



# National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Training Of Government Doctors and Officials in Andhra Pradesh on the Issue of Inclusion

Andhra Pradesh Dalit Watch advocacy efforts have resulted in them being invited by Andhra Pradesh Academy of Rural Development (APARD), on June 30, to take a session on the Vulnerability of Dalits and Disaster Management and health sector, based on 2009-10 flood inclusion monitoring experiences. APARD as a department has been instrumental in training the government officials and volunteers. The training was imparted to the government doctors and officials.

### New state office in Bhopal, MP

On June 26, AIDMAM inaugurated its newly instituted state office at Gandhi Bhawan, Bhopal, which would be used as a space for all Dalit movements to come together.

### Lobby meetings at the European Union (EU), June 20-22

Asha Kowtal of AIDMAM participated in the lobby meetings held at the European Union (EU) in Brussels. She was accompanied by colleagues from IDSN, Rikke, Maia and Gerard. The team met with several Members of European Parliament (MEPs) and shared issues relating to caste based discrimination (CBD). The web campaign to end CBD was discussed in detail with them and their feedback received. Asha shared about the India country situation and raised specific concerns of Dalit women. The lobby team also met with members of the EU External Action Service. The visit to the EU created new lobby spaces for negotiations and it was encouraging to note the concern and enthusiasm of the MEPs to get involved in this campaign to end caste based discrimination. Further follow up plans have been evolved and hence, specific actions and national level and International platforms will be designed in consultation with all concerned stake holders.



**Dalits - a people, a culture, a history**

## Recommendations to the National Monitoring Committee for Education of SCs, STs and Persons with Disabilities, June 27, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

At the occasion of the first meeting of the National Monitoring Committee for Education of SCs/ STs and Persons with Disabilities, held under the Chairmanship Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Minister for Human Resource Development, DAAA presented a comprehensive analysis of all schemes implemented by MHRD from the Dalit and Adivasi perspective, along with a list of recommendations for better planning, allocation, implementation and monitoring of schemes for educational development of SCs & STs. The presentation was well received from all participants and the Hon'ble Minister responded in affirmation.

Some of the decisions taken after the presentation are as followed:

- 1- National monitoring committee to constitute social group specific task forces
- 2- Each task force to have members representing different stakeholders
- 3- The task forces to submit the report to the standing committee within a period of six months

The National Monitoring Committee has been constituted for the first time by the Ministry of HRD to advise the Government on all matters pertaining to education and its pursuit for SCs, STs and PwDs. In addition, the National Monitoring Committee will review the functioning of various schemes launched by the Ministry for the purpose of promoting SCs, STs and PwDs in education.

Education Ministers of select state governments, parliamentarians, Secretary (SE&L), Secretary (Higher Education), Members of the National Monitoring Committee, distinguished academics, representatives of civil society organizations and senior officers of the Central and State Governments were present on the occasion.



## NCDHR-ALL INDIA DALIT MAHILA ADHIKAR MANCH (AIDMAM)

### Training programme on National Rural Health Mission and technical Information, June 25 to 27, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

NCDHR organized a staff training program on National Rural Health Mission and technical Information, from. Participants from PACS network partners attended the training wherein CHSJ was the facilitator.



## NCDHR-DALIT ARTHIK ADHIKAR ANDOLAN (DAAA)

### Recommendations to the Parliamentary Committee on Special Comonet Sub-Plan (SCSP)

Concerning advocacy on Union and Delhi Budgets, NCDHR submitted an advocacy note entailing a department and scheme-wise budget analysis of Union and Delhi State governments, respectively, and Recommendations for its proper planning and implementation to Shri Gobinda Chandra Naskar, the Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SC/ ST, and 17 other members of the Parliament. The meeting took place on June 26.

## Advocacy for SCSP in Uttar Pradesh State Budget 2012-2013



DAAA organized a Press Conference in Lucknow, on June 2, 2012, in the run up to their consistent advocacy on the SCP. In the FY 2012-2013, of the total plan outlay (Rs 56110.14 Cr.), the total allocation as per the guidelines of SCSP and the SC Population of 21.15 %, the allocations has to be Rs 11867.26 Cr. Neglecting the guidelines of planning commission the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has allotted only Rs Cr. 10104.74, denying Rs Cr. 1761.72 for total SCSP allocations in the state.

Having analysed the state budget, DAAA highlighted the denial of SCP/TSP mandate, thereby making only notional allocation or nominal allocation under Direct Benefiting provisions to Individuals, family and helms; and Schemes like Water Supply and Sanitation, Public work, Technical Education, Family welfare having no allocation or very minimal allocations for the benefits of SC/ST.

### The following recommendations are made to the government:

- Have 100 % allocation as per as SCSP guidelines
- All the notional allocations be directly changed into direct allocations for the exclusive benefits of SCs
- Government to make direct relevant schemes for the benefit of the SC population in the state; &
- Proper monitoring mechanism be established to monitor the implementation of SCSP.

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[www.nationaldalitwatch-ncdhr.blogspot.com](http://www.nationaldalitwatch-ncdhr.blogspot.com)

### Orissa government resurveys after Dalit Watch advocacy

As an outcome of ongoing inclusion monitoring and advocacy to ensure entitlements to Dalit communities affected by 2011 massive floods in the districts of Kendrapada

and Jajpur, villages in Kendrapada have been re-surveyed by the officials on the basis of our findings of excluded Dalit families from the first government survey.

## NCDHR-NATIONAL DALIT MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE (NDMJ)

### Constituency level campaign on SC /ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act & Amendment

As an impact of the consultation held last month, Ms. Meenakshi Natarajan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, started a campaign for PoA Act and its Amendments in her constituency. As the first step of the campaign she identified 80 villages of her constituency and visited those identified villages (covering around 10 villages per day), from June 15 onwards, interacting with Dalits of the respective villages on prevalence of untouchability and atrocities.

NDMJ coordinated these visits, which not only focused on spreading awareness about the Act, but also having discussions with the villagers. Issues pertaining to untouchability practices in the villages and problems encountered while attempting to register complaints against atrocities were discussed. Moreover, during the visits, sensitive and active Dalits from each village were identified, who would follow up in association with civil society initiatives to further strengthen the enforcement of the Act in the particular villages.

### Intensifying State-level Coalition for Strengthening the PoA Act

Subsequent to the National consultation last month, the partners in various states have taken up the initiative to brace the Campaign for Strengthening SCs & STs (PoA) Act. In Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh, participants met for preparatory meetings and most of them planned for subsequent state-level consultations with wider civil society movements and activists, to rope them in for strengthening the state-level coalition and chalking out a strong campaign at the state, district and block levels.

In Maharashtra, Punjab and Odisha, State-level consultations were organized on June 3, 4 and 19, respectively. It is resolved to organize rally and post-card campaign in Maharashtra, survivors conference in Punjab and district level consultation in Odisha to further strengthen the campaign in these states.