

Human Dignity

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**DALIT BAHUJAN  
RESOURCE CENTRE**

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## Collaboration with the SSS Federations in the NREGA Programme :

Dalitha Bahujana Front is part of the Andhra Pradesh Non Governmental Organizations Alliance. DBF has been coordinating with SSS federations in 6 mandals of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. DBF has been focusing on organizing the wage seekers to demand for their rights under NREGA.



*Mr.A.Deva Kumar, Exe.Secretary, DBRC addressing the Round Table Meeting on Partnership of Dalit Adivasi Wage Seekers in MGNREGS Program held on 02nd Feb. 2016 at Guntur*

We have conducted village level meetings with the SSS federations every month in all the 6 mandals and identified the issues and developed linkages with the government officials in order to resolve the issues. We organized mandal level meetings every Wednesday in our target areas and the government officials have also participated and the issues were brought to the notice of the government officials and the issues were resolved.

## HIV AIDs Awareness Programme :

DBRC has conducted HIV AIDS Awareness programmes in 4 districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The programmes were conducted in collaboration with the positive networks in Guntur, Visakhapatnam, Kurnool and Warangal. During the meeting, the people were given awareness about HIV AIDS, the mode of transmission of the virus, preventive measures for not getting infected, medicines available for people on HIV, Anti retroviral medicines, CD4 and opportunistic infections. IEC material collected

from District AIDS Control Society were distributed after the programme. Power point presentation and videos were presented during the meeting for more understanding.

World AIDS Day is held on the 1st December every year. This programme is initiated to show solidarity and support to people living with HIV AIDS. We have participated in the world AIDS day programme in 8 districts organized by the district administration and reiterated the need to be aware about the consequences of being infected with HIV and also to be aware about the medicines available for improving their health condition. During the meeting it was decided to take the campaign “Break the silence” to the grass root villages and vulnerable people.

### Women’s Day :

International Women’s Day is celebrated on the 8th March, 2016. We have conducted meetings with the women of the Self Help Groups in all the target areas and they were oriented about their rights, programmes and schemes of the government. They were motivated to update themselves about their rights and motivated them to voice out their issues and concerns.

### People’s Review Meeting on SC ST Sub Plan :

DBRC has conducted People’s Review Meeting on implementation of SC ST Sub Plan in 8 districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States. Representatives of various Dalit Organizations, Political Parties, Dalit activists & leaders participated in the People’s review meeting. During the review meeting, we discussed about budget allotted under Sub Plan, details of beneficiaries, challenges faced by the applicants in getting loan through the SC ST Sub Plan, utilization of budget and budget diversions. It was decided in the meeting to write to the government to take steps for effective implementation of the SC ST Sub Plan Act and for proper utilization of the budget.



*Mr.J.D.Seelam, Member of Parliament and other Dignitaries participated in People’s Review Meeting on Implementation of SC ST Sub Plan held at Guntur*



*Representatives of Andhra Bank facilitating the session during Awareness on Skill Development held at Vijayawada*

## Orientation to the Activists on Skill Training Opportunities :

DBRC has organized orientation to the Activists / Social Workers on the different skill development training opportunities available for the youth through the SC Corporation

and Andhra Bank. They were informed that the youth who have completed 10th Standard can get trained in different types of trades such as driving, carpentry, stitching, housekeeping etc.

## Representations to Govt. officials :

Various issues of the dalit bahujans such as non availability of housing, house sites, drinking water, gas, electricity have come to our notice. These issues were represented to the government officials and asked them to resolve the issues at the earliest. They have positively reacted to our demands. Every Monday the government is conducting grievance day. So, our team attends the grievance day meeting along with the victim / stake holder with a demand to resolve the issues.



*Submission of Memorandums during Grievance Day by the representation of DBRC and the community members*

## Campaign for conducting social audit :

Campaign mode is one of the effective interventions of DBRC. DBRC has conducted different campaigns on literacy, signature campaign, etc. As part of campaigns the organization has organized a campaign with a demand for affective utilization of SC ST Sub Plan budget and with a demand to conduct social audit in all its operation areas / districts.

## Training to the dalit cadre on Women Protective laws :

DBRC has organized training to the dalit cadre in Hyderabad on Women Protective Laws. 128 representatives of Dalit Adivasi cadre from 8 districts participated in the 2 day training program and they were trained on the rights and laws on women protection, especially on the dalit women protective laws. The participants were oriented on different Government schemes, policies, GOs available for the welfare of the SC ST Communities.

## Human Rights Day :

We have observed 10th December, 2015 as Human Rights day in 9 Districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. DBRC along with various Dalit organizations have conducted rallies in order to bring awareness about the human rights. We shouted slogans “Dalit Rights are Human Rights”.



*Observed 10th December as Human Rights Day by organizing Rallies and making slogans as “Dalit Rights are also Human Rights”*

## State level consultation to review the implementation of SC ST Sub Plan :

DBRC has organised State Level Consultation to review the implementation of SC ST Sub Plan where 96 participants from 19 organisations and 2 representatives of the legislative assembly participated in the Consultation. DBRC has collected secondary data from all Govt. Departments that are implementing the Sub Plan and conducted an analysis on the utilization of the budgets and came out with findings and prepared a budget analysis report. Budget analysis report is submitted to the Government to study and take necessary measures on the utilization of SC ST Sub Plan Budget and further the floor has appealed to the government for the effective implementation and utilization of the SC ST Sub Plan Budgets.

## Skill Development Trainings to the Dalit youth :

DBRC has identified 1200 potential youth (majority of them are women) from Dalit Adivasis Communities of 5 districts and linked them to different skill training institutes run by the Government. These youth were trained on different skills which are useful for their livelihoods. After completion of the training successfully some youth are

been facilitated in getting loans from the SC Finance Corporation to establish their own units and this created self employment for themselves and for many others by providing them employment in their units.

### **Campaign on the rights and entitlements of Waste Pickers :**

DBRC has organized a week long campaign in the municipal corporations of Guntur and Vijayawada to bring awareness on the rights and entitlements of the Waste Pickers where 550 waste pickers were educated on their rights and entitlements. The Organization has advocated with the authorities of Vijayawada & Guntur Municipal Corporation to issue occupational identity cards to the Waste Pickers and submitted the list of Waste Pickers to the Municipal Authorities.

### **Waste Pickers Interaction meeting with Government Officials :**

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*Interaction Meeting between Waste Pickers and Govt. Authorities held at Press Club, Vijayawada*

### **Campaign on Education :**

DBRC has organised Literacy campaign in the target areas to focus on the importance of education. Through these campaigns, the parents and children were sensitized about the importance of being literate. They were motivated to send their children to school to enable them to live a better life. The parents were oriented on the facilities provided to the government run schools and hostels. The School dropout children were also motivated to rejoin school and continue their education.

## Interface meeting between Waste Pickers and Govt Officials :

DBRC has organised an Interface meeting between the Waste Pickers and the government officials. The Interface meeting was organised to develop rapport between



*Interface Meeting between Waste Pickers and Govt. Officials held at Auto Nagar, Vijayawada*

the Waste Pickers and the concerned Departments. 300 waste pickers participated in the interface meeting. The Municipal Commissioner of Vijayawada, State coordinator of MEPMA, Officers of ICDS, and Municipal Corporation participated in the meetings. During the interface meetings

many issues of Waste Pickers were discussed and the Municipal Commissioner has extended his support to improve the living condition of the Waste pickers.

## Health Camps for the Waste Pickers :

DBRC has organized 6 free Medical Camps for the Waste Pickers and their families in Guntur and Vijayawada Municipal Corporations. Medical Officers / Doctors from the Government Hospitals provided free treatment and the DBRC has provided them with free medicines. Waste



*Medical Officer treating the patients at Free Medical Camp organised for the Waste Pickers at Vijayawada*

Pickers are very much vulnerable to the opportunistic infections and chronic diseases due to their poor living conditions. During the camp, they were sensitized on good habits, nutritious diet and measures to be taken for preventing themselves from being infected with different diseases.

### **Dissemination of information through SMS alerts :**

DBRC has been regularly following up with various government departments about the new Schemes/programmes and initiatives of the government. Whenever any information is received, immediately DBRC disseminates the information to the Dalit Adivasis cadre, activists, CBOs, NGOs and other peoples organisations by using Dalit SMS Alert. Totally 15,104 messages were sent during this period.

### **State Level People's Review on the implementation of SC ST Sub Plan :**

DBRC has organized State Level People's Review on the implementation of SC ST Sub Plan on 03rd March, 2016 at S.C. Corporation Conference Hall, Guntur. Mr. Nakka. Ananda Babu, MLA, Vemuru, Mr. T. Sravan Kumar, MLA, Tadikonda, Various Dalit Organization, NGOs and CBOs participated in the meeting. Mr. A. Deva Kumar, Executive



*Mr. Nakka Anand Babu, MLA, Vemuru, addressing the participants at State Level People's Review, Guntur*

Secretary, DBRC highlighted the need to conduct Social audit on the implementation of the SC ST Funds and he also said that the funds need to be released directly to the SC ST Nodal Agency for affective implementation. The legislative representatives have promised to advocate with the government for effective implementation of the Sub Plan Act.