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Vibrant Dalit Bahujan Movement by men and women of concern who assert themselves powerfully and effectively as stake holders in the governance to reclaim human dignity and integrity.



Mission

The Mission of DBRC is enabling assertive interventions of Dalit Bahujan Communities and mainstreaming towards socio-economic empowerment.



Goal

The Goal of DBRC is to enable Dalit Bahujans to actualize their dreams, a new society where Dalit Bahujans will become aware of their rights and entitlements; develop strong social, and economical resources; and become part of decision making bodies and processes at all levels.

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Acknowledgement



Mr. Alladi Deva kumar
Executive Secretary

It is a great honour and privilege to express gratitude to our Icon Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Father of Modern Democratic India for inspiring us to work for the welfare of marginalized communities – Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes to bring back dignity and social change.

DBRC is indebted to all its donors, partners and supporters who stood with us during our Journey. We sincerely thank the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Government of Telangana for its continuous support to enable the Dalit Bahujan communities avail the various programmes and schemes of the government. We would like to thank various government departments and its functionaries for all support rendered during this period.

I wholeheartedly congratulate the staff of DBRC who have relentlessly worked hard in order to impact the lives the most marginalized and vulnerable communities and also in strengthening the organization.

I extend my thanks to the community leaders, women and the youth for their incredible support.

Mr. Alladi Deva Kumar
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Introduction

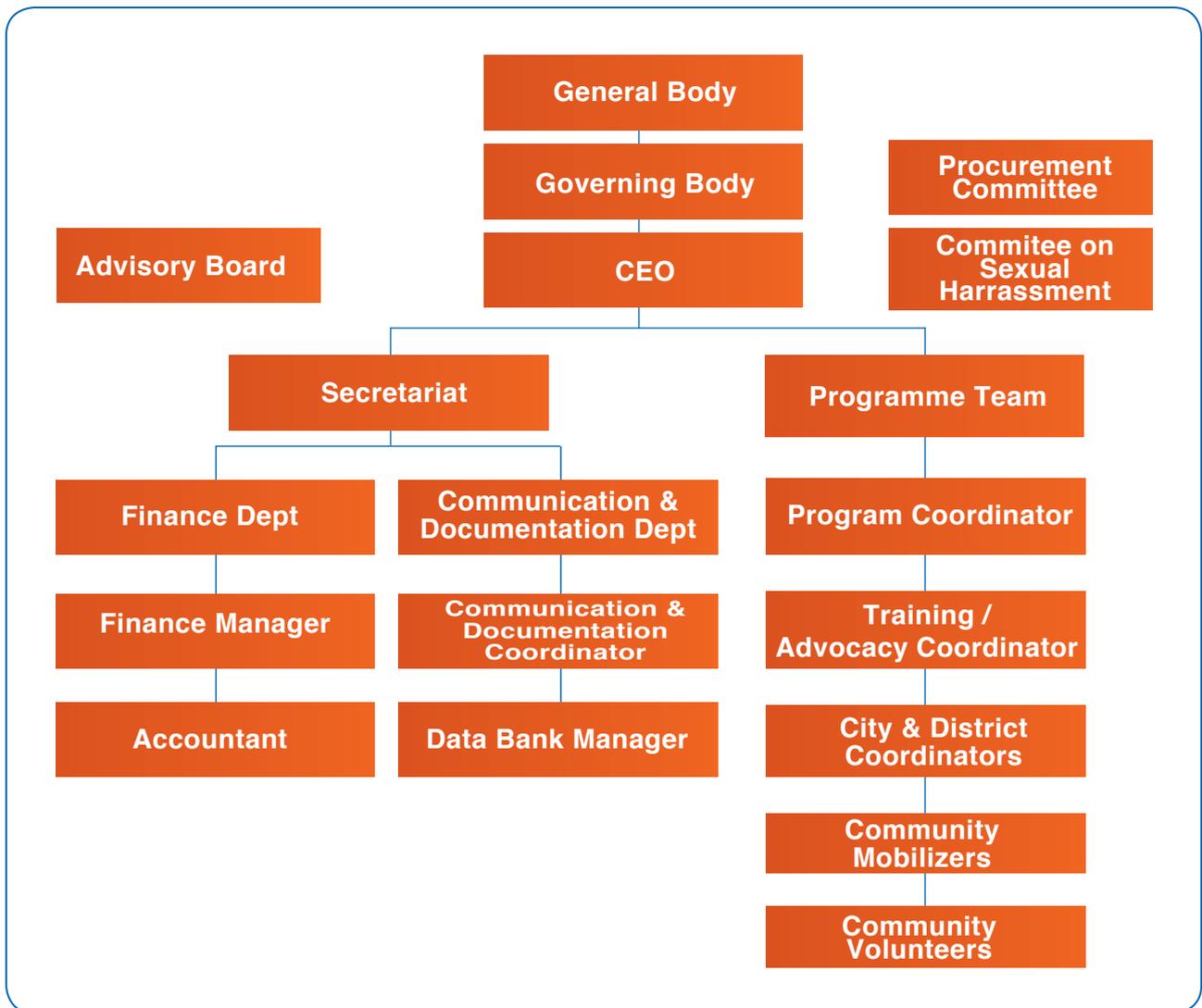
Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre is established in 1992 and working for marginalized communities to promote socio-economic and cultural empowerment. In India; rural and urban areas, there is significant proportion of the marginalized communities – scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes and minorities are the categories of individuals that come under marginalized communities live in vulnerable conditions. The term marginalization refers to individual or groups who live at the margin of society. Their situations may be historical or cultural as they suspend between social classes or cultural groups, without being fully integrated to it. Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s commitment of social change and development was constant and he was restless in giving justice and dignity to the marginalized sections of the society. Non institutional social work practice was started long back in India and it got acceleration after legalized efforts of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar towards welfare of the marginalized sections.

For the development of marginalized sections, the DBRC is keen to focus on empowerment and equity to bring social change and development. Since, establishment of DBRC, it has been undertaken various development programmes are campaigns, awareness, capacity building, Training of Trainers (ToTs), medical camps which aimed to empower and supporting the Dalit Bahujan and marginalised communities especially women and children in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for their comprehensive development.

Objectives

- To build, strengthen the marginalized communities to access, ascertain the human development indicators such as education, Health, livelihoods and dignity
- To End Violence, Atrocities and Un-touchability on Dalit Bahujan communities particularly women and children.
- To eliminate and reduce the adverse environmental impacts by working on environment and climate change.
- To support, strengthen efforts of state, central and local governments in empowering downtrodden, marginalized communities.

DBRC ORGANOGRAM



DBRC is having its own dedicated team working at the community, district and state level. The current strength of DBRC is 41 holding different positions placed at office and field in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State. All the staff of DBRC is expertise in social work having rich grassroots level experience working for Dalit, Adivasi, safai Karmacharis (Waste Pickers, drainage workers, sanitary workers) and other backward classes.

The team is working hard day to day to disseminate the information about various schemes, programmes of the government which they can avail and strengthening the leadership qualities and knowledge of the community members and facilitating them in achieving their rights and entitlements.

Geographical Working Area

The DBRC administrative office is located at Guntur, the administrative affairs operated from the administrative office and field operations scattered in rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state. In Andhra Pradesh state, total 5 districts (Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari, Prakasam and Kurnool) are focused and in Telangana state, total 6 districts (Rangareddy, Siddipeta, Vikarabad, Kamareddy, Warangal and Medak are focused. The details of field operation areas are furnished below:



- **Guntur**

Guntur Urban and Rural Atchampeta, Sattenapalli Rural and Urban Bellamkonda, Durgi, Macherla Rentachintala, Muppalla

- **Krishna**

Vijayawada Urban and Rural Ibrahimpatnam, Kanchikacherla

- **West Godavari**

Eluru Urban and Rural, Bhimadolu Denduluru, Pedapadu, Pedavegi Chinthalapudi, Kamavarapukota Lingapalem, Nallazerla

- **Prakasam**

Addanki, Darsi, Donakonda Koresapadu, Mundlamuru, Thalluru Kurichedu

- **Kurnool**

Kurnool Urban and Rural Jupadu Bungalow Nandikotukuru



- **Rangareddy**

Moinabad, Musheerabad

- **Siddipeta**

Douathabad, Dubbaka Mirudoddi Gazevel, Jagdevpur, Rayapol

- **Vikarabad**

Parigi, Pudur

- **Kamareddy**

Kazipeta, Rajampeta, Tadvoi

- **Warangal**

Warangal Urban Hussainparthy, Dharmasagar Elkaturchi, Atmakuru Gisukonda, Sangem

- **Medak**

Chegunta Ramayampeta, Nizampeta

Activities implemented during 2017-18

Intervention for Dalit Adivasi Empowerment:

- Organized Capacity Building programs in 5 target areas and sensitized 230 Palleveerulu / District & Mandal committee members on the allotment of the SC ST Component budget. They were also sensitized on different Government welfare schemes, programmes and encouraged them to disseminate the information to the community members.
- Conducted an Analysis on the SC ST Budget Allocation and Expenditure. Based on the findings of the Analysis, DBRC has advocated with the government for effective implementation of the Budget. DBRC has sensitized 115 Dalit Activists/NGOs about the non utilization of allotted funds and devised strategies to pressurize the government for effective utilization of the budget.
- Conducted Capacity Building programs in 6 Project target areas where 382 Dalit

Adivasi Leaders were sensitized about the budget allotted for various schemes under SC ST Component and oriented them about the need for monitoring the utilisation of SC ST Component budget.

- Organised Trainings to the unemployed youth in Jupadu bungalow, dubbaka, denduluru, pedapadu and Siddhipeta to enable the unemployed youth in getting trained in various skills and 316 of them participated in these Trainings. Resource Persons from MEPMA, SERP and DRDA have sensitized the youth about the various skill trainings and motivated them to join in various skill trainings provided by the different departments of the government in order to become self reliant.
- Conducted District level skill building programme to the Dalit Adivasi men and Women in the target areas and 326 of them participated in these trainings. The participants were sensitized about the different skill training programmes

such as AC repair, TV repair, Mobile servicing, DTP, tailoring, Electrical works, 2&4 wheeler servicing and repair etc. The trainings were organised in collaboration with IKP, MEPMA, Labour Department and ABRD Trust.

- Organised





- meetings at the District and mandal level and sensitized them on SC ST Budget, allocation and utilization. 368 members participated in the meetings.
- Conducted series of campaigns in 12 target areas and 662 community members were sensitized on emerging thematic issues such as Land Purchase Scheme, Housing, Dalit Rights and other welfare schemes available for the SC ST communities.
- 15 District level committee meetings were conducted at target areas and capacitated 963 committee members who participated in these meetings. They were oriented on different issues related to SC ST Sub Plan Act and the schemes available for the community members.
- Conducted 7 meetings for strengthening of dalit cadre at mandal and village level and 408 members were oriented on the welfare schemes allotted under the SC ST Component and motivated them to utilize the schemes.
- Organised trainings to the Dalit leaders, NGOs, CBOs and Activists in 3 Districts working for the Dalit Adivasis empowerment on domestic violence, nirbhaya, women protection laws, RTIs, etc. 264 members were trained on the information related to new schemes, policies, rules and acts initiated by the Government.
- DBRC has conducted State level Convention of SC ST farmers on the 23rd and 24th September, 2017 in Guntur. Around 200 farmers from 12 districts of Andhra Pradesh participated in this 2 day Convention. The main aim of this convention is to enable the farmers to voice out their issues and challenges and based on their inputs develop recommendations to advocate with the government for resolving the issues. The recommendations developed were used as an advocacy tool to represent to the government for resolving the issues.
- Conducted interaction meeting between

the community members and the officials of the Revenue Department and pressurized them to resolve the issues. Submitted representations to the MRO with a request to provide land to the landless dalits. Advocated with the District Collector to allot land to the landless.

- DBRC has Organized a 2 days staff capacity building training during 18th and 19th December 2017. The objective of the training is to strengthen personality development and enhance leadership skills among the team members of the organisation with regard to the different behavioural dimensions that have significance in the direction of organizational effectiveness. Dr.Warlu, a Personality Development Trainer led the 2 days Training as a Resource Person. The team was trained on on different subjects like personality development, time management, advocacy, monitoring, communication and documentation. The Training was participatory and interesting which has helped the team to think positively and move ahead to achieve the set goals.

- The government has started promoting formation of Farmers producersorganisations with the objective to enhancefarmprotection and value addition for the crop, to create competitiveness in the

market and to reduce investment. So, DBRC felt there is a need to understand how the FPOs function and what change can be expected for the farmers by forming them into a cooperative. For better understanding, DBRC has organised a 1 Day Training to the Project Staffwith Mr. Neeliah, Senior Consultant as Resource Person. During the Training the Staff were oriented on the need for the Dalit Adivasi farmers to become part of an FPO, the process involved in forming a FPO and the services that will be provided through FPOs such as 1.Input supply, 2.Value Additions/ Market Linkages, 3.Governance/ Capacity Building/ Networking, 4. Financial and Technical Support. He also highlighted that there is a need to sensitize the Dalit adivasi farmers to come forward and register the FPOs and utilize the services and schemes of the government which are earmarked for their welfare and development.

- The State level Round Table conference was organised in Guntur to discuss on the allocation of SC ST Budget, utilization and monitoring of the SC





ST Component. 236 members which includes activists, NGOs, CBOs, Dalit leaders and beurocrats from all over the state participated in this conference. Sri. Paul Divakar, General Secretary of National Coalition for Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) participated and presented the key note address. He stressed the need to put pressure on the government for effective implementation of the Act and ensure that the fruits reach the needy. Mr. Alladi Deva Kumar, Executive Secretary, DBRC has presented an Analysis on the Budget Allocation, Utilization and Gaps in implementation of the act. After thorough debate and discussions, recommendations were framed to be submitted to the Social and Tribal Welfare departments. Following the conference, representations were submitted at the State level with a demand for effective Implementation of the Act and utilization of the Budget.

- DBRC has conducted a Study on

functioning of Social and Tribal Welfare Residential Schools and Hostels in Andhra Pradesh. Majors findings of the study are :-

- The seats in the residential schools are vacant due to lack of basic amenities.
- 90 % of the students do not have access to safe drinking water.
- The food provided at these residential schools does not have nutritious value as the budget allotted for the groceries and vegetables is around 50 % less compared to the market price.
- Amount of Rs. 170 Crores allotted for maintenance and Repairs is unutilized.
- 50 % Less Budget allotted for Haircutting and Cosmetic charges (soaps, paste, oil, talcum powder etc) compared to the market rate.
- Budget allotted for Diet charges is less to the market price.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- **To Install R.O plants for enabling safe drinking water.**
- **Charges for diet, Haircutting and cosmetic charges to be enhanced.**
- **To Fill Teaching and Non Teaching Vacancies in the Residential Schools.**
- **To insure all the boarders under Health Insurance.**
- **To take up renovation works in the hostels and improve the basic amenities like toilets, bathrooms, water pipes, electricity, compound wall etc.**
- **To recruit Security personnel in girls hostels for creating safe and secured atmosphere.**

DBRC has conducted series of advocacy interventions at various levels ie. Mandal, District and state level. Following are few major advocacy interventions during this reporting period.

- Submitted a representation to the Principal Secretary of Social Welfare department with key recommendations which have come up during the State level Round Table conference on SC ST Component.
- Submitted a Representation to the Social Welfare Minister requesting him to intervene and resolve the issues in social and Tribal welfare Schools and hostels such as less diet charges and cosmetic charges, late distribution of books, supply of mosquito nets etc. DBRC has also requested the minister to improve the basic amenities such as drinking water, electricity, toilets and drainage and compound wall. All these points were discussed during the Stake holders meeting conducted by DBRC.
- DBRC has submitted 190 representations

out of which are at the mandal level, 135 are at District level. During this period. All these representations were submitted at Grievance Cell which is organised by the government on every Monday.

- Most of the grievances submitted are on the issues related to house sites, housing, land development, entitlements, atrocities, basic amenities in anganwadis, govt. schools, govt. welfare hostels, SC ST hamlets.

Submitted representation to the Chief Minister on the eve of Community Christmas organised by the State Government with the following demands

- a. To include Dalit Christians into SCs.
- b. To effectively implement G.O No. 341 and ensure the schemes meant for Christians are implemented on par with SCs.

Facilitated the Dalit Adivasi Victims in filing 9 cases of Atrocities during the reporting period. I.e 3 SC ST atrocities cases in Guntur District, 2 cases in Kurnool, 4 cases in Prakasam were filed during this reporting

period. The major cases of atrocities faced by the dalit adivasis are abuse in the name of caste, rape, murder, cheating, land grabbing, etc.

DBRC has conducted various programmes at District and State level such as State level Round table conference, Budget Watch, Advocacy interventions etc. DBRC shares the recommendations and demands which have come up during the meeting and the news is covered in all major News papers and electronic media.

- DBRC has translated the SC ST Prevention of Atrocities Act including amendments, into the local language i.e Telugu and is Printed. This will be helpful for better understanding of the Act.
- Translation of the Sub Plan Act and Rules into Telugu and Printing of the book is completed. The book has also been distributed to the NGOs, CBOs and Dalit Activists working for the development of the Dalit Adivasis.
- Pamphlets were printed on the various schemes, programmes of the government meant for the development of the Dalit Adivasis and they were distributed.
- Issues of the Dalit Adivasis, which are published in the daily news papers are brought together and developed a E-Newsletter Titled “Dalit Media Watch” and the same is shared on Whatsapp and Facebook on daily basis.
- DBRC has designed a Quarterly news letter titled “Dalit Saadhikaritha” (Dalit Empowerment), in Telugu and same

was printed in the month of March 2018. The News letter covered various events implemented during the reporting period such as the laying of Foundation stone for the construction of resource centre, State level conference on SC ST budget utilization, Recommendations of the conference, Analysis on Union budget 2018-2019, District level budget watch meetings, medical camps and interface meetings between government authorities and the Waste pickers. These newsletters are shared to the CBOs, NGOs, Activists and government authorities.

DBRC has filed 37 RTI petitions and got most of the information from various departments for analyzing the implementation of the programmes under sub plan.

11 Petitions were filed at the State level. 3 petitions were filed in Social Welfare Dept. 3 in Tribal Welfare 3 in Agri. dept. 2 in horticulture dept, 1 in women and child welfare department.

26 RTI Petitions were filed in 5 Districts. The RTI's were filed to get copy of the minutes of the Dist. Monitoring Committees, the allocation and expenditure of district sub plan budgets under Social Welfare Departments. RTIs are also filed in various other depts. Such as R&B, RWS, Housing, Agri., Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Sericulture to procure data regarding SC ST sub plan expenditure.

Organized 8 District level orientation meetings to community leaders and 364 members participated in the orientation programs. Budget from SC Component is

spent through 41 Depts and Tribal Component from 42 Depts. The Community leaders are sensitized on the various schemes available through SC ST component from all the departments. They are also oriented about the importance of their role in facilitating the community in the grass roots for utilization of the schemes.

District level Round Table conference were organised in Guntur and Eluru and 15 and 50 members participated consequently.

In these round table meetings issues related to the scholarships, welfare hostels, diet charges, cosmetic charges, basic amenities in govt. schools, welfare hostels were discussed and Recommendations were developed to be submitted to the Govt. Departments at District Level. Issues related to roads, street lights, side drains, grave yards, safe drinking water in the hamlets of SC and ST communities were discussed and representations were submitted to the govt. departments.

DBRC has identified likeminded people, activists, Ngos, Cbos, employees and professionals in 5 districts of Andhra Pradesh and formed teams titled "District Budget Watch" with members not less than 15 in each team. Once the teams are formed, the meeting of the District Budget Watch was conducted in all the 5 districts and 158 members participated in these meetings. The District Teams have discussed about their roles and responsibilities and way forward.

It was decided to liaison with the various

departments regularly and act vigilantly to address the issues and ensure effective utilization of the budget.

It was also decided to advocate with the district administration for functioning of the District budget monitoring committee.

- Participated in Strategic Workshop organised by Christian Children Fund of Canada (CCFC), Canada in Chennai to work on issues related to the children in AP. We presented the data on budgets related to the children welfare programs under SC ST Sub plan funds.
- Participated in AP Residential Teaching and Non Teaching Employees Association. Addressed the student's issues especially on the diet, hygiene, personal care and studies.
- Participated in State Level Christian Leader Summit organised by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. Represented to the government to give Non Statutory benefits which are given to SCs to the Dalit Christians also. The Minister for Social Welfare has given his assurance for the same.
- Conducted a Workshop on Outcome Impact Orientation (OIO) during 1st to 3rd February 2018 at Guntur. Mr. Khilesh led the workshop and Ms. Annie supported the same. During the Workshop, we reviewed the base line data, discussed the planned indicators fine tuned the indicators and developed monitoring tools and reporting format.

GREEN WORKERS INITIATIVE



Campaign on Rights and entitlements

DBRC understood that lack of awareness among the waste pickers about rights and entitlements is the main reason for their poor access to the government welfare schemes. So, DBRC planned to conduct a campaign on the “Rights and Entitlements” to the Waste Pickers. During 2017-2018 conducted the campaign in 11 working areas and they were sensitized about how to apply for AADHAR cards, ration cards, voter cards,

residence certificate, bank account, occupational ID cards. Totally, 730 Waste Pickers and Sanitary Workers were sensitized during this campaign and the Municipal Health officer, Chief Medical officer of Health, Sanitary Inspectors, Project officers of MEPMA and other departments were involved during the campaign.

Initiating and process of forming a Cooperative

DBRC has organized series of meetings with the Volunteers and the community leaders and sensitized them about a cooperative, uses of a cooperative and measures to be taken for strengthening the cooperative. The volunteers and the community leaders were sensitized about the different cooperatives run by the partners of AIW in Bangalore and Pune. Byelaws of the cooperative is prepared and waiting for the approval of





habits. So, DBRC has conducted motivation camps in all the target areas in Guntur and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation limits and motivated them about Sanitation, health habits and low cost nutrition. Through these camps, we wish and hope there will be behavioral change and they will follow good healthy practices and ensure they are

the register of cooperatives. The volunteers and community leaders have also disseminated to the waste pickers in all the target areas about the cooperative and they have expressed their willingness to be part of this initiative.

Motivation Camps

The Waste Pickers are living in the most deplorable condition and are prone to be infected with various infections due to their unhealthy

prevented from various diseases. Totally, 652 of them have participated in these camps.

Health Camps

Due to the Non hygienic conditions at work and unclean sanitation at their place of living, residence place also due to lack of nutritious food the waste pickers are falling ill So, DBRC organized Health camps to the waste pickers and





sanitary workers and organized 14 health camps in Guntur and in Vijayawada during 2017-2018. Medical team from the municipal corporations are involved in the health camps for treating them and DBRC has provided them with free medicine. Totally, 998 waste pickers and sanitary workers were treated and provided free medicines through these health camps.

Advocacy with government authorities

DBRC has developed very good rapport with the Guntur and Vijayawada municipal corporations.



We have represented to the Guntur municipal corporation to integrate waste pickers into solid waste management and provide them work in the corporation limits. Due to consistent advocacy, the Guntur Municipal Corporation has entered into an MOU with DBRC and integrated 211 waste pickers into door to door collection of solid

waste in Guntur. Due to this these waste pickers are living a life with dignity and self respect.

Media Sensitization

Though there are thousands of Waste Pickers in the state, there are no specific schemes or programmes meant for their welfare and development and they are not at all recognized by the state government. Hence, we have organized press meets in order to bring visibility and interacted

with the media and highlighted the issues of the Waste Pickers so that the government takes measures for their welfare.

Facilitation Services

After collecting the baseline data, DBRC has understood the needs of the Waste Pickers of the target

areas. Most of them do not have aadhar cards, ration cards, voter cards and other entitlements which makes them have no access to various schemes of the government. So, the team of DBRC has facilitated them in applying for the entitlements and some of them could get them. Consistent follow is being done in order to get them entitlements.

Capacity Building

DBRC organized 2 day trainings twice to the Leaders of Waste Pickers and the volunteers during this year. During the training programmes, they were capacitated on the welfare schemes, solid and liquid waste management, cleanliness and low cost nutritious foods. They were encouraged to voice out their issues and mock sessions were conducted to bring confidence in them so that they interact with the government officials themselves and resolve the issues. Focused group discussions were also conducted to make them fearless while speaking in groups.

Interface Meetings

In order to strengthen the linkages between the waste pickers and the government officials, DBRC has organized Interface meetings between the Waste Pickers and the Municipal Corporation Authorities. During these meetings the commissioners of Guntur and Vijayawada and the CMOH and MHOs have also participated in these interaction meetings and discussed with them about the issues they are facing. Representations were given to the concerned authorities about the non availability of ration cards, caste certificates, housing and other rights. The authorities have ex-



pressed their willingness to support them. These interface meetings have been useful to bring the issues of the waste pickers to the notice of the Government Authorities so that they resolve the issues and support the waste pickers.

Strengthening National Campaign Participated in the National level Workshop organised by AIW (Alliance of Indian Waste Pickers) on the theme



“Strengthening National Campaign on Rights and Entitlements of Waste Pickers & Sanitary workers” at Pune, Maharashtra on 8th&9th of July, 2017. NGOs from different states participated in the meeting and it helped us to represent the issues at the national level and also strengthen the network with other NGOs.

Exposure visits

and stigma they face in the society. They also learnt about welfare schemes initiated by various state governments.

On the 16th and 17th September, 2017 two waste pickers and a programme coordinator of Green Workers Initiative participated in the exposure visit organized by AIW to understand Organic Waste Management in Mumbai. The workshop was helpful to learn about the management of Waste, conversion of wet waste into organic compost, which is used as manure/fertilizer beneficial for agriculture.

These exposure visits helped us in understanding the various perceptions of waste pickers in other states of India. To recognize various methods/



On the 8th & 9th of July, 2017 two waste pickers and 1 team member of DBRC participated in the National level Workshop organized by AIW. During the workshop, the waste pickers shared their experiences at the work place, with scrap dealers

techniques used by the waste pickers while working to safe guard themselves from falling ill health. Also identifying the contribution of waste pickers in social and financial development of the society.

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