

QUEST FOR JUSTICE

National Dalit Movement for Justice- NCDHR

About NDMJ

National Dalit Movement for Justice is one of the units of NCDHR focussing on the promotion and protection of the rights of Dalits and Adivasis. It is a democratic, secular, non-party movement of Dalits survivors, defenders, academics and organisations headed by Dalits to address the issues of caste based discrimination and violence to ensure dignity, equality and justice. NDMJ adopts multi-pronged strategies and intervenes at multi-level for ensuring access to justice to those affected by atrocities/discrimination.

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NDMJ Baton in new Hands

Mr. Rahul Singh appointed as the new General Secretary of NDMJ-NCDHR

The board of SWADHIKAR appointed Mr. Rahul Singh as the new General Secretary of National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ)-NCDHR with effect from 01st April 2021. Mr. Rahul Singh has been associated with NCDHR, for last 15 years, and worked ardently for Dalit and Adivasi rights. From January, 2020 to March 2021, served as the Director. He is an expert on SCs and STs (PoA) Act 1989 and Rules 1995 and carries over a decade of extensive experience in Dalit Human Rights Monitoring, advocacy and lobbying on the implementation of various legislations and policy matters. He has been one of the key person in the drafting committee formed by NCSPA in 2009, which drafted amendments to the SCs and STs (PoA) Act as amended in 2016, and closely worked with Ministries and National Advisory Council on the amendments. He has wide experience in program strategic planning, programme development & design, programme implementation, multi-stakeholder engagement etc. He has researched extensively on violence against Dalits/Adivasis and wrote several books and reports. Team NDMJ congratulate Mr. Rahul Singh, on his new journey. The dedication and ability that you got will continue to serve you well as you move along your path. With your skills and experience, NDMJ look forward to reach new heights.





Advocates Training on Accessing Justice to Dalits and Adivasis

Mr Rahul Singh, General Secretary, National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ-NCDHR) trained advocates from Tamil Nadu on SCs and STs (PoA) Act 1989 in a State Level Training Program of Advocates on 13.02.2021 at Erode, Tamil Nadu. Dr V. A Ramesh Nathan, Former General Secretary of NDMJ enlightened the lawyers and strengthened their skills to access justice against all kind of injustice & atrocities.

The training was organised by SASY, Tamil Nadu. Around 40 Advocates participated in the Training Program.

The objective of the training program was to -

- Capacitate Advocates on PoA Act and other legislations.
- Develop their prosecutorial skills.
- Escalate the number of appointment of advocates as SPPs.
- Build a stronger platform for State Level Advocates.

Journey of Dr. V.A Ramesh Nathan with NDMJ

Dr V. A. Ramesh Nathan served as the General Secretary of NDMJ for seven long years. Dr Nathan started his journey in September 2013, and on March 31st 2021, he bid good-bye to NDMJ-NCDHR.



He advocated and lobbied for bringing the amendment to the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and succeeded in the year 2015. He has also promoted the campaign towards Zero discrimination in School education to bring the policy to ensure a Non-Discrimination and safe environment in

education institutions. Facilitated study on Caste based Discrimination in School Education, Access to Justice to Dalits, Functions of Special Court established under SC ST PoA act, Dalit Human Rights Status Report of Tamil Nadu. Represented the organisations at the various UN -Human Rights Bodies/ Councils and Global conferences to address the CBD issues. Joint Stakeholders Report on UPR III to UN Human Rights Councils.

He also contributed in Promotion of Leadership among Transgender community to recognise their Identity and fundamental Rights in Tamil Nadu, Promotion of Dalit Women Leadership, Strengthening of Elected Dalit Representatives in the Local Government and Promotion of Child Rights.

He still holds the position of National Convener for National Coalition for Strengthening PoA Act - NCSPA, member of Asia Dalit Rights forum-ADRF and one of the contributors for Promoting the Asia Parliamentarian Forum for Dalit Concern.

He always provided his perceptive and understanding on various projects and programs of NDMJ and guided the team accordingly. His advocacy, his understanding of law, Dalit and Adivasi art and culture and Dalit and Adivasi issue has always enriching. Dr Nathan's ability made every team member feel valued. Team NDMJ thank you for your guidance and support.

National Training programme to capacitate Human Right Defenders on Promotion and Protection of Child Rights

A two-day National Level Training programme to capacitate Dalit Human Right Defenders on Promotion and Protection of Child Rights, held in New Delhi, from 17th - 18th March 2021, at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi. More than 50 participants from different corners of India, participated in this two day Training.

The training aimed at mainstreaming the child rights perspectives in Dalit human rights monitoring and capacitate DHRDs on the international as well as national laws and legislation governing the rights of Dalit and Adivasi children.

The HRDs were capacitated on child rights protection mechanisms, Human Rights Monitoring vis a vis adopting a Child-Friendly approach, documentation skills related to child experiences and success stories, engagement with judiciary with special court on district and higher courts, engagement with National Human Rights institutions (NCPCR, NCSC/NCST, JJB, CWC), Child Par-



Building Child Leadership, through various activities, children in disaster preparedness, child budgeting etc. Special Session was taken on United Nations Child Rights Convention (CRC) .

Capacitation of Young Dalit Women Leaders

Young Dalit women leaders in rural and semi-rural areas of Saharanpur, Varanasi, Cuttack and Muzzafarpur were capacitated in the month of February in the Dalit Women Capacitation Programme. The training also focused on legal awareness emphasising on some special laws such as the Prevention of Atrocity Act, POCSO Act, Domestic Violence Act, and related laws. The training also focused on the fundamentals of the Human Rights of Dalit women and children as well as the methods of engaging with state authorities and type of machinery on the implementation of laws. Further, the training workshop also focussed on filing of cases as well as access to entitlements. The training was mainly conducted by State Women Leaders Ms. Kaushal Devi, Dr. Babita, Ms. Nayana Nayak, Ms. Maya and Ms. Ranjana Devi with Dr. Judith Anne joining via a zoom call. In total 152 women and young Dalit women participated in these training workshops. training workshops.

National Training of HRDs on Social Media



A two-day National Level Training programme to capacitate Dalit Human Right Defenders on Social Media Tools, was held in New Delhi, from 19th - 20th March 2021, at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi. The training programme, specifically meant to strengthen the skillset of NDMJ-Staff on the use of Social Media. Ms Sanjukta Basu, Editorial Consultant, National Herald gave an overview of the major social media tools and their effectiveness. Ms Basu explained the significance of social media tools, the process of account creation and privacy settings in different social media platforms. She took a session on identifying platforms for specific content and issues, which can be useful for the Human Rights defenders for voicing out their opinions.

Mr Srijan Nandan, Founder and Director, Jhola Wala Films took the session on Developing Video content for Social Media Tools. He highlighted video as the 'king of the content' posted on social media platforms. He illustrated how this important tool can be used by the Human Rights Defenders. He started with the basics of videography, basic thumb-rules of video-making, and lastly, he held an activity, asking the participant to make a short video, which was further analysed in the workshop.





State Level DHRD Trainings on Promotion and Protection of Dalit and Adivasi Rights

National Dalit Movement for Justice organised state level trainings for Dalit Human Right Defenders in Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and U.P. These trainings were organised to capacitate HRDs on the key features of SCs and STs (PoA) Act 1989 and Rules 1995. Sessions were conducted on understanding caste based discrimination and specific Vulnerability of Dalit and Adivasi women/children vis a vis related laws. HRDs were also capacitated on conducting fact finding visits, advocacy skills while engaging with NHRC, SC Commission, Information Commission.

Maharashtra (20- 21 February, 2021) - 58 defenders (5 Women and 43 Men) participated in the training programme.

Bihar (25- 26 February, 2021) - 54 Dalit human rights defenders (10 Women, and 44 Men), participated in the training programme.

Himachal Pradesh (06-07 March, 2021) - A total of 55 defenders (25 Women and 30 Men) participated in the training programme.

Uttar Pradesh: NDMJ in collaboration with Bhartiya Jan Sewa Ashram organised a follow up training, supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives on 21-22, March. Total 46,Defenders participated in training.

Training of Trainers on “Strengthened HRD Protection ensuring sustained Access to Justice”

National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ) in collaboration HRDA (Human Rights Defender Alert) organised a virtual Training of Trainers on the protection of Human Rights Defenders (HRD). The online programme was organised from 23rd to 26th of March 2021, wherein more than 60 Human Rights Defenders from 10 states participated. The primary objective of the programme was to strengthen HRD protection mechanism, ensuring sustained access to justice for the most vulnerable. HRDs were capacitated on instruments and tools pertaining to using domestic legal mechanisms and international advocacy mechanisms to further strengthen their work. They were also capacitated on Dalit rights with inputs on Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Rules 1995.

Two-Day State Level Training of Volunteers on Dalit and Adivasi Child Rights & SC ST PoA Act

NDMJ in collaboration with Ambedkar Lohiya Manch, organised Two-Day Training of State Level Training of Volunteers on Child Rights & SC ST PoA Act in Odhisha on 09th and 10th at Chagala Baba Ashram, Arilo, Adaspur, Cuttack, Odhisha. The primary objective of the training programme was to capacitate the new recruits and volunteers to work on Dalit and Adivasi children, overview the status of Dalit and Adivasi Children, so that they have the access to justice, socio-economic entitlements and disaster preparedness. The training programme was facilitated by Ms. Suchita Kumari , Ms.Sweta Ghimirey, Mr. Sangram Mallik and Ms Manju Dhal, CWC Member. Total 82, volunteer participated in the training programme, 32 Female, 50 male. The training programme focused on Dalit Child Rights & Child Participation, Child Sexual Abuse and POCSO, Leadership Skills, PoA Act, and the Bill on prevention of all forms of discrimination and violence against children in educational institutions and role of the community in this regard.



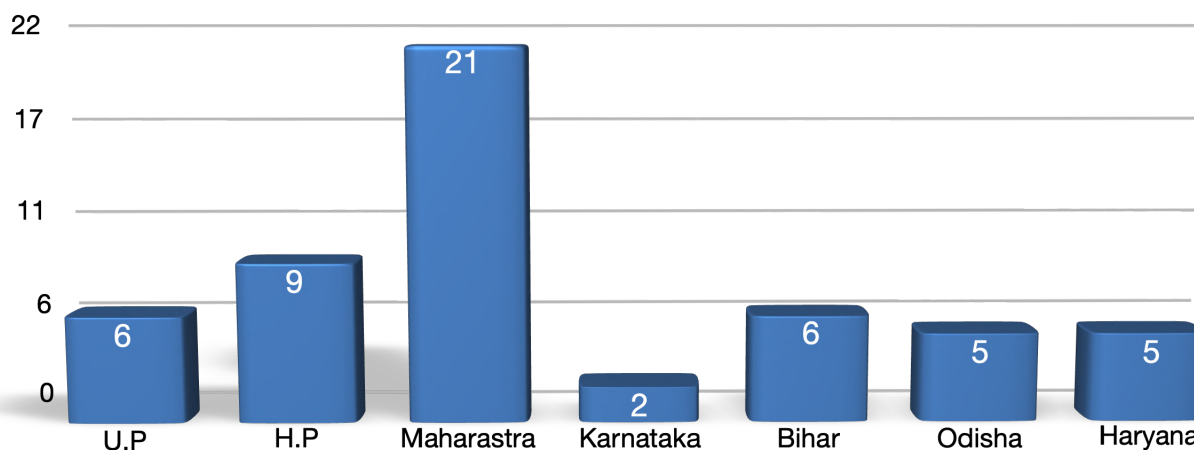
Legal Awareness Camps

National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ) in collaboration with Bhartiya Jan Sewa Ashram (BJSa) organised two Legal Awareness Camp. One Legal awareness camp was organized on January 03rd , 2021 with 115 participants (Badlapur), and the second awareness camp was organized on March 10, 2021 with 139 participants (Badlapur). The legal awareness camps was designed to ensure effective implementation of the existing policies and legislation for promotion and protection of rights of Dalits and Adivasis communities against discrimination and violence.

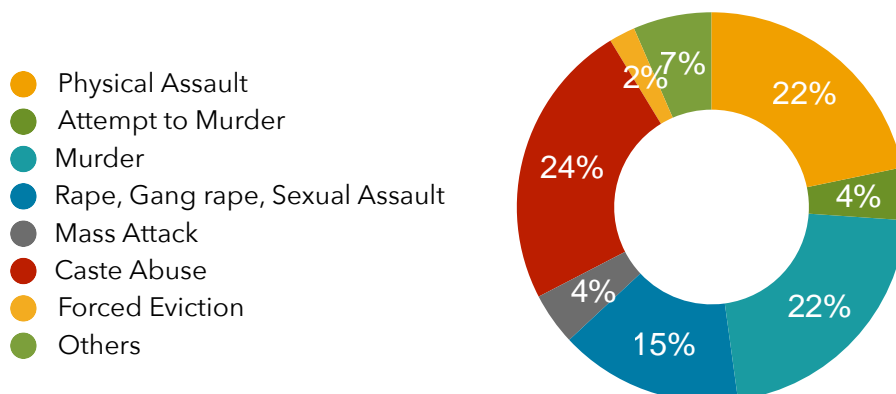


Fact Findings & Interventions

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Forms of Violence

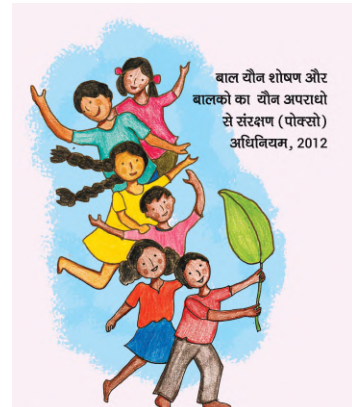
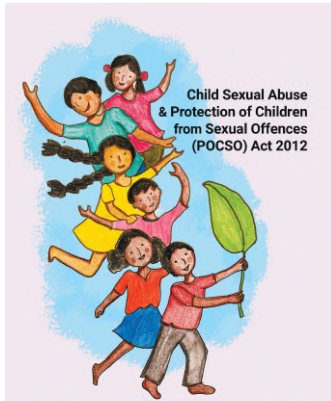


Interventions

S.No	No of cases FIR registered	No of cases Chargesheeted	Number of cases arrest made	No of Cases SC/ST PoA Act invoked	Compensation received
U.P	6	0	5	4	0
Maharashtra	13	0	12	13	0
Odisha	3	0	3	3	0
Bihar	6	0	5	5	412500
Karnataka	2	0	2	2	512500
H.P	5	0	2	2	150000
Haryana	3	0	2	2	100000
Total	35	0	29	29	1175000



Publications



NDMJ in Media

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- <http://purogamimaharashtranews.com/?p=2702>
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