమర్థవంతంగా సమస్యల పరిష్కారానికి కృషి చేయాలి : జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల

మొదటిపేజీ తరువాయి...

కలెక్టర్ దృష్టికి తీసుకురాగా.. సభ్యులు సూచించే ప్రతి దానిని పరిగణలోకి తగు చర్యలు తీసుకుంటామని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీలకు ప్రభుత్వం ఇచ్చిన అసైన్మెంట్ భూముల విషయంలో త్వరలో జరిగే రెవెన్యూ సదస్సులలో న్యాయం జరిగేలా చూస్తామని కలెక్టర్ హామీ ఇచ్చారు. గ్రామాలను పైలెట్ ప్రాజెక్టుగా తీసుకొని రెవెన్యూ సమస్యలు పరిష్కరించేందుకు చర్యలు తీసుకుంటామని కలెక్టర్ అన్నారు. జిల్లా ఎస్సీ కోటిరెడ్డి మాట్లాడుతూ ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసుల విషయంలో పురోగతిని సాధిస్తూనే నేరస్తులకు శిక్షలు పడేలా చూస్తున్నామని తెలిపారు. ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అట్రాసిటి కేసులపై ప్రజలలో అవగాహన కల్పించేందుకు పోలీస్ కళాబృందాలచే గ్రామాల్లో కార్యక్రమాలు చేపట్టినట్లు ఎస్సీ తెలిపారు. ప్రతి నెల నిర్వహించే పౌరపకుల దినోత్సవం కార్యక్రమంలో పోలీస్ శాఖ అధికారులు తప్పనిసరిగా పాల్గొంటారని ఆయన అన్నారు. వికారాబాద్ చేవెళ్ల శాసనసభ్యులు డాక్టర్ మెతుకు ఆనంద్, కాలె యాదయ్య లు మాట్లాడుతూ... ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ పోలీస్ శాఖకు సహకరిస్తే సమస్యలు త్వరితగతిన పరిష్కారం అవుతాయని అన్నారు. కొన్ని అనివార్య కారణాల వల్ల కేసుల పరిష్కారంలో జాప్యం జరుగుతున్నాయని, వాస్తవాలను వెలుగు తీసి ప్రక్షాళన చేయవలసిన అవసరం ఉందని వారు అన్నారు. ప్రాధాన్యత క్రమంలో కేసులను పరిష్కరించాలని వారు సూచించారు. ఈ సమావేశంలో డివిఎంసి సభ్యులు రాడ్ సొసైటీ ఈడీ సత్యవతి, దళిత శక్తి కోఆర్డినేటర్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి, సభ్యులు జె. రాములు, ఇ. యాదయ్య, నక్క రమేష్, అద్వైత్ బాలయ్యలతో పాటు జిల్లా షెడ్యూల్ కులాల అభివృద్ధి అధికారి మల్లేశం, జిల్లా గిరిజన అభివృద్ధి అధికారి కోటాజీ, ఎస్సీ కార్పొరేషన్ ఈడీ బాబుమోజెస్, జిల్లా ట్రైబరీ అధికారి దశరథ్, వికారాబాద్, తాండూర్, పరిగి డివిస్యలు, రెవెన్యూ, పోలీస్ అధికారులు తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసులు వివక్ష లేకుండా పరిష్కరించాలి

బాధితులకు 59 లక్షల పరిహారం చెల్లింపు వికారాబాద్ జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల

మెట్రోస్, వికారాబాద్ జిల్లా ప్రతినిధి: ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసులను వివక్ష లేకుండా సమర్థవంతంగా సమస్యల పరిష్కారానికి కృషి చేయడం జరుగుతుందని జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ నిఖిల అన్నారు. శుక్రవారం జిల్లా కలెక్టరేట్ సమావేశ మందిరంలో ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ అభివృద్ధి శాఖ అధ్యక్షుల జిల్లా కలెక్టర్ అధ్యక్షతన జిల్లా సమన్వయ మరియు పర్యవేక్షణ కమిటీ సమావేశం నిర్వహించడం జరిగింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా జిల్లాలో యస్సీ, యస్టీ అత్యాచార నిరోధక పురోగతిపై కలెక్టర్ మాట్లాడుతూ, జిల్లాలో 2021 సంవత్సరంలో ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార నిరోధక చట్టం కింద 54 కేసులు నమోదు చేయడం జరిగిందని, ఇట్టి కేసులకు సంబంధించి బాధితులకు 59 లక్షల నష్టపరిహారాన్ని అందించడం జరిగిందని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. అందులో ఎఫ్ఐఆర్ నమోదైన 47 కేసులకు 29 లక్షల 25 వేలు నష్టపరిహారం మరియు చార్జి షీట్ దాఖలు అయిన 39 కేసులకు 29 లక్షల 75 వేల లక్ష రూపాయల నష్టపరిహారం కింద మంజూరు చేయడం జరిగిందని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. ఈ సంవత్సరం మే నెల అఖరు వరకు 14 కేసులు నమోదు కావడం జరిగిందని అందులో బాధితులకు 13.22 లక్షలు మంజూరు చేయడం జరిగిందన్నారు. ఎస్సీ ఎస్టీ అత్యాచార కేసుల విషయంలో నిజాయితీగా పారదర్శకంగా ఉండేలా చర్యలు తీసుకుంటామని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. ప్రతినెల నియోజకవర్గ స్థాయిలో ప్రతి గ్రామంలో పౌర హక్కుల దినాన్ని క్రమం తప్పకుండా నిర్వహించేలా చర్యలు తీసుకుంటామని కలెక్టర్ తెలిపారు. ఇచ్చారు.. ఈ సమావేశంలో డివిఎంసి సభ్యులు రాడ్ సొసైటీ ఈడీ సత్యవతి, దళిత శక్తి కోఆర్డినేటర్ భుక్తి జె. రాములు, ఇ. యాదయ్య, నక్క రమేష్, యల్లలతో పాటు జిల్లా షెడ్యూల్ కులాల అభివృద్ధి క్షేత్రం, జిల్లా గిరిజన అభివృద్ధి అధికారి కోటాజీ, షన్ ఈడీ బాబుమోజెస్, జిల్లా ట్రైబరీ అధికారి వికారాబాద్, తాండూర్, పరిగి డివిస్యలు, రెవెన్యూ, శారులు తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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కుటుంబ వ్యవస్థలో మార్పు రావాలి

వికారాబాద్-విజయవాడ

(గాంధీపగర) : మహిళలు ఇంటా-బయట రోపిడి గుర్రపుతున్నారని స్రీ-పురుష సమానత్వం సాధించాలంటే కుటుంబ వ్యవస్థలో మార్పు రావాలి అంటున్నారని పేర్కొన్నారు. శనివారం గాంధీపగర ప్రెస్ క్లబ్లో దళిత అధిపతి స్త్రీలు-బాలికల హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా సభ నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సభకు అధ్యక్షతగా దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ రూప్య గృహం మాట్లాడుతూ ఇక్కడాన్నిపిటి పిలుపువేరకు స్త్రీలపై హింసకు వ్యతిరేకంగా అంతర్జాతీయ ప్రచార ఉద్యమంలో భాగంగా గత నెల 25 నుండి ఈ నెల 10వ తేదీ 16 రోజులు రెండు తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాలలో పెద్దపత్తున సభలు, సమావేశాలు నిర్వహించామన్నారు. ముఖ్య అతిథిగా విచ్చేసిన ట్రిడిట్ డిప్యూటీ సై కమిషనర్ గెరిట్ విన్సెంట్ మాట్లాడుతూ నేటి అధునిక యుగంలో కూడా స్త్రీలపై హింస జరగడం అన్యాయం ఇటువంటి దళ సమితి విముక్తి కావాలని సూచించారు. దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి చేస్తున్న కృషిని అభినందించారు. సమావేశంలో హింస పోచాలి అంటే అందరూ భాగస్వామ్యం వహించాలన్నారు. తల్లిదండ్రులు కూడా పిల్లలను హింసిస్తున్నారన్నారు. బిడ్డ పుట్టినప్పుడు నుండి చనిపోయే వరకు స్త్రీ జాతికి ఈ హింస తప్పదని లేదన్నారు. ఈ అంశాన్ని తుది ముగ్ధించాలంటే సమాజంలోని హక్కుల పట్ల నైతన్యం కలిగిన వారందరూ స్పందించాలి, ఎదిరించి మార్పులని తెలుపుతారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ప్రోఫెసర్ జయశ్రీ, తాంశ్రీ, డాక్టర్ లావణ్య, డాక్టర్ విజయకుమారి, రాజేంద్ కొండ, డాక్టర్ దివాకర్ రావు, భాగ్యలక్ష్మి, శ్రీదేవి, వైద్యలైన్ యమ్, తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



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మన ఆలంకారం 5

జందర్ సమానత్వం ప్రభుత్వాల బాధ్యత - దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ గృహం రూప్య



మన తెలంగాణ/ముమైరాబాద్ : సమాజంలో స్త్రీ, పురుషుల సమానత్వం అనే భావనను అవగతమైనట్లుగా చూపించాల్సిన బాధ్యత ప్రభుత్వాలపైనే ఉందని దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి జాతీయ కన్వీనర్ గృహం రూప్య అన్నారు. అంతర్జాతీయ మహిళా దినోత్సవం పురస్కారం పొందిన దళిత, అధిపతి స్త్రీలు సమానత్వం సమాజ ప్రగతికి పూడి అనే అంశంపై సుందరయ్య విశ్వాస్ కేంద్రంలో ప్రవచనం చేశారు. జందర్ సమానత్వంలో మన దేశం 123వ స్థానంలో ఉందన్నారు. సమాజ శ్రేయస్సు కోసం దీనిని అధిగమించాల్సిన అవసరం ఎంతైనా ఉందన్నారు. అందుకు మన వంతు బాధ్యతాయంతవేల పాత్రను పోషించాలన్నారు. కాది శిశువులను దృష్టిలో ఉంచుకుని పాత్ర పుస్తకాల నెలవసే దగ్గర్నుంచి మార్పులు చేయాలన్నారు. దళిత, అధిపతి స్త్రీలు, బాలికలపై ఇంటా, బయట అవినయనూనె వేసేదని అరికట్టాలని అన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి తెలంగాణ, ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ కోఆర్డినేటర్ భాగ్యలక్ష్మి, హిమలత, టీఎస్ఎస్ఎల్ఆర్ కేసం తారాచంద్, సైకాలజిస్ట్ శృతి, డాక్టర్ స్మిత, పారిశ్రామికశిక్ష గోవర్ధన్ పాల్గొన్నారు.

అంటేడర్ విగ్రహ ఆవిష్కరణ

నవాబుపేట, ఏప్రిల్ 29 : మండల పరిషత్లోని పూలపల్లి గ్రామంలో డాక్టర్ బీఆర్ అంటేడర్ విగ్రహావిష్కరణ జరిగింది. ముఖ్యఅతిథిగా విద్యాశాఖ మంత్రి సబితా ఇంద్రారెడ్డి హాజరై మాట్లాడారు. గ్రామంలో అంటేడర్ విగ్రహాన్ని ఏర్పాటు చేసుకోవడం సంతోషించదగ్గ విషయమన్నారు. కులమతాలకు అతితంగా గ్రామస్థుల అభ్యుదయంలో అంటేడర్ విగ్రహాన్ని ఏర్పాటు చేసుకోవడం గ్రామస్థుల బాధ్యతకు నిదర్శనమన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఎమ్మెల్యే కాలే యూదయ్య, మార్కెట్ కమిటీ చైర్మన్ ప్రకాష్ గౌడ్, దళిత స్త్రీ శక్తి అవార్డు గ్రహీత భాగ్యలక్ష్మి, టీఆర్ఎస్ మండల అధ్యక్షుడు శాగినెడ్డి, సర్పంచ్ నర్సయ్యారెడ్డి, నాయకులు, పాల్గొన్నారు.