



# BIENNIAL REPORT 2020-22

## **DALIT BAHUJAN RESOURCE CENTRE**

Towards Empowerment of Marginalized Communities

## "Cultivation of Mind should be the Ultimate AIM of Human Existence."

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar



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# **Message from CEO**

Greetings from Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre, Guntur!!

alit Bahujan Resource Centre (DBRC) has been working for the empowerment of the Dalit Adivasis and other marginalized communities since 1992, and the years 2020 and 2022 proved to be years that tested our true resilience and determination while striving to reach out to the needlest people amidst the unprecedented COVID-19 global pandemic that created the very challenging situation.

As the pandemic dictated the way we work and live for the most part of these 2 years, we have remained strongly committed and focused to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of most of our target communities are protected by sensitizing them on covid appropriate behavior.

We have quickly adapted to the Covid pandemic and continued to serve the core constituency of facilitating the excluded communities in accessing entitlements and schemes including direct bank transfers from the government. The interventions have contributed to curbing starvation and without slipping further marginalization of these communities.

In order to ensure the recovery of the target communities, we have initiated new interventions with a focus on strengthening the livelihoods of our communities by providing waste pickers with Tricycles which has helped them in enhancing their income, providing seeds for starting kitchen gardens in the communities to enable hygiene and quality vegetables and the Initiation of outdoor learning centers for the children of the slum dwellers has helped in bridging learning loss during Covid.

Our efforts did not go unnoticed as DBRC was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by the District Administration of Guntur and Prakasam on the occasion of the 75thIndependence Day celebrations.

Applauding the incredible energy put in by our team in the response to Covid, various Individual and institutional donors overwhelmed us with their support to reach out to the communities in need.

I am proud to inform you that DBRC has been selected as one of the grassrootsorganizations in the country selected for GROW's 100 out of 2300 registrations for enabling more resilience, capacity building, and future readiness. I am also happy to inform you that Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative (APPI) has extended it support to replicate the present ongoing work with waste pickers in the Visakhapatnam district and strengthen the work in Guntur.

I appreciate the team, for their courageous efforts with utmost commitment in the face of such adversity.

I invite you to join us in bringing change in the lives of the most marginalized communities so as to ensure dignity, justice, democracy, and social equality.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Alladi. Deva Kumar

**Executive Secretary** 



# **Acknowledgements**

The Sudden outbreak of Covid-2019 pandemic during the first quarter of the year shattered the lives of our target groups who predominantly work as daily wage and migrant labourers. Even during such hard times, with the audacity of our staff, we delivered the essential goods to the needy in our target areas. We salute all our staff who accomplished this tough task by prioritising community benefits over their own health. With pride we can say that our activities during pandemic period prompted many other donors to approach us to reach out the needy people.

Iwould like to thank our donors for providing us all the financial support we needed to carry out the activities for the period 2020-22. Their timely mediation also ensured that we are always intact with our objectives.

I would like to thank the advisory board of DBRC for providing us their valuable inputs and suggestions in making our efforts more fruitful.

I would also like to thank the officials of the Union government of India and the state governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for supporting and their timely response in addressing the issues of the communitieswe raised during the period 2020-22.

I thank all our community leaders, Activists, Area committee members, Volunteers, and budget watch members, for strengthening our relationship with our communities all throughout our journey.

I thank all the field staff of DBRC who helped us in executing and documenting the activities we carried out during the year 2020-21. We thank all the office staff of DBRC who had been very helpful to us at every stage of our work. Finally, we thank our finance department staff for taking care of all our financial needs to carry the scheduled activities within the stipulated time.

I thank our field staff, program, and finance team for their relentless efforts in implementing the planned activities.

I hope, together we can take up new interventions to bring change in the living conditions of the most marginalized communities.

Jai Bheem!!

**Mr. Jaladi Chittaranjan**President

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## **About Us**

Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre was established in 1992 and works for the Socio-economic and Cultural transformation of the Dalit Bahujan Communities with special focus on women and children in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states.

DBRC focuses on transforming the lives of these communities by providing them information, knowledge and capacity building.

DBRC works for promotion of livelihood, dignity and self-respect among Dalits, Adivasis, Waste Pickers and other informal workers.

#### Vision

To Achieve Social Justice and Social Democracy to Reclaim Human Dignity of Dalit Bahujan Communities.

#### Mission

To Enable Assertive Interventions of Dalit Bahujan Communities towards their Socio economic Empowerment.

#### Goal

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 financial resources; and become part of decision making bodies.

#### Beliefs and Values

The core beliefs of DBRC are derived from set of universal values and behaviors, these values and behaviors are central to all partnership that DBRC aims to create for the fulfillment of its vision. All DBRC members through their internal and external work aspire to live out these principles and behaviors.

## Dignity

Dignity is upholding the self-respect and self-worth, physical and psychological integrity and empowerment.

#### Social Justice

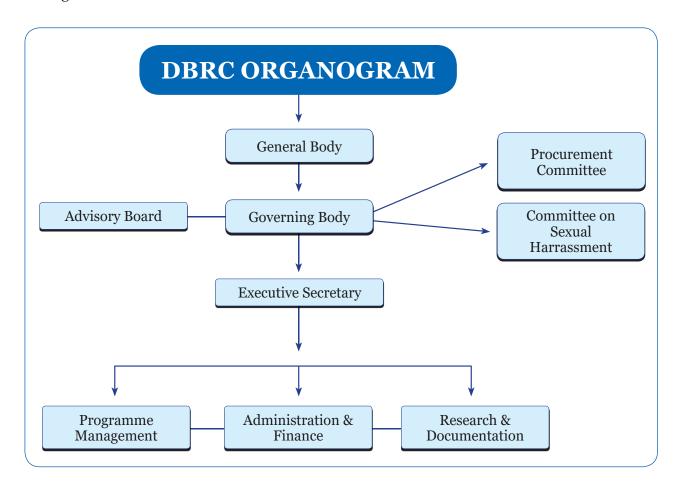
Social justice is equal access to wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society.

#### Social Democracy

To follow the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity.

# **Our Key Objectives**

- To build, strengthen the marginalized communities to access and ascertain the human development indicators such as education, Health, livelihoods and dignity
- To end violence, atrocities and untouchability on Dalit Bahujan communities particularly on women and children.
- To mitigate and adapt to adverse environmental impacts caused by climate change particularly on marginalized communities.
- To support and strengthen the efforts of state, central and local governments in empowering marginalized communities.



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

The team works hard to disseminate information about various schemes, programmes of the government and acquire knowledge and avail schemes which marginalised can avail to strengthen the leadership qualities and knowledge of the community members and facilitate them in achieving their rights and entitlements.

# **Dalit-Adivasi Budget Watch**

# Budget watch ?

#### Objective:

To Achieve Economic Justice for SC/ST Communities.

#### **Ongoing Interventions:**

- Working towards befitting utilization of Budget allotted under SC/ST Component.
- Sensitizing the SC/ST communities at the grassroots levels about SC/ST Sub-Plan Act and Schemes implemented by various government departments.
- Orientation meetings and trainings to the community leaders, CSOs, NGOs working for the empowerment of the marginalized communities.
- Conducting Budget Analysis and developing perspective.
- Conducting studies on various schemes implemented through SC/ST Funds.
- Dialogue with the government departments and suggesting appropriate welfare and development schemes based on the needs and aspirations of the marginal communities.
- Advocacy with the policymakers to ensure justice in Budget allocations for SC/ST Communities.

# **Empowering SC/ST Farmers**

## Objective:

To enable SC/ST small and marginalized farmers towards their socio-economic development.

#### **Ongoing Interventions:**

- Orienting the SC/ST farmers on various schemes and services available in Agriculture and Allied Departments.
- Strengthening linkages and convergence with agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, dairy, poultry, animal husbandry departments etc.
- Promotion of Farmers Producer's Organisations (FPOs) among SC/ST farmers.
- Exposure visits to Krishi Vignanakendras, Horticulture hubs and other model farms for understanding best practices and innovative methods.
- Promotion of kitchen gardens among marginalised communities in order to enable continuous fresh and residue-free vegetables in their households.
- Promotion and protection of rights and entitlements of Tenant Farmers and agriculture labourers.



## **Green Workers Initiative**

#### Objective:

To improve the living conditions of the Waste Pickers by ascertaining human development indicators such as education, health, livelihoods and dignity.



#### Introduction:

Waste pickers play an important role in the Solid Waste Management (SWM). They contribute to the society environmentally and economically by collecting, sorting and segregating recyclable waste and sell it to the scrap dealer to make a living. Though they are pioneers of recycling, they are not recognised for their services and are rather considered as the lowest in the hierarchy of urban informal occupations in India.

Most of the Waste Pickers are non-literates, unskilled, migrant workers and are poorest of the poor. They do not have basic entitlements such as Aadhar card, ration card, birth certificate, caste certificate, residence certificate etc. They usually live in isolated areas, beside roads, railway tracks, dumping yards etc.

#### Major Activities Implemented:

- Sensitised the Waste Pickers about health and hygiene and behavioural change communication.
- Organised awareness campaigns against Child Marriages, School dropouts, and Child labour.
- Enrolled children into government schools and welfare hostels.
- Facilited Waste Pickers and their families in getting access to entitlements such as Occupational Identity Cards, E-shram Cards, Aadhar Cards, Ration Cards, Voter ID Cards, Caste certificate, Health Card, Life and Health Insurance etc.
- Facilitated the Waste Pickers in getting access to schemes i.e. Social Security Pensions, housing, free power, Amma Vodi, YSR Cheyutha and other welfare schemes of the government.
- Strengthened linkages with the government institutions i.e., Anaganwadi Centre, Primary Health Centres, Villages/Ward Secretariats.
- Advocated with the government for policy level changes.
- Provided support to strengthen their livelihoods and to take up alternative livelihoods.
- Organised interface meetings with government departments and Waste Pickers.
- Advocated with Urban Local Bodies (ULB) for integration of Waste Pickers into Solid Waste Management (SWM).



# **Outdoor Learning Centre (OLC)**

#### Objective:

To encourage the never enrolled children belonging to the families involved in Waste Picking, Rat Catching, Fishing, daily wage workers residing in remote slums such as dumping Yards, road side, beside railway tracks, hill top, canal bund, burial grounds etc and enroll them in schools to take up education to ensure they have a better future.

#### **Interventions:**

Outdoor Learning Centres (OLCs) are started in the slums of our target areas. They are run six days a week for two hours a day. The Centres contribute to productive learning time and create a sense of belonging by making learning joyful.

## The children are encouraged in diverse activities such as

- Reading & Writing
- Outdoor Games
- Singing / Dancing
- Life Skills
- Good Habits for Behavioral Change
- Supporting in Completing Homework

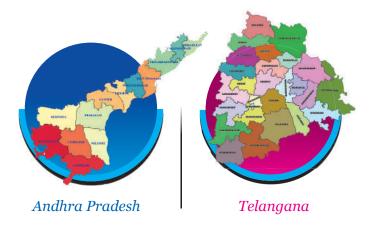
We also have extended sessions for activities such as video screenings, quiz, visits to exhibitions, picnics etc.

#### **Reach Out:**

DBRC is currently running these Centres in Guntur, Vijayawada, Tenali, Sattenapalli and Eluru and reaches out to around 600 Children.

# **Geographical Working Area**

DBRC administrative office is located at Guntur, the administrative affairs operated from the administrative office and field operations are scattered in rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states. In Andhra Pradesh we are working in 5 districts (Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari, Prakasam and Kurnool) are focused and 6 districts in Telangana, (Rangareddy, Sidipeta, Vikarabad, Kamareddy, Warangal and Medak.



## Andhra Pradesh

#### • 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

#### • Visakhapatnam Vadlamudi, Gajuwaka

## Telangana

#### Rangareddy

Moinabad, Musheerabad

#### Siddipeta

Douathabad, Dubbaka Mirudoddi, Gazevel Jagdevpur, Rayapol

#### Vikarabad

Parigi, Puduru

#### Kamareddy

Kazipeta, Rajampeta Tadvoi

#### Warangal

Warangal Urban, Hussainparthy Dharmasagar, Elkaturthi Atmakuru, Gisukonda Sangem

#### Medak

Chegunta Ramayampeta Nizampeta

# Achievements 2020-2022

- Our team was able to adapt quickly to the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (Sars-Cov-2) Covid-19 pandemic and continue to serve the core constituency.DBRC acted as the Nodal NGO for the GO-NGO Coordination committee in Guntur and worked to address the needs of the most marginalized communities. On the occasion of the 75thIndependence Day celebration, DBRC was recognized and awarded by the Guntur and Prakasam district administration for its effort during covid.
- During Covid, Supported women from marginalized communities in taking up a kitchen garden in 101 villages in Andhra Pradesh and later in collaboration with the horticulture department facilitated in training them on organic and sustainable agricultural practices.
- Reached out to around 40000 most vulnerable communities such as waste pickers, sanitary workers, migrant workers, construction workers, daily wage laborers, and other slum dwellers during Covid and provided them with dry ration and hygiene kits and also provided support for travel to reach their destinations. Besides this, we have provided Masks, gloves, and sanitizers to around 9000 NREG workers in 5 districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- As part of a Recovery from Covid, DBRC Supported 4000 women from marginalized communities in taking up a kitchen garden in 101 villages in Andhra Pradesh and later in collaboration with the horticulture department facilitated training them on organic and sustainable agricultural practices.
- The Dalit Adivasi Budget Watch promoted by DBRC as a collective of NGOs, CSOs, Activists, and intellectuals at the district level has started functioning well in 4 districts of Andhra Pradesh and has strengthened its engagement with the government departments thereby contributing to better utilization of SC-ST Budget.
- The living conditions of the communities are made better as they have accessed welfare
  and development schemes and also assessed services from government institutions such
  as Village/Ward Secretariats, Primary Health centers, Anganwadi, raithu Barosa Kendra's,
  etc.
- Reduction in migration, child labor, and child marriages among our target communities.
- Emergence of community leaders who are voicing out and representing the community issues with the government.

- The present programs implemented for Waste Pickers and their development has contributed to collaboration with Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives to take up similar work with Waste Pickers in other geographical areas.
- Facilitated, 13320 women from Vulnerable communities from our target areas access to financial assistance from arious government schemes.
- 2742 children belonging to SC, STs, and other marginalized communities have benefitted by enrolling in schools, hostels, anganwadis and residential schools.
- 3661 farmers have accessed schemes through Agri and allied departments to a tune of Rs. 6,54,33,764.
- 415 Dalit Women, has got access to permanent housing, and 2492 Dalit Women and 246
   Safai Karmacharis women accessed house sites.
- 3345 Dalit Women and 120 Safai Karmacharis have accessed free domestic power from the government.
- Engaged with the Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare department for allocation of budget for the Waste Pickers in the state budget and it is the first of its kind in India.
- DBRC has been selected to be among the Grows 100 organizations which will be offered capacity building and future readiness support.
- Engagement with the district administration enabled us to facilitate 1214 waste pickers (60% are DNTs) to get Aadhar cards, ration cards, and Caste certificates in the Guntur, Krishna, west Godavari, and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- Facilitated the 139 Waste Pickers, rat catchers, fisher folk and other vulnerable groups belonging to the Tribal community who are living beside the river and canal beds, hilltops, roads, and dumpsites in getting housing free of cost by getting beneficiary contributions from Tribal Sub Plan.



# Response to Covid-2019



**Mr. V. Lakshmana Reddy,** State Liquor Prohibition Committee Chairperson, distributing essential commodities to Waste Pickers at Kolanukonda, Tadepalli Mandalam, Guntur district.

## Distribution of Dry Ration

he lockdown has adversely affected the lives of construction workers, migrant workers, waste pickers, sanitaryworkers, drainage workers, transgenders, daily wage workers and other marginalized communities. As most of them do not have ration cards, they were not able to access the support provided by the state and the central governments. So, DBRC with the support of various donors, philanthropists, from India and abroad have taken up various interventions for reaching the needy communities.

- Distribution of ration to the doorsteps of 872 Covid affected persons in four districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- Distribution of ration and hygiene kits to 23210 families in five districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- Provided support to 2702 migrants who were travelling by foot /cycle also organized 112 vehicles to reach their home towns.



- Supported three orphanages in Guntur and reached out to 145 inmates and provided them dry ration and hygiene kits.
- Cash transfers were done to the vendors directly and 208 families who were struck in red/orange zones in different areas have received dry ration from the vendors.
- Conducted awareness in all the target areas and sensitized the communities about Covid appropriate behavior (CAB).
- Personal counseling was given to people who had myths and misconceptions about the spread of
  the virus and also encouraged people who had symptoms to visit the nearby primary health centers
  for testing and treatment.



▲ Distributing Fruits & Food materials to migrants during lockdown in Guntur.



**Sri Md. Musthafa M.L.A.**, participated in the distribution of dry Ration to unorganized workers



Vehicles were organized to the Migrants to reach their home town



**Sri Malladi Vishnu M.L.A.,** Vijayawada Central, participated in the distribution of Dry Ration & Hygiene Kits to marginalized communities at YSR Colony, Vijayawada.



Relief Kits distributed to Sanitary Workers at Vasantaraya Puram, Guntur



Distribution of Relief kits and and Hygiene Kits to Marginalized Communities at Visakhapatnam



Distribution of **Dry Ration & Hygiene kits to Waste Pickers**at Vambay Colony, Vijayawada

DBRC Team packing Relief kits to be distributed to the community.





Distribution of Dry Ration to Differently Abled people at Vijayawada



Distribution of Dry Ration and Hygiene kits to Safai Karamcharis at Tenali



Distribution of Dry Ration to Pregnant, Lactating women at Sattenapalli



NREGA workers Sensitized on Covid, its spread and preventive measures



Distribution of Dry Ration to Migrant Workers in Guntur



Dry Ration and & Safety gears distributed to Waste Pickers in ST Colony, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District.

#### **Districts Covered**



Sidhipeta, Medak Vikarabad Rangareddy Gajwel, Warangal Kamareddy Telangana







## COMMUNITIES REACHED

Waste Pickers,
Sanitary Workers, Migrant
& Construction Workers
Brick Makers, HIV Positives
Transgenders & Other
Unorganized Workers



- Dry Ration
- Cooked Food
- Water
- Breakfast



- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Hygiene Kits



- Horlicks
- Medicines
- Chappals





- Travel Arrangements
- Awareness generation
- Facilitation of relief material







#### Campaign on Crop Cultivators Act

BRC conducted campaign on Crop Cultivators Act 2019 for Tenant Farmers from 3rd to 7th August, 2020. The campaign covered three districts i.e., Prakasam, Guntur and West Godavari Districts of AP covering 15 mandals, 75 villages reaching out to 1306 tenant farmers and 360 farmers. Farmers were sensitized on the benefits of the CCR Cards. 2925 pamphlets were distributed during the campaign. Flex banners were printed with a message requesting farmers (landlords) to cooperate with the tenant farmers in signing for the CCR cards. Flex banners were displayed in the SC/ST hamlets and at the main centers like Village Secretariats, MRO Offices, Main Junctions for public visibility. Some banners were tied to the auto rickshaws for more visibility.

During this campaign nearly 252 tenant farmers applied for the CCR cards. The government department representatives like MROs, VROs, VAAs, Agriculture Department Officials were involved in the campaign. The pamphlet printed by DBRC helped the grassroot govt. staff to disseminate information on the CCR cards. This platform also helped them to share more information on various govt. schemes like Rythu Bharosa, E-Crop Namodhu, Crop loans and other schemes available in the Agriculture Department.





Awareness campaigns about CCR cards in Prakasam and West Godavari districts

## Exposure Visit to Krishi Vignana Kendra (KVK)



Exposure visits to different model agriculture institutions were made and 200 farmers participated in these exposure visits. The farmers were updated about how horticulture department was encouraging the SC/ST farmers by providing Crop loans and subsidies and other agriculture tools, pumpsets, drip irrigation sets and power to the crops. They were also updated about sustainable agricultural practices, organic farming, cultivation of palm oil plants and their products.



DBRC led a team of SC/ST & Tenant farmers to Pichikalagudipadu village, Prakasam District to understand Drip Irrigation & Sustainable Farming Practices so that they attain financial self-reliance.



Exposure visit of SC/ST farmers in Warangal district, Telangana

# Awareness to the SC/ST farmers on Government Schemes

**DBRC** conducted orientation meetings at Guntur, Vijayawada, and Eluru and oriented SC/ ST farmers about various welfare schemes such as Rythu Barosa, YSR Sunna Vaddi scheme, YSR Jalakala, YSR free Crop insurance, and other schemes. Raitu Bharosa provides financial assistance to the farmers including tenant farmers across the state. YSR Sunna Vaddi schemes provides interest free crop loans for farmers, which are available in the agriculture and allied departments.









## Interface meetings between Dalit-Adivasi Farmers and officials from Agriculture & Allied Departments

**DBRC** organised two interface meetings between Dalit adivasi farmers and officials of agriculture & allied departments in Eluru and Sattenapalli and nearly 100 farmers participated in these meetings. Resource persons from Krishi Vyavasaya Kshetram updated the farmers about the services available at Rythu Barosa Kendrams and asked them to utilize services such as crop insurance, e-crop booking & marketing etc. They also asked the farmers to opt for alternative agricultural practices such as honey-bee rearing, mushroom cultivation, goats, pigs, cows fish, poultry rearing etc., which increases their income.



Dr. M. Gangadevi, Agriculture Scientist



**Mr. P. Balaji Kumar,** Horticulture Department, Assistant Director

## Promoting Sustainable Organic Farming Practices

**DBRC** conducted 9 awareness programs to sensitize and promote sustainable agriculture and organic farming practices in all its implementing mandals. Total 350 farmers participated in these programs. The staff of Rythu Barosa Kendras and Mandal Agriculture Departments sensitized the SC/ST farmers on sustainable and organic farming and informed about best practices in agriculture.

Farmers were encouraged to opt for alternative agriculture practices such as pig farming, goats, sheep, cattle, hens rearing, which will help them as alternative income sources. These programs provided good exposure to the SC/ST farmers to takeup sustainable organic farming.



## **Women Empowerment**



## District level training on Women Rights and Acts

February, 2021, DBRC organised series of trainings to the women community leaders in Guntur, Eluru, Vijayawada and Ongole on Women's Rights and Acts. The main objective of these trainings was to ensure that women leaders become aware of different rights and Acts initiated by the government for the security and protection of the girl and women and they thereby disseminate the information to the community members. Officials from the Police and Women and Child Welfare Departments graced the occasion and said, "women should be confident and should be ready to fight any problem. They should voice out the issues they face regarding domestic violence and sexual harassment". They opined that women should strive to attain financial independency which in turn would help them in achieving empowerment.

They urged the women to familiarize themselves with the laws and Acts meant for the safety and protection of the girls and women.



#### District Level Trainings on Leadership

**DBRC** organized District level Training for women on leadership in four districts of Andhra Pradesh. Around 200 women from various villages participated in these training programmes. Mr. Malladi Vishnu, MLA addressing the participants in Vijayawada said that more women leaders need to emerge which will ensure women speak for themselves and resolve the issues on their own. He said women play a very important role in the fight against atrocities, discrimination, and untouchability. During this training, the women leaders were sensitized about why a good leader is needed for the community, the responsibilities of a leader.







#### Mrs. Tammisetti Ramadevi

Member, State Women Commission, participated as a Chief Guest in District Level "Training on Leadership to Women Representatives"

> in Ongole, Prakasam District.

#### District level trainings on Women Leadership

**DBRC** conducted Women Leadership Trainings in four target districts. Around 150 SC/ST women participated in these training programs. The objective of this training was to equip SC/ST women with leadership qualities so that they stand confident and thereby reach their goals. They were taught about leadership qualities of a good leader, group dynamics etc. Mr. Malladi Vishnu, Member of Legislative Assembly said that women are the pillars of the society and hence they should be ready to take up leadership at all levels.

### Mandal level Orientation Meetings to the Dalit-Adivasi Women

**DBRC** conducted 23 Mandal level orientation meetings to sensitize the Dalit Adivasi women on Govt. welfare and development schemes. Totally 1150 Mandal level women leaders, dalit activists and community members were sensitized on different schemes meant for the welfare of women and girl child. Beside sensitizing them about the schemes, they were updated about how to apply for these schemes. This orientation helped them in accessing the schemes.

## A two-day State level training on Gender Equality and Justice

**DBRC** conducted a two day State Level Training on Gender Equality and Justice on 23rd and 24th October, 2020 at Guntur and 45 members participated. The objective of this training was to sensitize the communities on Gender Equality. Resource person for this training Smt. Kalamani highlighted about Gender and Sex and asked participants to encourage women to take up leadership and voice out for equality and justice. She asked the participants to forget the gender stereotypes and break the bondages to step ahead in life.



# Interface Meetings between SC/ST womens and Govt. Authorities



**Mr. G.V. Satyanarayana,** M.P.D.O.

**Mr. Satyanarayana,**DSP, Disha Police Stateion, Eluru



Mrs. K. Phani Rajakumari, CDPO, Taalluru



**Mr. Ch. Samuel Anil Kumar** Programme Co-Ordinator, DBRC

## Awareness on Health and Hygiene

**DBRC** believes that most of the women particularly from the marginalised communities do not focus on their health and hygiene . They are not aware about managing menstrual health and hygiene and it is understood that adequate facilitates are not available to manage their menstrual hygiene.



So, DBRC has conducted awareness programmes in the target areas and involved the staff from the women and child welfare departments, district medical and health departments to sensitize the target communities about the need to focuss on health and hygiene which is very much important for a healthy life. 532 women took part in these programmes.

## State Level Women Community Leaders Summit



Dr. Surepalli Sujata
Professor
Satavahana
University



Dr. Challapalli Swarooparani Professor Nagarjuna Universiry



Mrs. B.M. Leelakumari Advocate High Court

On 6th March, 2021 DBRC organised a State Level Summit of Women Community Leaders and 150 women community leaders from seven districts participated in this event. Mr. Alladi Devakumar, Executive Secretary, DBRC chaired the event. Prof. Challapalli Swarooparani, Professor of Acharya Nagarjuna University, Professor Surepalli Sujatha and Mrs. Leela Kumar, Advocate addressed the participants and brought to light about how leadership will pave way for socio economic development. They also highlighted the need for women to step up to take up leadership and participate in decision making process and bring a change in the society.

Community leaders who have done considerable work for empowering the society and voiced for women protection and empowerment were felicitated at this state level event.







Awards presented to Women community leaders



Distribution of Nets, Ice Boxes, Weighing Machines & Tools to Fisher folk in Vijayawada with the support of Care & Share, Italy & Muralikrishna Trust.

# **Children Empowerment**

### Child Rights Week

**DBRC** celebrated Child Rights week from 14th to 20th November Commemorating childrens day and child rights day. Various programmes such as puppet shows, skits, quiz competitions and sports were conducted to bring out the talents of the children and also sensitize them on the rights. Children were also sensitized about the importance of education, disadvantages of early child marriages, good habits, difference between good touch & bad touch, low-cost balanced diet, health & hygiene and sanitation. The never enrolled and school dropouts were identified and encouraged to join in govt. schools and hostels. The week long celebration concluded with prize distribution to the winners of various competitions.





National Girl Child Day January 24, 2021



## Children's Festival - 2020



# Development is possible only through Education

**Development** of any community is possible only through education, said DBRC CEO Alladi Deva Kumar while addressing the children on the occasion of 'Bala Mahotsavam-2020' organised by DBRC on 23rd December 2020 at Revenue Bhavan, Guntur. He advised the children to pursue education with a goal if they want to change the plight of their communities. He asked the children to take inspiration from the life of Dr. B R Ambedkar who conquered untouchability, shame and hunger and became a world intellectual. He informed that 'Bala Mahotsavam' was mainly organized to make sure that children do not get subjected to self-deprecation.

DBRC Program Coordinator Chukka Samuel Anil Kumar presided over the program and he explained about the illeffects of child marriage and further explained about health and family problems children face if they get married early. He urged the parents present there to encourage education of girl child and help them in attaining higher positions in the society.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of various competitions and cultural programmes. Clothes were distributed to 100 boys and girls with the support of local donors. Cultural programs were organized on this occasion. The program started with paying tributes to Dr. B R Ambedkar by garlanding his portrait. DBRC Training Coordinators John Kennedy, G Venkata Ramana; Guntur City Coordinators VaddeRaviteja, Manjula, B Ramesh and others participated in this program.



Awareness to waste pickers on COVID-2019

**DBRC** conducted Awareness Camps in six areas i.e. Guntur city, Vaddeswaram, Tenali and Mangalagiri of Guntur District; Auto Nagar of Krishna District, and Eluru of West Godavari District. 400 members were sensitized about the symptoms of Covid & its prevention methods etc. They were also encouraged to use masks and gloves while picking waste.





## **Education Campaign**

**DBRC** conducted a campaign on Education from 17th to 19th August, 2020 in Guntur and Krishna Districts in 20 target areas. Waste Pickers were sensitized on the importance of education and encouraged them to join their children in govt. schools. They were updated about the facilities in government schools and hostels, schemes they can avail if their children are enrolled into school etc. We observed that the children do not have mobiles, tabs, laptops, internet connectivity and electricity making it difficult for them to attend online classes. So, by mobilizing local community members, we started Outdoor learning Centres (OLCs).





#### Distribution of tricycles and Four-wheeler pushcarts

**The** Waste Pickers have been carrying bags on their shoulders, walking for 10 to 20 km every day, collecting waste, selling them to the nearby scrap dealers to make a living.

As they have to carry heavy loads on their shoulders, they suffer a lot and are prone to back related issues.

So, DBRC provided Tricycles to 102 Waste Pickers in Guntur, Vijayawada, Tenali, Eluru and Ongole so that they can travel to farther places easily and can earn more to live a better life.

DBRC also distributed four wheeler pushcarts to 27 waste pickers and motivated them to take up alternative livelihoods.

Now, some waste pickers have started their own small businesses such as selling vegetables, fruits, flowers, dry fish, and some of them had even started running tiffin centres etc.



## **Annual Conference of Safai Karmacharis**



**DBRC** organized a Annual Conference of Safai Karmacharis on 10th February, 2021 at Vijayawada and 425 waste pickers from Guntur, Krishna and West Godavari Districts participated in this state conference. Smt.Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson, AP Women Commission, Smt. Kaki Sunitha, IAS., Principal Secretary, AP Social Welfare, T Krishna Prasad Rtd. DGP, Telangana participated as chief guest for the conference. They urged the Waste Pickers to utilize services provided by the government and thanked waste pickers for making the cities look green, clean and beautiful. Mrs. K. Sunitha said that government was taking measures for the skill development and said that government was also implementing various schemes for the welfare and livelihood of waste pickers.



Smt. Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson, AP Women Commission releasing a poster on behavioural change.



#### Awareness on Rights and Entitlements

**DBRC** conducted "Chaitanya Yatra" campaign to create awareness among the Safai Karamchari communities on their Rights and Entitlements in four cities. The campaign was flagged off by Mrs.B.Manoranjani, PD, Women & Child Welfare, Guntur. During the campaign, the safai karmacharis were sensitized on good habits, low cost balanced nutrition, health & hygiene, services available at Anganwadi Centers and Ward/Grama Sachivalayams, negative consequences of early child marriages and legal punishments for performing child marriages. This campaign was conducted in 31 areas and 815 of Safai Karamcharis got benefitted from this campaign.



Mrs. B.Manoranjani, PD, Women & Child Welfare flagging off the campaign at Guntur.



Safai Karamcharis Awareness Campaign at Ratnalacheruvu, Mangalagiri.

# Interface meetings with Municipal corporation, MEPMA, SC/ST Corporation



Mrs. G. Geetanjali, C.M.H.O. Vijayawada Municipal Corporation interacting with the participants

**DBRC** organised three interface meetings between Safai Karamcharies and the Municipal Corporations, MEPMA authorities at Tenali, Vijayawada and Eluru. Around 150 Safai Karmcharis participated in these interface meetings. The main objective of these meetings was to have face to face interaction with the officials of these departments and voice out their problems and needs. The Safaikarmcharies have brought their issues to the notice of the officials and they have promised to resolve their issues at the earliest.



**Mr. Gopalakrishna,** M.H.O., Eluru Municipal Corporation addressing at the interface meeting



Mrs. Mahalakshmi, District Mission Manager, MEPMA speaking at a interface meeting at Eluru

#### Awareness camps on Behavioural Change Communication

**DBRC** conducted awareness camps for waste pickers in 13 places of its operational areas in Guntur, Krishna and West Godavari Districts. 480 members participated in these awareness camps. Waste pickers were oriented on good habits, cleanliness, sanitation, importance of education and to say no to child marriages etc. Waste pickers were motivated to change their behaviors and live a life with dignity and self respect.

#### **Case Study**

#### CHILDREN OF WASTE PICKERS JOURNEY TOWARDS BETTER FUTURE

#### There is a saying "Today's children are tomorrow's citizens".

But are all children able to become citizens of tomorrow? Caste, occupation, poverty, and many other forms of discrimination are keeping children from marginalized families away from education. The Dalit Bahujan Resource Center (DBRC) has played an active role in ensuring the never enrolled/ drop out children of waste pickers living in the dumping yard are enrolled in schools.

Naidupet dumping yard is the place where the garbage of Guntur is dumped. It is an inhospitable place where only insects and bacteria can be found, which accumulate in the dry, sun-drenched, and stinking hills. Thirty three families with children are living in that polluted place that does not even have the minimum facilities. All the people living here are non-literate. These waste pickers are not receiving any support from the government. Moreover, none of them utilizes the services of the Government. DBRC seeks to change the conditions of those who are living in discriminatory conditions and struggling to make ends meet. Our team visited the area and spoke with these communities and understood their issues.

We have understood 'Education' is the only way to change the living standards of those who are living in miserable condition. We have organized several awareness programs to sensitize them about the importance of being literate. Videos of most marginalized people who have reached heights due to being literate are shown to the children and their parents in order to encourage them.

We have understood that there is a need to ensure the children who have never joined school or the school drop out children are enrolled in school. So, as a first step, we have started Summer Camps where the children were encouraged to sing, dance, draw, act and play and it started with 8 children in just 15 days, 23 children started participating in the summer camps. Then DBRC has appointed a Teacher to train the children on the basics alphabet, numbers, good habits etc.

Children were provided with toothpaste, brush, coconut oil, comb, mirror, soaps and powder, etc and encouraged them to use them regularly in order to be clean and healthy. After 2 months of summer camp training, the children were taken to the government school which is 4 km and enrolled them in school. The headmistress informed us that as the children did not have Aadhar cards, and hence it is not possible to provide Mid day meal, uniforms, and books to the children. So, we have facilitated them in applying for aadhar cards and all of them have got aadhar cards. We understood that as the school is 4 km away from their place of residence, it was hard for them to go to school regularly. So, we have organised an auto so that the children are taken to school and later dropped at home after school.

Now, we have observed considerable change among these children and they are appreciated by the teachers in the school and we have seen change in their living condition.

## Dalit-Adivasi Budget Watch



BRC conducted three district level Budget Watch Team meetings in West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur Districts. 75 members participated in these meetings. Teams consisted of representatives from NGOs, CBOs, Activists and Professionals. During the meetings, information was shared to the members about their roles and responsibilities as a member of the Dalit Adivasi budget watch team. The members were orientated on SC/ST Sub-Plan Act and SCC/STC budgets. We also discussed about budget allocation, utilization and unspent amounts. We also discussed about schemes such as Ammavodi, YSR Cheyutha, free power etc. They were sensitized on the budget allocation and expenditure in 46 departments, 225 schemes of SCC and 45 departments, 245 schemes of STC. After thorough discussions, the members prepared representations on the issues raised during the meeting and submitted to the concerned government departments.







#### District level training on SC/ST Sub Plan Budget to the Dalit Budget Watch Committee Members





**DBRC** conducted district level capacity building training to the Budget Watch Team members and trained 124 members. The objective of this training was to bring awareness about SC/ST sub-plan budget allocations and expenditures. The members where sensitized on tribal subplan, special component plan, uses, objectives and history of the sub-plan, how budgets are prepared, approved, released, process of implementation of the scheme, and monitoring of subplan budgets.





#### State Level meeting on SC/ST Sub-Plan Budget

**DBRC** organized a state-level meeting to discuss on SC/ST Sub-Plan Act at Hotel V Royal Park, Guntur. 150 participants from 4 districts representing different NGO, CBOs and leaders participated in this meeting. Mr. Alladi Deva Kumar, Executive Secretary, DBRC brought to light about the implementation of SC/ST Sub-Plan Act, Budget allocations and utilization of the budget. Participants spoke during the meeting and developed recommendations to be submitted to the Ministry of Social Welfare for effective implementation of the Act.



#### Releasing of recommendations for effective implimentation of SC/ST Sub-plan by

Alladi Deva Kumar, Executive Secretary, DBRC

Chukka Nagabhushanam, Leader, SC, ST Employees Association

K. Salmon Paul, Director, LAMP; B. Koteswara Rao, Advocate

Sikha Narasimha Rao, Raitu Swarajya Vedika; G. Rejeswara Rao, Budget Watch, Prakasam Dist.

**P. Ravindranath,** AIDRF, West Godavari Dist.

Chukka Samuel Anil Kumar, Programme Co-Ordinator, DBRC

J. Ramadevi, Co-Ordinator, Krishna Dist., DBRC; S. Jvothi, Co-Ordinator, West C

S. Jyothi, Co-Ordinator, West Godavari Dist., DBRC

M. Chinnappa, (Co-Ordinator, Guntur Dist., DBRC); G. Jhansi, (Community Mobilizer, W.G. Dist., DBRC)





State conference on state budget priority in SC., ST's Socio Economic Development organized by DBRC in Guntur.









#### District Level People's Review Meeting

People's Review meetings on implementation of SC/ST Sub-Plan Act were held at Ongole, Vijayawada, Eluru and Guntur. Around 160 members participated in the meeting. The main aim was to discuss about sub plan budget and propose schemes that benefit the SC/ ST Communities. Various recommendations came up during the meeting such as

- a) enhancement of pre-metric scholarships
- b) call for a special drive to allot CCR cards to eligible SC/ ST tenant farmers.
- c) implement special scholarships for children of Safai Karamcharis

#### Orientation to the Community leaders on SC/ST Sub-Plan Act and Schemes



**DBRC** conducted orientation meetings to the community leaders on SC/ST sub-plan Act and schemes in 3 cities i.e Eluru, Guntur and Vijayawada and 158 members were sensitized. Mr. D. Anand Naik, Project Director, DRDA addressing the participants said that the government was implementing various welfare programmes to empower the SC/ST communities through 44 departments under SC/ST Sub-Plan. He asked the participants to utilize the welfare schemes of the government and start small industries and businesses to become self-reliant.

#### **Case Study**

#### **Change in lives of Migrant Adivasis**

- Adivasis are distanced from welfare schemes for the last 40 years.
   DBRC stood as support to Adivasis
- DBRC field coordinator Jhansi's advocacy efforts succeeded. Migration certificates were issued to 61 families
- Continuous efforts for the development of tribals

Hunger, poverty, and unemployment are the main reasons for migration. The fact that the indigenous Adivasi (tribal) people of this country have migrated for life and are living as immigrants is strong evidence of the discrimination that has been going on for generations. The migrant survivors are moving forward with humiliation, hunger struggle, and the existence of tribals is questioned and also distanced from constitutional rights. The nature of Immigrant livelihood is creating turmoil and destruction in the lives of Adivasis.

Around 40 Years ago, 61 tribal families from Devipatnam village, a suburb of Vijayanagaram district, migrated to Peddapadu village of West Godavari district in search of employment. Though they are living in this village for 40 years, they do not have access to entitlements and schemes. When enquired with the government officials we learnt that a migration certificate is a must to access any entitlement or scheme from the government. We have learnt from these tribals that they have represented many times to the government officials but were in vain. AS there was no option left, they are also taking their children to work as labourers so as to meet the ends of the family needs.

DBRC came to know about these communities and their issues and started working with them. we have understood that they are in a most disadvantaged situation with no

access to any identity cards, schemes of the government, child marriages and child labour is also observed in these communities.

So, DBRC started sensitizing these communities about the schemes, acts and services of the government and also about ill effects of child marriage and child labour.

Ms. G. Jhansi, Community mobilizer of DBRC has visited them multiple times and sensitized them regularly. Later, she along with the community members met the MRO and submitted a representation about their issues and asked him to resolve them.

Immediately, the officials from the MRO office collected information about all the 61 families and sent them to the MRO of Bobbili of Vijayanagaram District. Due to the efforts of DBRC, the authorities of 2 districts spoke with each other and issued migration certificates to 61 families.

Once, they have received the migration certificates, DBRC has facilitated them in applying for entitlements and schemes and now all the 61 families have assessed different schemes from the government. The child marriages have gone down drastically and children are going to school regularly.

This intervention of DBRC has contributed in bringing change in the lives of these families and we believe hard work will yield best results.



## **Outdoor Learning Centers (OLC)**

Before lockdown, we have enrolled the children in the nearby Government schools. Due to lockdown the schools were shutdown and we have observed children playing in the mud and being idle. Some schools have started online education, but as these children do not have access to mobile phones, laptops and tabs. So, they could not access to online classes.

Then DBRC started Outdoor learning Centres and appointed a teacher who can teach the children from 4:30 pm to 6.30 pm every day. The main aim was to encourage the never enrolled, School dropouts children and children who stopped going to school due to lockdown in continuing their education. Most of





these children belong to families involved in Waste Picking, Rat Catching, Fishing, and daily wage work residing in remote slums such as dumping yards, road sides, beside railway tracks, hills tops, canal bunds, burial grounds, etc. The centres are contributing to productive learning time and creating a sense of belonging by making learning joyful.

#### The children in OLCs are encouraged to participate in activities such as

- Reading & Writing
- Games
- Singing / Dancing
- Life Skills
- Good Habits for Behavioural Change
- Support in Completing Homework

Around 600 Children are now part of these outdoor learning centers. We also have extended sessions for activities such as video viewing, quiz sessions, visit exhibitions, picnics, etc.

#### **Capacity Building**

**Capacity** building training was conducted to the Staff of DBRC on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28th March 2021 at Guntur.

The training program was helpful to enhance confidence levels of the staff. Mr. Pratyusha Subba Rao, prominent psychologist participated as resource

person and asked the team to cultivate positive thinking, develop confidence and boldness to work at the grassroot level villages to achieve their targets and goals. He highlighted the strategies needed to be adopted to understand



the issues of the communities and steps to be taken to resolve the issues. He reinstated that we need to focus on community development and hence asked the team to rethink, their ideas refresh strategies by setting new goals.



A group of 86 ST families whose occupation is waste picking and drainage cleaning live on the hilltop of Beemannavaripeta and Krishna varadi (under the barrage in Vijayawada). They live in makeshift tents made up of banners and clothes. They suffer heavily due to heavy winds and rains and their tents often get damaged forcing them to live without proper shelter, making them more vulnerable to natural calamities.

So, DBRC has advocated with the Collector of Krishna district and submitted a representation to provide housing to 86 families. After consistent follow up, the district collector Mr. Imtiaaz, IAS., has approved housing under the JNNURM Scheme, provided these communities pay the

beneficiary contribution of Rs. 60,000 in order to get Tidco housing. As these families could not afford to pay Rs. 60,000/- each, DBRC has represented this to Tribal Welfare Department and requested them to pay the beneficiary contribution on their behalf and they have agreed for the same and issued a cheque of Rs. 51,60,000/- and the collector has handedover the cheque to the Municipal Commissioner Mr. Prasanna Venkatesh and apartments were allotted to them. Now they are living in apartments along with other people at Raja Rajeswari Peta, Vijayawada.

**Housing for Waste Pickers** 

# Support to the Waste Picking community







For decades, 25 waste picking families have been residing near the dumping yard, Guntur collecting waste dumped by the corporation vehicles which dump waste, collected in and around the Guntur. Once they collect waste, they segregate and sell them to a scrap dealer and make a living. As the area lies in the outskirts, they do not have access to electricity and hence they are forced to live in the dark. Few individuals came forward to support these communities and we requested them to provide Solar Lamps, books and water drums to store water. They distributed solar lamps, books and water drums to all the families. We believe in inclusiveness and involve local individuals/organizations in our work so as to create an impact in the lives of the most marginalized communities.

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# Response to Covid-19

he impact of Covid-19 on the lives of the poor, poorest of the poor and the marginalized sections was atrocious. The families who depend on daily wage labor, waste picking and unorganized sectors have lost livelihoods and struggled a lot to feed their families. Hence, DBRC has come up with an intervention to provide Relief, Recovery and Rehabilitation (RRR) to these communities. Besides providing them with dry ration and hygiene kits, DBRC has provided support to takeup alternative livelihood to recover from the pandemic.

#### Awareness about Vaccination

**During** Lockdown, the marginalized communities were pushed into hunger as they did not have any work and also had fears of Covid-19 infection during the 2nd wave.

DBRC organized a week-long campaign in Guntur, Krishna, Prakasam and West Godavari districts to curb the myths and misconceptions over escalation of Covid-19 and vaccination. DBRC with the collaboration of local government officials from Health Department has organized awareness



programs and sensitized the target communities on covid appropriate behavior and the importance of vaccination. DBRC has arranged vaccination drive in the target areas and encouraged them to get vaccination. Thus, most of them in our tartet areas have got vaccinated.

#### Distribution of tricycles and pushcarts

**Waste** pickers in DBRC's target area travel around 10 to 15 km in a day to collect recyclable waste from streets, dumping yards, commercial areas, bus stations, railway tracks, etc. They carry a bag on their

shoulders/ back to keep the collected recyclable waste till they sell it at scrap shop. Carrying heavy recyclable waste causes severe back pain, shoulder pain and neck pain along with the other health issues. Hence, DBRC has provided tricycles to 70 waste pickers and 4 wheeler, pushcarts to 29 waste pickers. So that they take up alternative livelihoods i.e., selling vegetables, flowers, fruits, dry fish etc thereby enhance their income.

Mr. Lella Appireddy, MLC, Mr. Dokka Manikya Varaprasad, MLC, Mayor and Deputy Mayors of Guntur participated in this program.







**DBRC** understood the significance of sustainable food and nutrition in the wake of Covid-19. DBRC realized the importance of growing kitchen gardens in an effective way to maintain a connection with the nature along with the hygienic food.

As part of it, DBRC identified and distributed 15 types of seeds to 3,000 households having



# Kitchen Garden

backyards/space around their house in the target areas. They were encouraged to plant organic vegetables, green leaves, and fruits etc. for healthy and hygienic food. The identified households started earning additional income by selling harvested vegetables, leafs and fruits to their neighbors. We, made couple of visits to the Kitchen Gardens in the targeted areas and observed that this activity is running successfully.

#### **Case Study**

**Non-literacy** and misinformation with regards to deaths due to vaccination created fear among waste pickers which caused reluctance among them from taking the vaccination. DBRC realized the need of create awareness over the myths and misconceptions of vaccination.

In order to address the apprehensions regarding vaccination, DBRC conducted a series of sensitization meetings for debunking these myths. Programme Coordinator and City Coordinators interacted and motivated the waste picking communities by sharing the experiences after getting vaccine. DBRC in collaboration with the Village/Ward secretariats have taken up vaccination drive in the target areas and people started taking vaccination.

#### **Vaccination Drive**

In dumping yard, for about 15 waste pickers took vaccine, out of them four were pregnant women and another four were lactating mothers. This process of vaccination is still in progress. Continues interaction and rapport of DBRC staff with the community helped the waste picking community to get vaccine, though they were hesitant and reluctant for getting vaccination

Along with vaccination drive, an RT-PCR testing drive also was arranged for conducting tests for the ones who are susceptible to Covid-19 and they were tested negative.

This also helped in building confidence in taking a step for going through Covid tests.



Distribution of Tarpaulins, Mosquito Nets & Essential Commodities to Waste Pickers in Tenali, Guntur District by Mr. Ch. Samuel Anil Kumar, Programme Co-Ordinator & Mr. Basavaiah, Advocate and others



Distribution of Tarpaulins & Essential Commodities to Waste Pickers in Darsi, Prakasam District by Mr. D. Koteswara Rao, Dist. Co-ordinator & Mrs. Nagamani, Community Mobilizer, DBRC

#### State-level GO NGO Coordination

**Government** of Andhra Pradesh formed GO-CSO Coordination Committee to take up Covid response through District Nodal Agencies. DBRC has been appointed as nodal agency for Covid Response in Guntur District and appointed as members of nodal agencies in Prakasam and West Godavari Districts.



#### Recognition from the District Administration





On 15th August 2021, on the occasion of 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, DBRC received certificate of appreciation from district administration of Guntur and Prakasam districts. The district collectors of Guntur and Prakasam have awarded DBRC with the certificate of appreciation for its excellent performance in sensitizing the people about Covid- 19 and distributing basic needs to the marginalized and the needy communities.



### Distribution of Masks & Sanitizers to 5,500 NREGS Workers

**DBRC** conducted various campaigns and sensitized the NREGS Workers in the target areas about covid-19, its spread and ways to protect oneself from being infected. DBRC team visited the target areas and distributed masks and sanitizers to 5, 500 NREGS workers. The campaign and the distribution activities were conducted in Eluru, Vijayawada, Guntur and Prakasam districts.





# Distribution of dry ration & hygiene kits to 2100 Families of Waste Pickers

**Lockdown** due to covid has affected the lives of thousands of families and one of the most affected communities during Covid-19 is waste picking community. During this period, they did not have work and they suffered badly to meet the daily expenses. Hence, DBRC distributed dry ration along with the hygienic kits to 2100 waste

picking families in the target areas of Krishna district. Mr.

M Rukmandayya, District Tribal
Welfare Officer, Mr. B Badrunaik, Tahsildar, Panamaluru, Mr. Chandramouli, Dty. Tahsildar, and Dr. M. Prakashraj, YSR Tadigadapa Municipal Commissioner have participated in the program.



Mr. Chandramouli, Deputy Tahsildar, Distributing dry ration and hygiene kits to Waste Pickers in Vambay Colony, Vijayawada.



M. Rukmandayya, District Tribal Welfare Officer, Krishna District, B. Badrunaik, Tahsildar, Penamaluru, Dr. M. Prakashraj, YSR Tadigadapa Municipal Commissioner participated in the distribution programme in Penamaluru, Krishna District.



## Support to the Sanitary Workers: Masks, Gloves & Sanitizers for 230 People

**Covid-19** forced the government to realize the importance of Sanitary Workers. For their outstanding services, government recognized them as Frontline Workers. Sanitary workers came out and provided the sanitary services during Covid-

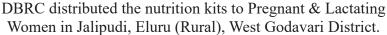
19 when whole nation was under relentless lockdown and all the routine activities shutdown. Sanitary workers came out to provide theservices like cleaning the roads, streets, hospitals, bus stations, etc.

They were performing these works without safety measures i.e. gloves, masks and other necessary kits. Hence, DBRC came forward and distributed the masks, gloves and sanitizers to 230 sanitary workers in Visakhapatnam and Guntur districts.



# Support to Pregnant & Lactating Women - 500 Nutrition Kits







**DBRC** organized get together meetings with the pregnant and lactating women at anganwadi centers in various districts. The representatives of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) were involved in this programme.

Totally 500 pregnant and lactating women were provided with nutrition kits and they were also sensitized about the precautions to be taken to protect themselves from the spread of Corona.

### **Support to Children - 600 Nutrition Kits**



Children from Outdoor Learning Center, YSR Colony, West Godavari District.

**Covid-19** led relentless lockdown affected severely on school going children. The educational institutions remained closed till the end of 2021. This affected the educational standards of the school



going children particularly from the families belonging to daily wage labourers, agricultural labourers and marginalized sections. Hence, DBRC took an initiative and started Out Learning Centres (OLCs) in target areas West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Prakasam district and supported them in continuing their education. DBRC distributed nutrition and hygiene kits to children attending OLCs and 600 children were benefitted from this support.

# Supported 185 Differently Abled People with Essential Commodities





Differentlyabledpeoplewereseverely affected during Covid-19. Hence, DBRC distributed the dry ration and hygiene kits to 185 differently abled people in Vijayawada.

## Supported 306 Transgenders with Dry Ration Kits





Transgender community was majorly affected during covid and they lost their livelihood and income. DBRC distributed the essential commodities to 306 people belonging to transgender community.

## Dry Ration & Hygiene Kits were Door delivered to 300 Covid Victims



People affected by covid-19 faced stigma and untouchablity from their peer groups i.e. family, workplace, neighbours, etc. Due to this they were not provided work for several days. So, DBRC understood the issues of the affected people and distributed essential commodities to 300 families in West Godavari district.

## | | Empowering SC/ST Farmers | |

# Interface meetings between Dalit-Adivasi Farmers and officials of Agri. & its Allied Departments

DBRC organised interface meetings between Dalit-Adivasi farmers and the officials of Agri. & Its Allied Departments in Guntur, Eluru, Vijayawada and Addaniki. 250 farmers participated in these meetings. Representative from various departments; fisheries, horticulture, food processing, and Zero-Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) participated and interacted with the farmers.

The participants involved actively and asked the officials about the process of enrolling for E-crop, how to get loans from fisheries department, issues and challenges regarding the land documents while enrolling online etc.

The officials sensitized the farmers about the services available at Rythu Barosa Kendras and asked them to utilize services such as crop insurance, e-crop booking, marketing etc. The queries raised by the participants were cleared during the meeting.









#### Orientation to SC/ST farmers

**DBRC** organized Mandal level orientation programs with the SC/ST farmers in the target areas. The representatives from Agri. and allied departments were also involved in the programs and they were oriented on various schemes and also facilitated to apply for those schemes. 798 farmers participated in these meetings.

DBRC in collaboration with Krishi Vignana Kendra has organised a programme to sensitize the farmers on soil testing and 32 farmers participated in the programme.







#### Promoting sustainable organic farming practices

**DBRC** conducted orientation programs to the SC/ST farmers to promote sustainable and organic farming practices. The awareness programs were organized in 20 villages in Eluru, Vijayawada, Guntur and Prakasam districts and 854 SC/ST farmers actively participated. Representatives from the Agri. and Its Allied Departments including the staff of Rythu Barosa Kendra's (RBKs) were involved in creating awareness.

The farmers were trained to prepare and use natural and organic fertilizers through natural products like cow dung, cow urine, jaggery, etc. for organic farming to achieve better results. The farmers were also sensitized to register for E-Crop in RBKs.







#### Orientation to Farmers on FPO

**On** March 4th 2022, DBRC along with the officials of the Krishi Vignana Kendras (KVKs) have organised orientation program to 40 farmers on initiating Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) in Darsi Mandal, Prakasam District. Farmers from different villages in Darsi Mandal have participated in the training programme. Scientists of KVK sensitized the farmers on the need of forming FPOs, and also informed that being part of FPO, the farmers can get quality seeds, agriculture tools, good stor age facilities, better market price, etc.



#### Exposure visits to the farmers

KVK, Guntur organized AgriTech Exhibition on December 18th, 2021. DBRC team encouraged the farmers from various villages from three target districts to participate in the exhibition. Farmers from across the state have set-up stalls in the exhibition displaying organic and sustainable practices adopted by them to enhance productivity along with the quality. The team of 31 farmers along with the staff of DBRC visited the exhibition to understand the best practices. Later, some of the farmers who visited the exhibition have replicated such practices in their villages so that they are



free from hazardous effects of chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides. DBRC also facilitated an exposure visit to the Krishi Vignana Kendras in Prakasam and Eluru districts and 165 farmers from 11 mandals participated in this exposure visit.



#### Training on formation of Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO)

**DBRC** organized Two Day Training program for the Staff on Farmers Producers Organisation in Guntur. Ms. Gijvisha from WASSAN NGO is the key resource person for this training program. During the training, the following topics were discussed:-

- 1. Forming a Farmers Producers Organisation
- 2. Benefits of collective actions
- 3. Core Cooperative Principles
- 4. Institutional Structure and Governance of a Cooperative
- 5. Role and Responsibilities of key functionaries of the FPO
- 6. Role and Responsibilities of Board of Directors
- 7. Role and Responsibilities of Chief Executive Officer

The training helped the staff to understand the system, and procedures for starting an FPO and also to run it successfully. After the training Programme, DBRC has organized training programs to the farmers on the formation of FPOs in the target areas.

#### Skill training for rural youth

**DBRC** observed that the educated unemployed youth are not showing interest to take up farming as their main occupation. DBRC has motivated the unemployed youth about the importance of agriculture and motivated them to participated in the 5 day skill training programme organized for rural youth by Krishi Vignana kendra, Guntur.

They were trained on organic and sustainable

farming practices, best practices followed in other states were also shared with the participants. Scientists from Lam Agriculture University Dr. Gangadevi, Dr. P. Subramanyam, Dr. Ramarao, Project Director, ATMA and Mr. Alladi Deva Kumar, Executive Secretary, DBRC Participated as resource persons and sensitized the participants. The program helped the youth to get clarity on the myths and misconceptions in taking up agriculture as profession.



## Women Empowerment

## Orientation to Dalit-Adivasi Women

BRC has organized mandal level orientation meetings for Dalit-Adivasi women in the target areas. The core objective of the program is to create awareness on the significance of Self-Help Groups

(SHGs) and oriented the women on the importance of being part of SHGs. Also, explained to the participants on how SHGs help for their economical development. 1,418 women participated in the orientation programs at mandal level meetings. An awareness programme was organised to sensitize the SC/ST Women in Tenali





and 43 women participated in the programme. They were sensitized on various government welfare schemes i.e. Ammavodi, Single Women Pension, YSR Cheyutha, Widow Pensions, Health Cards, etc.

They were also trained on the importance of leadership, voicing for voiceless, fighting for the rights, etc. During these meetings, women leaders at grass root level were felicitated.



**DBRC** has organized district level training programs on Women Protection Laws in Eluru, Sattenapalle, and Darsi and 199 women leaders participated in the training programs. DBRC invited resource persons from the Police Department and the Women & Child Welfare Department. The women leaders were sensitized on Child Marriages (Prevention) Act, Domestic Violence Act, Dowry Prohibition Act, Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention) Act and Andhra Pradesh Disha Act-2020.



#### Training to Women on Leadership



**DBRC** organised Women Leadership Training to the women leaders in the target districts and 210 women leaders at grassroot level participated in the training. Officials from Police Department, Women & Child Welfare Dept., Village Secretariats along with the several government departments were invited as resource persons. The women leaders were trained on the significance of leadership, why women should become a leader, qualities of a leader, women empowerment, and grievance redressal mechanism, etc. were covered during the training program. The women leaders were also sensitized about how to advocate with the mandal level officers, village & ward secretariats to avail the services and the representing the issues at the grievance "Spandana" etc.

#### Awareness on Women Rights and Acts & Disha App

**DBRC** organized series of meetings in the four target districts and sensitized the women about their rights and acts guaranteed by the Constitution of India including the protection and safety measures of girl child and women. Awareness meetings were organized in the schools and colleges for girl students and sensitized them on the Disha Act and usage of Disha App. Resource persons from the Police Depart- ment, DRDA, MEPMA, and Ward/Village secretariats were invited for these programs. DBRC reachedout to 20,000 girl students and women.





#### **A journey towards Success**



Chenchu Families showing their Fishing Licenses

For generations, about 50 families from Yerukula and 40 families from Chenchu communities have been residing at YSR Colony in Vijayawada Rural, Krishna District. Their main occupation is fishing. These poor fisher folks have been living with no government recognition including fishing license to catch the fish in Krishna River. The villagers have disallowed the fisherfolk community to catch the fish in river. It impacted their family income and hence they depended on fishing from small canals and ditches to feed their families.

DBRC represented the issues of the Yerukula and Chenchu communities to the concerned government officials.

Immediately, the Joint Director Sk. Lal Mohammad from fisheries department has asked the concerned authorities to conduct a field survey to understand the difficulties faced by the fisher folk community.

A team of A.D and F.D.O. of fisheries department visited the field area to identify the issues brought out by the DBRC and understood the issues of the mentioned communities. Fisheries department issued an order to provide licenses to catch fish who depended on the Krishna river resources for generations and resolved the problem.

The Joint Director and Additional Director of Fisheries Department have distributed

the licenses to 30 fisher folks in the area. In addition, authorities of the Fisheries Department with support of DBRC have con- ducted several awareness programs to these fisher folks on various welfare schemes and also on how the Fisheries Societies helps to increase the family income. Fisheries department in collaboration with DBRC registered four societies with women fisher folks. About 41 women from YSR Colony joined "Gollapudi ST Women Fisher men Co-operative Society Ltd. Regd. No. 33 /A. D. F. (V)" by paying a membership fee of Rs. 110 /-.

In collaboration with the Fisheries Department Officials of Krishna District and DBRC registered three more women fisher folk societies.

#### They are...

- Durga Bhavani ST Fisher women Cooperative society Ltd. Regd. No. 30/ADF (V) Vidyadharapuram - 23 members
- 2. Ekalavya Fisher women Co-operative society Ltd. Regd. No. 31/ADF (V) Bhavanipuram 25 members
- Jakkampudi ST Fisher women Cooperative society Ltd. Regd. No. 32/ADF
   (V) Jakkampudi - 46 members

## Children Empowerment



#### **Operation Muskaan**

**Government** of Andhra Pradesh launched 'Operation Muskaan', a week long drive aimed at tracing the missing children of other states to prevent child labor, bonded child labor including the rescue of children engaged in domestic work.

DBRC in collaboration with the Police department of Prakasam district has conducted rides in different places and rescued about 80 children working as child laborers, or bonded laborers. The rescued children were kept in the seasonal hostels run by the social welfare department.

#### Campaign to enroll children into residential hostels

**DBRC** in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Society (APTWREIS) organized campaign in the urban areas of Guntur, Vijayawada, Tenali, and Eluru. The main objective of these campaigns is to motivate the children from the waste picking families to join in residential hostels. It is observed that the children were going along with their parents to collect waste. Hence, awareness programs are conducted in the waste pickers' settlements and sensitized them on the importance of education.





#### Campaign on Child Rights

**DBRC** has conducted a week long campaign on child rights from 14th to 20th November, 2021 in the schools and hostels in the target areas. As part of the program, pamphlets were distributed on child rights, rallies were taken up and also sensitized the students on illeffects of child marriages, importance of education, health and hygiene, etc. ICDS representatives were involved in these programmes.

Sports competitions were organized and prizes were distributed to the winners/participants. 2,402 children participated in this week long celebrations.





### International Girl Child Day

**On** the occasion of International Girl Child Day i.e. October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, DBRC organized programmes in schools and created awareness on various issues faced by the girl children at home, school and in the society. DBRC team has sensitized the children about issues like forced child marriages, legal rights, medical care rights etc and 2,826 students participated in this programmes.

#### National Girl Child Day

**On** the Occasion of the National Girl Child Day i.e. January 24th, 2022, DBRC organized meetings in the target areas and in schools and sensitized them to eliminate gender based discrimination and asked them to ensure equal opportunities for girl children at home. DBRC stressed the importance of girl child education and requested all the participants to encourage the education of girls. An oath was taken about the need to voice out their issues and stated that girls should be free from unequal treatment, stigma, and discrimination, etc.





**International Hand Wash Day** 

**Global** Hand washing Day is observed on the 15th October every year. This campaign is to promote motivate and mobilise people around the world to improve their hand washing habits. On this occasion, DBRC has organized motivation meetings in the slums of our target areas and encouraged the community members and the children about the importance of Hand Washing and asked them to wash hands with soap before and after meal, and after using toilets. The children have demonstrated how they wash their hands. Around 1000 children/community members were sensitized during this campaign in 4 districts in Andhra Pradesh.

#### Enrolment for e-Shram

Government of India introduced e-Shram. for which unorganized workers, migrant workers, and daily wage laborers are eligible to enroll in the concerned portal. This was initiated as Supreme Court of India (SCI) asked the central government to set up a national database for unorganized workers. Following this, DBRC in collaboration with the Labor Department in Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari, and Prakasam Districts sensitized the unorganized workers on the importance of enrolling in e-Shram.



DBRC with the support of Common Service Centre (CSC) has organized camps for enrolments in the areas where the communities are residing. Till now, 10,000 workers were enrolled in e-Shram.

### Green Workers Initiative



Training to Waste Pickers

BRC organized a Two-Day Training Program for waste picking community leaders on 19th and 20th August, 2021 at Social Service Centre, Vijayawada. One of the main objectives of the program is to ensure the participants are equipped with knowledge about the rights, schemes, and Acts of the government. The women leaders were sensitized on the application procedure including the accessing for various schemes. Also, they were acquainted with where and how to apply for Aadhar Card, Ration card, Caste Certificate, etc. The village/ ward secretariats also involved in the programs.

They were sensitized about alternative livelihood opportunities for their economic development.

Mr. Mr. Alladi Deva Kumar, Executive Secretary, DBRC, Mr. Ch. Samuel Anil Kumar,

Programme Coordinator, Mr. John Kennedy, Training coordinator and others oriented the participants.

#### **Mushroom Cultivation**

DBRC in collaboration with Krishi Vignana Kendra, Guntur and the ATMA department conducted a Skill Training Program to the Waste Pickers of Ippatam village on alternative livelihood. The main objective of the program is to improve the skills of the Waste Pickers and encourage them in Mushroom cultivation. 30 waste pickers were trained and encouraged to takeup mushroom cultivation as their additional livelihood so as to enhance their income. Some waste pickers have expressed their willingness to continue mushroom harvesting.



#### Awareness on Rights and Entitlements

**DBRC** has organized series of orientation meetings in the waste picker settlements in Guntur, Tenali, Eluru, and Vijayawada. The objective of these meetings is to sensitize the waste pickers about the rights, entitlements and opportunities. The officials of the village/ward secretariats sensitized the communities on several Government schemes, eligibility criteria, application procedure and other benefits.



#### Orientation on Government Welfare Schemes

In order to sensitize the waste pickers on various schemes and services provided by the government, DBRC organised an orientation meeting to 86 waste pickers in Eluru on September 28th, 2021. Representatives from MEPMA, ICDS participated and created awareness on different government schemes i.e., YSR Bheema, Jagananna Vidya Kanuka, Vasathi Deevena, Sampoorna Poshana, Jagananna Gorumudda, Arogyasri, YSR



Cheyutha and Ammavodi schemes and asked them to utilize the schemes. The authorities expressed their willingness to support DBRC to resolve the issues of the waste pickers in availing these schemes.



## Sensitization on WASH



**DBRC** organized sensitization programs in the target areas on the topic 'Motivation and Behavioral Change Communication' and created awareness among the community on

the usage of toilets, menstrual hygiene etc.

They were sensitized on how poor hygienic and sanitation practices affect the communities and are prone to be infected with various diseases. 477 waste pickers took part in these meetings.

#### **Case Study**

#### Waste Pickers receiving Anganwadi Services for the first time

**During** the Second Wave of Covid-19, DBRC conducted several relief activities. As part of it, DBRC identified 15 waste picking families residing on the banks of a canal in Addanki, Prakasam District. They have been living in temporary shelters without basic eminities like drinking water, electricity and permanent shelter for the past 20 years.

Mr. Darla Koteswararao, District coordinator met Ms. Durga, a 9 month pregnant women and learnt that she has not availed any services from the Anganwadi centre as she was not aware about the centre and services provided by there. Mr. Koteswara Rao represented to the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) and asked her to support the pregnant women. The CDPO immediately

responded and went to that area along with the Anganwadi supervisor and Anganwadi teacher. She interacted with her and enrolled her name as a migrant worker since Durga and her family has no identity cards like Aadhar & Ration Card etc. She was provided with necessary vaccines and nutritious food (Milk, millet flour, Wheat flour, Chikkis, etc.) from the local anganwadi centre under YSR Sampurna Poshana Scheme. They has also identified other children who are below 6 years of age and enrolled in the local Anganwadi centre. Since then, the children, pregnant and lactating mothers have been getting nutritious food.

Later, DBRC has facilitated the target group in applying for rights and entitlements and also availing the schemes and services of the Government.

#### Promotion of Alternative Livelihood among Waste Pickers

#### A step towards enhancing income



**DBRC** has initiated and alternative livelihood programmeso astoensure economic empowerment of these communities. DBRC in collaboration with The Waste Pickers Mutually Aided Co-Operative Thrift and Credit Society Limited distributed Tricycles so that they travel/collect more waste and improve their income. We have also provided four wheeler pushcarts to start alternative livelihoods such as selling fruits, vegetables,



#### Orientation on Waste Pickers Cooperative Society

**DBRC** has taken up a campaign in Guntur and Vijayawada and oriented the waste pickers about the Waste Pickers Mutually Aided Co-Operative Thrift and Credit Society Limited. They were oriented about the membership, uses of being the member of the cooperative, savings, loans etc. They were encouraged to save at least Rs. 100 per month in the cooperative and avail loans whenever necessary. 228 waste pickers have been sensitized during these programs.



#### Mana Podhupu - Mana Bhavitha

**DBRC** has observed that waste pickers spend whatever they earn and saving is not at all a priority to these communities. Hence, DBRC has initiated a program called 'Mana Podhupu-Mana Bhavitha' to encourage the waste pickers to save Rs. 10 or more per day. DBRC distributed Saving Steel Boxes to the

> waste pickers with the support of local donors in Ippatam village as a pilot initiative.

We have sensitized the community on the importance of savings and also motivated them to save atleast Rs. 10 in a day. We also initiated to award prizes as an incentive

in every month to those who save

money. The community members have started saving money and the program is running successfully and the same will be replicated in other areas too.

#### Building Capacities of members of cooperative society

On 16th& 17th September, 2021, DBRC has organized Training to the governing body members of the Waste Pickers Cooperative at Hotel V Royal Park, Guntur. The training helped them to understand the importance of cooperative societies, how to motivate the waste pickers to join the cooperative society, savings, loans etc. They were trained on issues like membership, criteria for giving loans, enhancement of loans, monthly payments, etc.







DBRC organized State Level Safai Karamchari Sammelanam on 24th, February 2022 at Venkateshwara Vignana Mandir in Guntur. 480 waste pickers, drainage workers, sanitary workers from four districts participated in this programme. Mr. Mustafa (MLA), Mr. Dokka Manikya Vara Prasad (MLC), Mr. Diamond Babu, Deputy Mayor, Dr. Surekha Garimella and Dr. Prasanna from the George Institute of Global Health participated as chief guests of the programme and addressed the participants.

Mr. Hari Krishna, Mrs. Ankamma, Mrs. Seethamma community leaders of waste pickers spoke about the community issues and problems. The officials promised that they will resolve the problems at the earliest. In the end, cultural programs were performed to by the waste pickers and their children.

## Dalit-Girijan Budget Watch

### Dalit-Girijan Budget Watch Meetings

Dalit- Girijan
Budget Watch meetings
were organized in
Guntur, Krishna,
Prakasam, and West
Godavari districts.
The members of
the Budget Watch
i.e., representatives
from NGOs, CBOs,
Intellectuals, Advocates,
Social Workers and
leaders participated in
these meetings.

The teams discussed about issues related to SC/ST Sub Plan, budget allocation for the districts, budget utilization, reasons for unspent budget, and also why several departments have not spent budget etc. were discussed. Later, the teams met the concerned government officials and represented to them to ensure 100% utilization of Budget alloted under sub plan.

# Budget watch









# Seminar on Socio-Economic Development of SC/STs in A.P

**DBRC** in collaboration with the Department of Social Sciences of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada organized One Day Seminar on the Socio-Economic Development of SC/STs in Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Alladi Deva Kumar, Executive Secretary of DBRC chaired the seminar. Prof. K.Y. Ratnam, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad (UoH) participated as the chief guest of the seminar. Addressing the participants he said stigma, discrimination, and inequalities are growing on par with the

technological development in the nation. He added that the government should initiate schemes and policies to reduce inequalities in the society.

Mr. Prasanna Saligram, Professor, Azim Premji University, Mr. Y.L. Jayaraj (CEO), ALERT, Mr. Korivi Vinaya Kumar, founder president, DBF and others addressed the participants. Mr. Bolimera Ananda Kumar (CEO), Change Alliance, New Delhi, and Sri. Mohammad. Imtiaz, I.A.S., CEO of SERP interacted with the participants on Zoom.





Pre-Budget Consultation - 2022-23

**Every** year, state government presents the budget before the state legislatures for an approval in the month of March. Concerned departments will submit the budget expectations to the finance department based on the available schemes in the month of October every year.

Hence, DBRC organized Pre-Budget consultation program on 26th October 2021 at Hotel V. Royal Park, Guntur to discuss the budget needs of the communities, discuss about the implementation of various schemes under sub-plan and also develop recommendations to start exclusive schemes for the socio economic empowerment of the SC,STs by implementing SC, ST Sub Plan. Representatives from various CSOs,

activists, intellectuals and community leaders participated in the meeting.

Mr. Alladi Devakumar, Mr. N. Paul Divakar, National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR), Prof. Sukumar from Delhi University (DU), Mr. Vinaya kumar (DBF), Smt. Geddam Jhansi, DSS, Mr. Chitti Babu, DBSU and others have discussed on the less allocation of budget for some schemes and stressed the need for exclusive schemes for SC, STs for their comprehensive development.

Based on the outcome of the seminar, recommendations were drafted and submitted to the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare Departments of Andhra Pradesh.



### State Level Workshops on "Budget Trends in Higher Education"



**DBRC** in collaboration with Dalit Arthik Adikar Andolan (DAAA) organized a State Level Consultation on 'Budget Trends in Higher Education' on 8th November in Guntur. The main objective of the consultation is to understand the financial issues (fee hike/scholarships/reimbursement/other state/central govt. policies) faced by the students in higher educational institutions.

Mr. Alladi Devakumar, Mr. Paul Divakar, Ms. Beena Palical, Mr. Ashok kumar, Mr. Chitti babu addressed the students who participated from various universities. Few students voiced their issues and challenges they face in higher educational institutions.

## State-Level Roundtable conference on Implementation of SC/ST Sub Plan Act



**DBRC** organised a round table conference on the title "Ambedkar Economics Utilization of SC/ ST Budget in Andhra Pradesh" February 10th, 2022 Guntur. 152 members including members of Dalit Adivasi Budget Watch Activists, NGOs, CBOs, Women Leaders, SHG leaders, Rtd. Employees, Teachers and Students, etc. have participated in the conference. The main objective of the round table conference is to discuss on the utilization of budget under SC/ST Sub-Plan in Andhra Pradesh.

## Outdoor Learning Centers

lobally, millions suffered during Covid-19.
Poor and poorest of the poor were affected severely and struggled a lot to feed their families as Covid-19 hit their livelihoods.

The entire educational system collapsed as schools were shutdown. In order to address this the educational institutions have started online education and it was compulsory for every student to have android/ smart phone to participate in



online classes. Several reports/studies reported that 1/3rd of the children in India could not access online education due to lack of laptop/mobiles/tab/internet facility. Due to this, the children from the slums in our target areas were deprived of education. In order to address this, DBRC initiated 20 Outdoor Learning Centers (OLCs) in its target areas to provide education to the children belonging to the waste picking, fisher folk, rat catchers and other marginalized communities.

Presently, 740 children are enrolled in these OLCs and getting educational support. These centers have ensured that the children from these communities do not discontinue education during lockdown.



DBRC in collaboration with the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi organized a National Conference on Sustainable Development Goal No.10 of UNDP and India-Policy: Issues and Implications to Reduce Inequalities on April 9th, 2021 in Guntur.

The main objective of this conference is to discuss the inequalities prevailing in the present society addressing stigma, discrimination and untouchability among Dalit Adivasi communities. Dr. Devendra Singh, Academic Head, Ambedkar International Centre gave a key note address.

He said that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar strived a lot to bring equality in the society. Inequalities are varying from the nation to nation like caste, creed, race, gender, class, culture, language, community etc. Therefore, it is a responsibility of every citizen to address the inequalities existed in each and every corner of the society. Academicians, intellectuals, scholars, activists and students participated in the seminar and gave their insights on Dalit-Adivasis and sustainable development goals.

### Walk for Equality

**On** the occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar birth anniversary i.e., April 14th, 2021, DBRC organized **'Walk for Equality'.** The walk started from Ambedkar statue, Lodge Center, Guntur and and ended at Ambedkar Bhavan, Guntur. The participants chanted slogans to ensure Equality for all. Thousands of students, activists, members from NGOs, etc. participated actively in the walk for the equality.



#### Photo Exhibition on Dr. Ambedkar Life and Mission

Later, DBRC organized photo exhibition depicting the journey of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Sri. J. D. Seelam, Former Union Minister, and Sri. Dokka Manikya Varaprasad (MLC) visited the exhibition and appreciated DBRC for exibiting the different phases in the life of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. NGOs, students, community leaders, representatives of trade unions, cooperatives, and others visited the exhibition.



**Sri J.D. Seelam,**Former Union Minister visited the photo exhibition.



**Smt. K. Sunita IAS,** Principal Secretary, A.P. Social Welfare Department, and Sri Akunuri Murali, IAS, advisor to Department of School Education, inagurating the photo exhibition which depicts the life and mission of **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.** 



Mr. Marumudi Victor Prasad, Chairperson, AP State SC Commission along with members of the commission hearing the Grievances of the victims in the "Peoples Review and Awareness on Prevention of SC/ST Atrocities Act" meeting held on 12-3-2022 at Zilla Parishad, Guntur.

#### **Constitution Day Celebrations**

**Constitution** Day known as Samvidhan Divas was observed on 26th November, 2021. As part of it, sensitized the students on the rights and responsibilities of a citizen in the country including the law and order, disciplinary procedures, etc. DBRC released a pamphlet of Preamble of Constitution and distributed it to all the participants. We have conducted essay writing competition in Government schools and mementos & certificates were presented to the winners. Totally, 1,941 students participated in the event.



Releasing pamplates on Preamble of Constitution by **M. Victor Prasad**, Chairperson, AP SC Commission



Winners of Essay writing competion with their mementoes and certificates at Social Welfare Residential School, RK puram, Sattenapalli.

## **Abbreviations**

AD : Additional Director | KVK : Krishi Vignana Kendra

AP : Andhra Pradesh Ltd. : Limited

Agri. : Agriculture MEPMA : Mission for Elimination of Poverty

Amenity Lifeline Emergency in Municipal Areas

Response Team

MRO : Mandal Revenue Officer

NCDUB : National Compaign for Political Compai

ATMA : Agricultural Technology

Management Agency

NGO : Non Government

Management Agency NGO : Non Governmental Organization
CBO : Community Based Organizations NREGS : National Rural Employment

CCR cards: Crop Cultivator Rights Cards

Guarantee Scheme

CDPO : Child Development Project OLC : Outdoor Learning Centre

Officer RBKs : Rythu Bharosa Kendras

CSC : Common Service Centre RRR : Relief, Recovery and Rehabilitation

CSO : Civil Society Organization Rtd. : Retired
DAAA : Dalit Arthik Adikar Andolan SC : Scheduled Caste

DBRC : Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre SCC : Scheduled Caste Component

Agency STC : Scheduled Tribe Component

DSS : Dalit Stree Shakti
DU : Delhi University ST : Scheduled Tribe

EDA : Empowerment of Dalit and SWM : Solid Waste Management

Adivasi TS : Telangana State : Farmers Producers Organization ULB : Urban Local Bodies

ICDS : Integrated Child Development UNDP : United Nations Development

Scheme Programs

JD : Joint Director UoH : University of Hyderabad VRO : Village Revenue Officer

Urban Renewal Mission ZBNF : Zero-Budget Natural Farming

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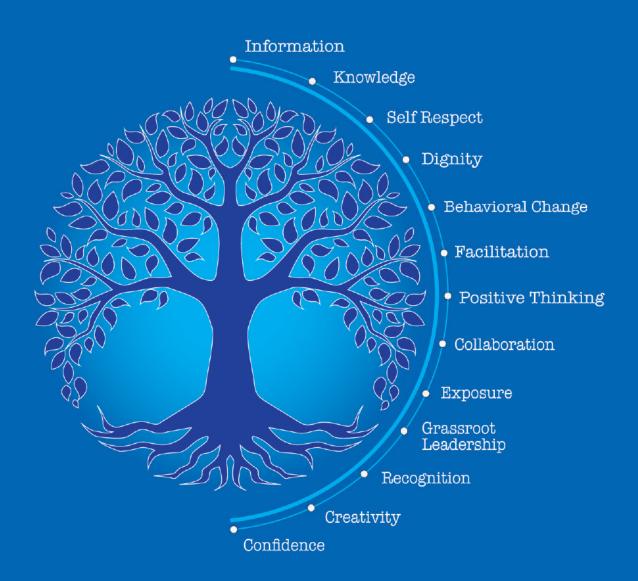


Presenting the recommendations of the needs assessment study of girl students from "APSWREIS" to Sri **Gandham Chandrudu**, IAS
Special Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of A.P.



Sri **Marumudi Victor Prasad**, Chairperson, AP SC Commission addressing the gathering during the peoples review meeting organized by DBRC at Guntur





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