



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 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.

Regional CSO Consultation

Uttar Pradesh : 19th August 2023

A one-day regional consultation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on the implementation of the atrocity act was organized on 19.08.2023 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, to assess the current situation of atrocities against Dalits and Adivasis, as well as the implementation of the atrocity act. The primary objective of this consultation was to take stock of the status of atrocities, identify the challenges faced by survivors, and develop interventions and strategies to address these issues effectively. The consultation brought together CSOs from Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab,

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. 15 CSOs from the above states graced the occasion. A total of 47 participants, 33 Male and 14 Female, working in human rights, social justice, and advocacy for marginalized communities participated in the consultation. It provided a platform for participants to share their experiences, knowledge, and expertise in combating atrocities against Dalits and Adivasis. The consultation aimed to generate interventions and strategies to address the challenges faced by survivors effectively. Participants engaged and identified the potential interventions and strategies.

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State Level Advocates Consultation

Madhya Pradesh : 30th July 2023

NDMJ organised one consultation in the State of Madhya Pradesh of the State Level SCs and STs Advocates, with 40 advocates, including a minimum of 10 women advocates. The objective of the consultations is to enhance prosecution skills and apprise them of the emerging situation and challenges on SC/ ST (PoA) Act and legal/judicial

developments, to strategise to effectively provide legal aid to SCs and STs survivors, focusing and demanding the appointment of Special Public Prosecutors, special courts and implementation of Section 4 of SCs and STs (POA) Act and discuss the challenges faced by survivors in the criminal justice system, come out with strategies to address those gaps and move towards effective implementation of the SCs and STs (PoA) Act.



State Level Round Table Conferences

Haryana : 7th and 8th August 2023
Odisha : 19th August 2023
Karnataka : 27th August 2023

A one-day Round table Conference On 'Atrocities and violence on SCs & STs in Cuttack district, Odisha' was held on 19.08.2023. Activists present. Sub Collector Kamaljeet Dash was the honourable guest for the function. The programme's objective was to provide a platform for the survivors of violence to interface with officials from the state commissions, judiciary, enforcement authorities and the media on the status of cases, share grievances and receive support and recommendations for further follow-up of cases. It is envisaged that these interfaces will build the system's accountability, which will reduce the delays and hindrances in delivering justice to the survivors.

A jury comprising commission members, retired judges, human rights activists, etc., will be formed to respond to the issues, hear the representation



cases and provide concrete recommendations for ensuring justice to the survivors under the provisions of the SC/ST PoA Amendment Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and the legislations.

In Haryana on 7th and 8th August, representatives from NDMJ presented a detailed account of the cases of atrocities against Dalits to the Superintendent of Police, Panipat, Haryana. During the meeting, NDMJ highlighted specific violence, discrimination, and social exclusion

faced by Dalits in Haryana. These included caste-based discrimination, physical assaults, sexual violence, denial of fundamental rights and services, and economic exploitation. The aim was to shed light on the gravity and extent of these atrocities and emphasize the urgent need for action.

On a similar line in Karnataka, on 27th August 2023, representatives from NDMJ presented a detailed account of the cases of atrocities against Dalits to the authorities.

Summer Camp -Motihari

Bihar 16th-17th September 2023

On 16th and 17th September, NDMJ organized two two-day summer camp in Motihari District, with the participation of more than 50 children.

The Summer Camp started with the basic concept of Child Rights, the UN CRC Convention, through the presentation, followed by some games and exchange of ideas with the participating children.

The summer camp helped children to discard self-

defeating inhibitions and attitudes and break their silence and passivity on caste-based discrimination and abuse. Simple, playful methodologies provided them with information and encouraged them to articulate their concerns. During the camp, the children learnt about child rights laws, caste perspectives with sensitivity, disaster preparedness, and systematic and child-friendly methodologies.



Towards Atrocity Free Village

Bihar - 16th September 2023

NDMJ this year started the initiative of model village with the collaboration of Dalit Human Right Defenders and community members, to work towards an Atrocity Free Village. An awareness camp with the Samata Doot was organised on 16th September 2023 in Ramnagar, Muzaffarpur. Total 30 participants, largely Dalit women participated in the programme.

The model village for this initiative is Ramnagar, in district Mauzaffarpur, Bihar. On this background to eliminate caste and gender-based discrimination and violence in India, the atrocity-free village model has been designed.

Atrocity Free Village concept has been designed in collaboration with the Dalit Women Samata Doot groups with enforcement authorities such as DM, SDM, Gram Panchayat members, School Teachers,



etc. and other stakeholders from the village on general awareness of affirmative actions, the government-initiated schemes.

The objective is to strengthen the sensitised stakeholders within the community and build pressure groups to create visibility on the challenges faced by the survivors based caste and caste-based gender violence and expose the gaps in the criminal justice administrative system to effective justice.

District Level Social Justice Assembly

Varanasi - Uttar Pradesh - 16th August 2023

Cuttack - Odisha - 19th August 2023

Muzzafarpur - Bihar - 17th September 2023

A one-day Social Justice Assembly on 'Atrocities and violence on SCs & STs' was organised in Cuttack, Odisha and Varanasi. On 16th August 2023, the first district-level Social Justice Assembly was organised in Varanasi, followed by one in Cuttack on 19th August 2023 and one in Muzaffarpur, Bihar on 17th September 2023.

These District Level Social Justice Assemblies focussed on rising caste-based gender violence against Dalit women and girls. The Round table discussion included survivors of Gender Based Violence, civil society members, and legal enforcement.

Authorities must enable necessary immediate legal action pertaining to the cases



and devise mechanisms to prevent gender-based violence in the district.

In Varanasi 7, Cuttack 5, and Muzzafarpur, 12 cases of caste-based gender violence against Dalit women and girls were presented to the expert panel.

Training and Capacitation Building for National Team

Agra- Uttar Pradesh - 22nd-23rd September 2023

NDMJ organised a two-days Training and Capacitation Building for the National Team. The programme's objective was to equip national team members to understand the organisation's policies.

Further, to enhance team members understanding of the core objectives of NDMJ, the structure of NDMJ, understanding the goals and objectives of the donors, comprehension of project activities, focus areas, execution strategies, and project timelines within the organisation.

The two-day Training and Capacity-Building program profoundly impacted the employees by significantly enhancing their understanding of the organisation's



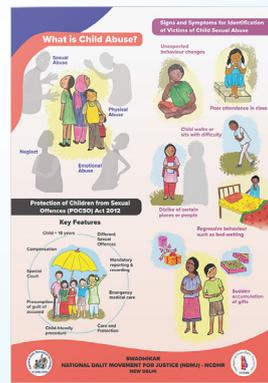
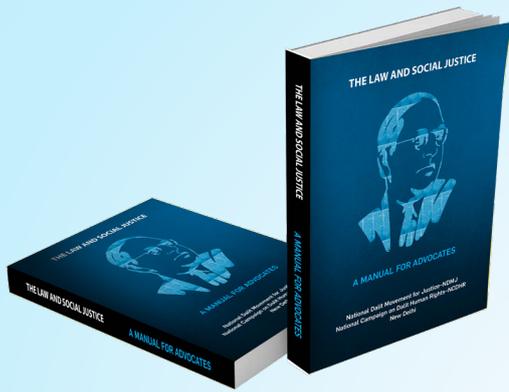
background, available policies for employees, project activities, financial frameworks, and project planning for execution. This training program played a pivotal role in ensuring that every employee gained comprehensive insights into the functions of each division within the NDMJ.

While employees typically focus on their roles during regular workdays,

this program was crucial in bringing everyone together to foster a more profound knowledge and appreciation for the diverse roles and functions across the organisation. It underscored the importance of such training initiatives in empowering employees with a holistic view of the organisation and equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in their roles.



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