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About NDMJ

National Dalit Movement for Justice is one of the units of NCDHR focussing on the promotion and protection of the rights of Dalit's and Adivasi's. It is a democratic, secular, non-party movement of Dalit's survivors, defenders, academics and organisations headed by Dalit's 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.

Round Table Conference in Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra

**Himachal Pradesh : 6th January 2023
Maharashtra : 28th January 2023**

NDMJ organized two Round Table Conference (RTC) on atrocities against Dalits in Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra. In Himachal Pradesh 24(10 female and 14 male) participants and in Maharashtra 102 (28 female and 74 male) participated.

In RTCs 15 most gruesome cases from each states were presented to the

panel of legal experts. Victims of the 10 identified cases from each states, were also present in the RTC, to give the first hand information, and the present status.

After hearing the case status, the panel of experts gave their recommendations to further strengthen the legal procedure.

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Social Justice Assembly

Odisha : 27th February 2023

A one day State Level Social Justice Assembly on Atrocities on Dalit And Adivasi Children, was held at Redcross Bhawan,

Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 27.02.2023 organized by NDMJ. Speaking on the occasion, our chief guest Honourable member of OHRC Ashim Amitav Das addressed the occasion.

In this Social Justice Assembly, 15 most gruesome sexual assault on Dalit and Adivasi children cases were identified for camera hearing. This was the first of its kind, where separate coups were made, to hear



each case with the panel of experts, as the victims were minor. Open hearing would have compromised the identity of the victims.



Total 68 people participated, including dignitaries, advocates commission members, and DHRDs.

National Convention in Zero Discrimination in Educational Institutions

National Dalit Movement for Justice organized a two day National Convention Towards Zero Discrimination in Educational Institutions from 25th -26th March 2023 at Ramada Hotel, in Sikar Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan. The training programme aimed to strengthen Zero Discrimination in Educational Institutions.

17 children from Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and New Delhi participated, 65 participants in total, 29 female, and 36 male defenders from 13 states (Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Haryana, and New Delhi) participated.

Convention came to an end, with strategies and way forward by Mr. Rahul Singh, General Secretary, where he gave his concluding remarks. The convention covered different aspects in regard to discrimination practiced in educational institutions, budget allocation for Dalit children, and came with several recommendations, like Bill on Zero Discrimination in Educational Institutions, need to be circulated furthermore with all the stakeholders. Compilation of all the questions raised in the parliament in regard to Zero Discrimination in Educational Institutions, including budget, schemes, murder and suicide of children who has been victim of discrimination. State level need to strengthen the documentation of cases. In cases of sexual assault on a minor, in the investigation team, one or two children should also be there, so that the victim can express their trauma comfortably. A slogan recommended for all the schools, 'Jatibhed Mukta Bharat', which can be used in schools and colleges around India, for advocacy, through posters, pamphlets etc, by Ms. Biswarupa a student from Odisha.

Team of Dalit and Adivasi children to be formed in all villages across India, or at least in states we are associated

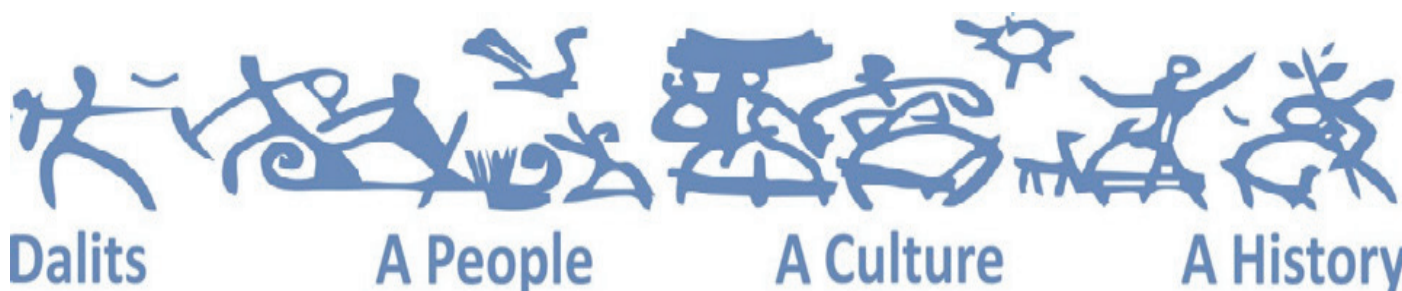


with. These child group should be well trained and capacitated about their rights. Advocacy for demand for opening up of more number of government schools in the nearest vicinity of the village should be done, with a strategic team. Schools which are 5-10kms far from the villages, are not accessible for many children, which forcefully keeps them away from education and to improve their socio-economic condition.

Advocacy for providing sanitary pad in every school should be made mandatory. Uniform and quality education and curriculum in all schools should be included in the policies of the government.

Evidence based advocacy should be the backbone to engage with different stakeholders, to bring change in the policy level.

Analysis of curriculum framework, by all the CSOs, and act as a watchdog on the changing pattern of curriculum. Concept of Caste and Discrimination should be introduced from the elementary education stage, in all the schools.



National Level Dalit Human Rights Training on Promotion and Protection of Child Rights

Rajasthan : 17th -18th March 2023

National Level DHRD Training programme is a continuous effort of NDMJ-NCDHR on the capacitation on Child Rights, specifically focusing on the challenges of Dalit and Adivasi Children. In the year 2021, on 17th and 18th March NDMJ organized the last National Level Dalit Human Rights Training on Promotion and Protection of Child Rights. The aim and objective of the programme remained the capacitation of the DHRDs on the monitoring of the child related atrocities more sensitively, to capacitate them on POCSO ACT, JJ Act etc. To enable the DHRDs, to further identifying child leadership, and further strengthening their skillsets.

Total 65 DHRD participated, including 36, 29 Female, and 17 Children. 13 states participated, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh. Haryana, Himachal Pradesh.

The sessions focused on understanding the Legal Framework Safeguarding Children in India with a Special Focus on the Right to Education (RTE) Act, POCSO, JJ, Key features of amended SCs and ST (PoA) Act 1989 and inter linkage of PoA Act vis a vis POCSO and other legislation, Monitoring atrocities against the children vis-a-vis adopting a child-friendly approach and Strengthening documentation, Effective Engagement Strategies with Multiple Stakeholders



for Successful Collaboration, and lastly on Protection of Children from Cyber Crimes. The training concluded with the felicitation of NDMJ-DHRDs, who continuously working on the ground, monitoring cases, engaging in legal interventions, doing advocacy for our community and for the movement. The felicitation of DHRDs were done , with a Certificate of Gratitude, and a small gift , a book 'Waiting for Visa' for all the Defenders.



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