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Preface

It gives me the great pleasure to introduce and place before you the Annual Report 2011- 2012 of Centre for Dalit Rights an initiative of DMKS just to realize the caste ridden humiliation, Dalit Manavadhikar Kendra Samiti/Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur discrimination and exploitation of Dalits in Rajasthan, who are literally broken people placed at the bottom of Hindu social order and relegated to the most menial of tasks as manual scavengers, removers of human waste and dead animals, street sweepers, cobblers and bondage labours.

Dalit women are facing triple burden of caste, class and gender discrimination for whom human dignity and self respect seems to be far away. It is the ultimate aims of Centre for Dalit Rights to encourage stimulate and enable the poor despondent specially the Dalit and women to fight for basic human needs and values along with dignity. Centre for Dalit Rights always remained at the doorsill whenever there was atrocity with the Dalit and the weaker.

Centre for Dalit Rights works on different issues like land & livelihood, Advocacy on SC/ Act & Rules , Budget Analysis and Advocacy on Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes in the Union and State Budgets of India, economic Rights and MNREGA Monitoring etc. I am very glad to inform you that Centre for Dalit Rights works for the communal harmony and peace building, which is a very crucial issue for society. In this glorious year, Centre for Dalit Rights has provided opportunities for exposure on Dalit Rights to the students and interns.

Hey all deserve sincere gratitude and appreciation. The CDR launched a Dalit mass awareness campiagn in which various social, economical problems of the Dalits and the ways of their eradication were indicated and all political parties were conveyed and expected to have a sympathetic approach towards these legitimate demands. I am grateful to Sh. P L Mimroth, the Chief Functionary of DMKS under whose timely guidance and motivation the CDR is achieving the entrusted goals. I am also thankful to Sh. Satish Kumar Advocate, an efficient Director and all staff members specially Sh. Gopal Ram Verma, Sh. Tara Chand Verma, Sh. Chanda Lal and M.s Grijesh Dinker for their devotion and sincere efforts and commitment due to that CDR received the good will and whole hearted support not only from Dalits, other likeminded NGO's of the State but also from the Government and general public. At last, the special thanks and gratitude to our supporters and funding partners whose financial support strengthened the DMKS/Centre for Dalit Rights in the implementation of this program in atrocity prone area in Rajasthan.

R K Ankodia

Chairperson

Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur

From Chief Functionary

Our focus on Partnership building, promotion of strong linkage and networks of information exchange, sharing experiences, capacity Building and empowerment programs for Dalits, women, advocates and activists through public hearing, Seminars and workshops provided new dimensions.

I have an immense feeling that Centre for Dalit Rights achieved many remarkable and milestone successes in this year in the field of capacity building, access to justice, increase conviction rate and monetary compensation. Centre for Dalit Rights Honored with “Dr Ambedkar Social Service Award 2009-10” by state Government for its outstanding work, it was a cheerful moment for our institution.

I would like give to sincere thanks to all CDR Field team members towards contributing and production of this report. My heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Satish Kumar Advocate, Director, State Coordinator Mr. Gopal Ram Verma, Mrs. Suman Devathiya, State Convener, DMM, State Coordinator Ms. Grijesh Dinker, Programme Coordinator Sh. Chanda Lal Bairwa, Documentation Officer Sh. Tara Chand Verma Administrator Mr. Bhagwan Sahay, Mukesh Mehra Finance Officer and all team members of CDR Jaipur for offering their support on writing this report. I also wish CDR supporters, sympathizers and likeminded groups who take forward to build up Dalit movement in Rajasthan.

In the end I extend appreciation ad special Thanks to Danchurch Aid, Christian Aid, UNDP, NAWO, CECOEDECON, PRIA and NCDHR – SWADHIKAR & DAAA for providing financial support and cooperate for carrying out the Dalit Human Rights activities in Rajasthan. I wish to thanks DMKS governing body members to provide guidance and motivation in the CDR.

P L Mimroth

Chief Functionary

From Director Desk

Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur

CDR has been working with committed spirit ensuring socio-economic, political, cultural rights and access to justice for Dalit and marginalized people in Rajasthan by adopting multiple strategies. CDR is working for empowerment of Dalit women which are the most vulnerable section of the society. Dalit Mahila Manch, is doing notable jobs for awareness and leadership building of Dalit women. CDR and DMM are doing multiphase activities for the Dalit community and Dalit women. At the instance of CDR and DMM, we found many positive and prominent responses from State and District authorities and administration.

I am pleased to present herewith the Annual Report 2011-2012 of Centre for Dalit Rights (A unit of Dalit Manvaghikar Kendra Samiti) on behalf of all, who have been working with dedication, high spirit towards the empowerment of the Dalits, women and poorest through our organization.

I extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our resource providers for providing financial Cooperation as well as technical support and guidance which enable us to carry all our efforts to defend and protect the rights of Dalits, who are suffering from extreme poverty, injustice and social exclusion. I would also like to thanks to our team members State Coordinator Mr. Gopla Ram Verma, Mrs. Suman Devathiya, Ms. Grijesh Dinker, Chanda Lal Bairwa, Mukesh Mehra, Tara Chand Verma, District Coordinators Mr. Ramesh Chand Bansal, Mahaveer Singh Bhati, Banwari Lal Mimroth, Satish Kumar Lahri, Ms. Sunita Bairwa and Mahesh Chand Kain, Administrator Bhagwan Sahay, Assistant District Coordinators Mr. Lala Ram Bhadana, Ms. Rekha Solanki, Ms. Seema Gautam, Manju Nayak, Women Organisers Ms. Dropadi, Suman Kanchan, Meetha Lal, Drivers Mr. Vinod Choudhry , Mr. Arjun Choudhry and grass-root volunteers, supports and other organizations from their energetic support.

Behalf of CDR family I also take the opportunity to special thanks to our patrons, Citizen Social Groups, Members of Advisory Group, Members of Block Committee, Trained Cadres and well wishers and looking forward to receive similar support from them in future.

Satish Kumar Advocate

Director

ABOUT US

Centre for Dalit Rights (CDR) is an initiative of Dalit Manavadhikar Kendra Samiti (DMKS) and aims to defend, protect and promote the rights of poor, particularly the Dalits in Rajasthan who are the most vulnerable, discriminated, under-privileged and exploited section of the society. CDR works forward raising awareness and creating visibility about Dalit human Rights through addressing issues related to violations against Dalits.

Mission

Mission of Centre for Dalit Rights is promoting awareness about human rights and laws among Dalt communities and empower them to fight for their rights to live with equality, freedom and dignity. CDR supports this process further through capacity building, legal and other technical support, networking and advocacy. Eliminating caste based discrimination and exclusion from society is part of this process.

Objective

- 1. To sensitize and to hold accountable to the State law and policies enforcing agencies (Police, Judiciary, Bureaucrats etc.) & policy makers including the other duty-bearers, rights-holders and larger civil society including NGOs, CBOs in the six Districts of Rajasthan on protecting and promoting the Scheduled Caste rights identity and dignity.*
- 2. To ensure the State and other rights-bearers to address and eliminate all forms of discrimination against Dalits and especially on Scheduled Caste women in Rajasthan.*
- 3. To promote social cohesion and harmony (Inter-caste, class and gender) through the initiation of Inter caste & community Dialogue.*
- 4. To create awareness on land and livelihood rights and entitlements among Scheduled Caste and organize them to take up advocacy and lobby with the State.*
- 5. To build networking and alliance with other voluntary organizations and community based organizations especially working on human rights.*
- 6. To strengthen institution building and develop the CDR as a State Level Dalit Resource Centre.*

Through the CDR has been working since 2001, it met with success regarding legal protection and affirmative action in a variety of circumstances from everyday life, to local governance to electoral process, economic rights, discrimination based on caste and gender, compromise of self dignity and land & livelihood rights.

These conditions are exacerbated by globalization and biased political motivations which promote economic growth over social equality and further argument the impact of discrimination, violence and poverty. CDR also networks with National and International platforms and mechanisms on Dalit rights to further the process to establish norms and standards seeking accountability.

Mission

The mission of CDR is to demystify the law and enable poor people to fight for their human rights. We define human rights to be those, which allow all human beings to live with equality, freedom and dignity. To this end, the Centre will strive to eliminate all forms of Civil, Political, Social, Cultural and Economic discriminations and oppressions especially as a result of caste-based discrimination.

Vision

- *We feel that despite some gains with respect to legal protection and affirmative action, the economic rights and other issues like self- dignity are under attack, violence and discrimination based on caste routinely occur. These conditions are exacerbated by globalization and political trends that promoted economic growth than equity, and thus not only intensify the impact of discrimination, violence and poverty but also reduces the sense of public and private accountability for the remedying these problem. The international laws and policies are accompanied by a series of monitoring and enforcement mechanisms that can be used along with local laws with effective monitoring to expose abuses and seek accountability at local, state, national and international level.*
- *The vision of DMKS/CDR is to create “Just and Equitable Society” where Dalit men and women attain their rights and opportunities to life, equity, development and participation.*
- *We therefore, need not solely depend and rely on domestic laws and policies in case of failure to get justice but now we must also appeal to the additional and often more expansive protections available internationally. These international laws and policies are accompanied by a series of monitoring and enforcement mechanisms that can be used along with local laws with a new approach to expose abuses and seek accountability at local, state, national and international level.*

OUTCOME & STRATEGY

Outcomes

In promotion of Scheduled Caste Rights in the State, the DMKS/CDR has carried out various activities with following outcomes-

- 1. Law and policy enforcing agencies addressed violence on Dalits and protect them.*
- 2. Effective implication of SC/ST (PoA) & Rules across the State*
- 3. Dalit women, men and children accessed justice against violence atrocities.*
- 4. Dalit women, men and children are more aware about their rights and the entitlements.*
- 5. Developed Dalit women leaderships in the State but focused in target Districts*
- 6. Developed Dalit youth cadres and advocates on accessing criminal justice system*
- 7. Enhancement of budget allocation under Scheduled Caste –Sub Plan in the State budget*
- 8. Dalit communities have enhanced their awareness on land and livelihood rights.*
- 9. Dalit Organizations and CBOs are strengthened through capacity building and networking to support Dalit communities to access rights.*
- 10. Promoted social cohesion and harmony between Dalits and non Dalits.*
- 11. The access to the socio –economic welfare schemes is increased.*
- 12. Dalit women Sarpanches started accessing/using their own powers working on their own in the Panchayats*
- 13. Networking and alliance building is promoted among NGOs and CBOs to empower them to support Dalit rights.*

Strategy

CDR focused on protecting and promoting Dalit Human Rights through the following activities.

- 1. Advocacy and lobbying to various stake holders*
- 2. Sensitization through Workshops/Meetings*
- 3. Mass awareness Campaigns*
- 4. Capacity Building and Training Workshops.*
- 5. Consultation and round table dialogues*
- 6. Monitoring, Follow up and legal intervention in Dalit Human Right Violations*
- 7. Networking and Collaborations*
- 8. Documentation , Publications and dissemination*
- 9. Established platforms to participate & involvement in issues based campaign.*
- 10. Using media*
- 11. Development of CDR as a State Level Resource Centre.*

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Monitoring and Follow up of Dalit Human Right Violations

*Human rights violations against Dalits continue to be a critical concern in the State which restricts freedom and development of the community. The work of CDR has focused on these issues from inception and has been able to develop a methodology to monitor violence and follow it up for access to justice. CDR has been able to provide confidence and legal/technical support to survivors and to their achievement has also been to make State and civil society recognize these violations and become sensitive to them. **770 incidents** of violence against Dalit community were monitored by primary and secondary resources during the year. The nature of cases varies from land grabbing, untouchability practices and discrimination, beaten up, physical assault, rape, rape of minor girls, kidnap, bonded labour, prohibition to use public roads for marriage procession, prohibition to celebrate Ambedkar Jayanti and many ones.*

The following table gives the glance of the total atrocity cases monitored during this year

S. No	Type of Atrocity	No. of Atrocity
1.	Untouchability Practice	25
2.	Murder	38
3.	Rape	80
4.	Violence Against Woman	109
5.	Land Matter	136
6.	Beaten and Abusing	276
7.	Violence Against Children	17
8.	Bonded Labour	8
9.	Mass Violence	28
10.	Custodial Torture /Police Torture	16
11.	Assault on Dalit Bridegroom	16
12.	Violence During Election	5
13.	Arson	4
14.	Negligence on the part of the Administration	3
15.	Others	9
	Total	770

Complaint Writing

2797 complaints were filed before State and National Authorities on regular basis as a way of bringing their attention on the nature and frequency of violence on Dalit communities and the need

for concerted action from the authorities. The following table gives the glimpse of the no. of the complaints to the concerned authorities:-

S. No	Concerned Authorities	No. of the complaints
1	District Magistrate	611
2	Superintendent of Police	466
3	National Scheduled Caste Commission	225
4	National Human Rights Commission	136
5	State Human Rights Commission	18
6	National Commission for women	96
7	State Commission for Women	23
8	Director General of Police	275
9	Inspector General of Police (Human Rights)	219
10	Chief Minister	241
11	Divisional Commissioner	19
12	Social Justice and Empowerment Department	56
13	Other Ministers, Secretary, Director and Block level Officers	252
14	Inspector General of Police, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Bikaner and Udaipur	28
15	Chief Secretary	29
16	Home Secretary and Minister of Rajasthan	91
	Total	2797

Serious Violations Identified and conducting (Fact-findings)

During this year DMKS/CDR has been engaged in conducting '**Fact finding**' in **83 severe type of cases out of 770** atrocities like rape, murder, mass violence destruction of properties etc. The fact finding team visited the place of occurrence and collect the all evidences (oral and documentary) related to the case. The team also assesses the all fact of the case and advocate to law enforcing agencies to seek provide justice to the survivors.

Detail of Fact Findings Missions

S. No.	Type Atrocity	Total
1.	Untouchability Practice	2
2.	Murder	7
3.	Rape	27
4.	Violence Against Woman	7

5.	Land Matter	9
6.	Beaten and Abusing	17
7.	Violence Against Children	2
8.	Mass Violence	5
9.	Custodial Death /Police Torture	3
10.	Assault on Dalit Bridegroom	1
11.	Social Boycott	2
12.	Arson	1
13.	Total	83

Responses from the concern Authorities to complaints made by CDR also opens a way for following up the cases legally. Of the **3220 complaints** that were filed before various authorities, **424 responses** were received. (Approx. 15.15%).

Monetary Compensation in Atrocities- A sum of **Rs. 52, 80, 000** has been granted as monetary compensation under SC/ST Act to Dalit survivors during the year 2011-2012 by the State. This happened through consistent following up of the cases as well as the awareness and empathy created in the officials through various means.

Legal Intervention and Success Stories: During this year, the CMKS/CDR has been able to achieve success at various levels in **84 cases** of violence against Dalits. The survivors got the relief, rehabilitation and justice according to statuaries provision of the SC/ST Act & Rules. These are means of supporting the survivors who continue to be harassed by the perpetrators and police and survivors do not get any support to take their case up for justice. Often the family and community are also too intimidated to take up the case and even when they do, need tremendous amount of moral and material support to do so. The nature of intervention includes filing FIR, filing protest petition before the court in cases which have been set aside as FR (Final Report), Monitoring of statement recorded by advocate, arguments monitoring, prepare survivor before statements and evidence. It also includes assisting public prosecutors at the different courts in the Block level and special courts at District levels. While the level of success is not the final stage in some of the cases, they are the important steps to go forward.

Participation in gouv programmes

We have also taken the time to participate and support different programmes of the government. The department of social welfare organised the 'social welfare week' trying to create awareness on the programmes of the department. We actively participated in the same with the officials.

CDR also participates in the District level Monitoring and Vigilance committees giving us the opportunity to engage with officials and raise their attention to Dalit rights violations in the state.

State Level Public Hearing on Dalit Atrocity and Relief & Rehabilitation

Centre for Dalit Rights organized a State Level Public Hearing on Dalit Atrocity and Relief & Rehabilitation. 16 cases of heinous atrocity cases against Dalits and Dalit women had been taken up before the Honourable Jury consisting of Justice S N Bhargav Former Chief Justice, Assam High Court, Mr R K Ankodiya Former Member Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission, Dr Vidya Jain, Director, Gandhi Study Centre, Rajasthan University, Jaipur, Ms Sunita Styarhi, Advocate Former Member Rajasthan State Women Commission, Mr Karnpal Singh, Advocate, Former Chairperson High Court Bar Association and Mr Dushyant Ojha State Secretary, Bhartiya Communist Party. The cases were related to the Land Grabbing, Murder, Rape, Kidnapping, Social Boycott, Physical Assault and Biased attitude of the Police and Administration. In addition to giving recommendations for individual cases, jury members also gave general recommendations.

- 1. The provisions of the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989 and their Rules should be fully implemented.*
- 2. The Police and Administration should have sympathy for the victim.*
- 3. State should ensure the safety and security of the Women.*
- 4. The accused are using the support of Political Leaders to escape law.*
- 5. Ensure the safety and security to the victim and their witnesses.*
- 6. The commissions should be sensitize and should be accountable.*
- 7. For speedy trial in the cases of women atrocities a Public Interest Litigation should be filed.*
- 8. State should establish special court for women atrocity cases.*
- 9. Ensure immediate and full compensation is paid by the District Administration to the victims of atrocities as per the law.*
- 10. Take immediate steps to prevent further violence, social boycotts and other forms of torture and atrocities.*
- 11. The Police or the other officials who failed to perform their duty should be prosecuted.*

The infamous case of Dalit ANM Bhanwari Devi, who was kidnapped from Bilada town, Jodhpur and was subsequently brutally murdered by the hardcore criminals and gangsters at the behest of then Rajasthan Cabinet Minister Mahipal Maderna and Malkhan Singh, MLA on 1st September, 2011. Bhanwari Devi belonged to very low caste and her family members are very poor and helpless. Family members are also being threatened by the goons of the gang of kidnappers at the behest of Mr Mahipal Maderna and Malkhan Singh Bishnoi.

Initially, the Rajasthan government was reluctant to investigate into this case deeply and wanted to save Mahipal Maderna and Malkhan Singh Bishnoi because of political compulsion but in the meanwhile the Union Government & Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court directed to transferred the investigation from Rajasthan police to CBI to speed up the investigation without fear and favour and consequently the Rajasthan Government handed over the matter to CBI, New Delhi for probing at highest level. In the beginning of this case, it was appearing that the local administration and Police were in league with the high level profiled perpetrators and they never wanted that this high profiled and important and sensitive matter should be properly investigated into and justice is ensured to the poor and helpless Dalit ANM Bhanwari Devi.

The CBI Delhi conducted the investigation without any fears and favour and tried their level best to nab and arrested sixteen main accused including Mahipal Maderna and Malkhan Singh Bishnoi and other hardcore criminals involved in this case. The last and remaining master mind main accused Indira Bishnoi, however, could not be arrested, though in preliminary hearings she appeared before the CBI at earlier stage of the case. She is absconding and court has declared her as absconded.

In the March CBI has completed the investigation and filed charge sheet in the local Court CBI Special Court, Jodhpur.

The prosecution witnesses, family members and relatives of Bhanwari Devi are very much scared from these all powerful people and it is not possible for them to appear in the court and give their testimony independently and freely.

Therefore, Centre for Dalit Rights & DMM, Jaipur have demanded to the trial of this highly sensitive case of Bhanwari Devi be shifted from Jodhpur Court to the Delhi Court to ensure justice to the victims. And the CDR has already formed a panel of eminent Advocates to assist the prosecution with a sole object to ensure that politically high profile and mighty perpetrators are prosecuted and punished as per law of the land.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Capacitation to support Dalit Community to access rights

We have carried out various programmes to build the capacity of our team, cadres, volunteers, advocates etc. in various ways.

Capacity Building of Cadres

In the feudal context of Rajasthan, DMKS/CDR and its sister organizations have provided much impetus to Dalit organizations in addressing the Dalit Right violations and supporting members in their struggle for justice. The CDR has identified the cadre including male and female in the blocks of Alwar, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur, and Pali Districts. Dalit activists were trained in different Districts on access to criminal justice system, PCR Act, SC/ST (PoA) Act & Rules, registration of FIR, conducting Fact Finding missions, Ambedkar ideology etc. The activists were also trained on the use of RTI and MNREGA. The trainings also included National and International Human Rights frame and Constitutional provisions for Dalits. All the blocks have constituted a cadre. In the local areas, some active and vocal Dalit activists were identified which known as Cadre. These cadres identify the local issues and problems in their areas. They advocate with the local administration and if it is needed they redirect the atrocity matter or issue to the District and State CDR office. To enhance the capacity and proficiency of the cadres, they are imparted training and orientation on Dalit Right issues and related laws. They also take part in Fact Finding of the cases on violence, follow up the cases with the Administration, holding press meetings and guide and support the District Coordinators. These Cadre building training programmes were organized in all the six Districts in the year.

State Level Capacity Building and Training Programme of the NGO's

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CDR organized a Capacity Building programme for the NGO's, Dalit Groups, CBOs etc. at Kissan Bhawan, Lal Kothi, Jaipur on 9-10 August, 2011. This two days programme, was organized with the following objectives:-

- 1. To make the activists of Dalit /HRs organizations capable to raise the voice against the atrocity against the Dalits and struggle for the justice to the survivors.*
- 2. To educate the Dalit activists about the various legal provisions and laws.*
- 3. To spread the Ambedkar ideology*
- 4. Capacity building on Institutions development*

The important topic like criminal access to justice system, SC/ST Act & Rules, fund raising, Account management, Gender sensitization, Advocacy, networking, structure of the organization, how to reform the undesirable and hatred name in the revenue records and prohibited titles i.e. Harijan and Chamar. The main resource person were Mr Satish Kumar Director CDR, Mr R K Ankodiya Chairperson CDR, Mr Naveen Narayan Programme Officer Action Aid, Mr Kishan Tyagi from PRIA, Mr Gopal Ram Verma State Coordinator CDR, Ms. Grijesh Dinker, State Coordinator and Mr Tara Chand Verma.

Capacity Building of NGO's and CBO's

Again in the month of March 29, 2012, a State level NGO's CBO's Capacity Building Program was organized by CDR in Jaipur. The main speakers were Mr P L Mimroth, Mr Satish Kumar Advocate, Mr Tara Chand Verma Advocate, Mr Gopal Ram Verma and Mr Chanda Lal Bairwa. The representatives of the Organizations across the Rajasthan participated in this workshop.

Dalit Awareness Campaign

Centre for Dalit Rights as the State level Resource Centre, makes aware the Dalit folks of their rights as enshrined in the Constitution of India and other rights given by various laws to eliminate the social and justice platform inequality. Apart from this, the more focus on the social Welfare Schemes, run by Central and State Government especially for the Dalit women and Children, emphasizing on the better implementation of the Schemes for the social and economic empowerment of the Dalits. Under the direction of Mr P L Mimroth, Dalit Awareness Campaign was organized by Centre for Dalit Rights and Dalit Mahila Manch Rajasthan. The main objectives of the Dalit Awareness Campaign were as follows-

- 1. To identify the grass root level active activists and to create the cadre.*
- 2. To discuss the Agricultural and residential land rights of the Dalits.*
- 3. To make the Dalit folks aware of the Social Welfare Schemes of the State and National Government.*
- 4. To educate the grass root level activists about the Acts and Rules, especially constituted for the Dalits and Dalit women.*
- 5. The capacity Building of Dalit and women activists.*
- 6. To make them aware of the "Apna Khet Apna Kaam Yojana" under MNREGA.*
- 7. To convey the knowledge of the orders and the directions passed by the State and Central Government for the sake of the Dalits and Dalit women.*
- 8. To aware them about the new measures for the new BPL survey.*

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9. To make the Police, Administration, Public Representatives and Media sensitize towards the Dalit and Dalit women.
10. To spread the Ambedkar ideology.

The Campaign started from the Ajmer District on 12th September 2011. The following were the main topic discussed during the campaign.

1. The specific laws constituted only for the Dalit land reform.
2. The issues and the solution related to the MNREGA
3. Livelihood based Schemes (Social, Economical and Educational).
4. Women Empowerment
5. To enhance the leadership in the Dalits and Dalit women.
6. To ensure the responsibility of the Police and Administration towards the Dalits
7. The Right to information Act
8. Dr Ambedkar Ideology.
9. SC/ST (PoA) Act 1989 and Rules 1995
10. To convey the issues of the Dalit and Dalit women to the Administration and Government.

STRENGTHENING GENDER RESPONSE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN RAJSTHAN

The capacitation of the Panchayats on Gender issues conducted during this period in collaboration with PRIA New Delhi. CDR worked to check the regular downward fall of the sex ratio along with the issues of Maternal Health, Sex Determination and Gender Sensitization in 5 extensive Panchayats of Dausa Districts with the Panchayat Representatives, Community, Members of Standing Committees on Social Justice & Security/ Village health & Sanitation Committee, Department of Women and Child Development and Medical and Health Department. In this regard the IEC's were distributed in all targeted Panchayats for effective work on Maternal Health and Sex Determination.

Training Workshop with Dalit Women Representatives on Mother and Child Health, VHSC's, Anganwadi in Dausa District

The meeting with the Elected Representatives was organized in Dausa District in the month of June, 2011. The Sarpanches were educated of the PCPNDT Act, rights and duties of Health & Sanitation Standing Committees (VHSC) in the respective GPs and along with this Mother and Child Health, Anganwadi were the main points of discussion. Girl education was also put with effectiveness. Mr P L Mimroth, Mr Tehreem from PRIA, Mr Satish Kumar, Mrs Suman Devathiya, State Convener DMM, Mr Gopal Ram Verma State Coordinator CDR, Ms Grijesh Dinker, State Coordinator, DMM, Mrs Sunita Bairwa, District Coordinator Dausa, Mrs Dropadi Jonwal, District Organizer DMM and Mr Banwari Mimroth addressed in this workshop.

Major Outcomes:

- Sensitization over gender issues of various stake holders
- Community monitoring begin over the issue
- More awareness on health issues
- Activation of VHSC

LAND & LIVELIHOOD

Create awareness on Land and Livelihood rights among Dalit Communities

CDR began its engagement in land right issues. It revealed that large numbers of the atrocities were based on Dalit asserting their right to land. Around 136 cases, out of 770, total cases monitored by CDR; have been monitored during this year. The non-implementation of the protective measures of land laws for Dalits also made the focus on the land rights much more critical. CDR has undertaken campaigns and rallies organized and done considerable advocacy on Dalit rights and land ownership.

State Level Training Programme on Land and Livelihood Rights

A State level two days training programme on land and livelihood rights was conducted by Centre for Dalit Rights in Jaipur Kissan Bhawan Lal Kothi, Jaipur on 19-20/11/2011. It outlined the various land related laws, the problem in accessing justice under the law and extent of lands available for distribution to the landless in the State. How Dalit can access and protect their lands and enhance their livelihood, the provisions Rajasthan Tenancy Act, Land Revenue Act, land allotment policies. The training also touched the budget allocation to Dalits under SC-SP and the use of RTI. The eminent speakers of this training were Mr P L Mimroth, Mr Satish Kumar (Advocate), Mr Gopal Ram Verma, Ms. Grijesh Dinkar, Mr Tara Chand Verma (Advocate), Mr Chanda Lal Bairwa.

The Objectives of the training are as following:

- i. To strengthen the network with the organizations and activists working on the land and livelihood rights.*
- ii. To explore the land issues and problems at the grass root level to the activists.*
- iii. To seek the solutions to the issues and problems of the activists at the grass root level through themselves.*
- iv. To analyze the role of the Government and Administration in implementation of the laws constituted on the issues of the land and livelihood rights of Dalits.*
- v. To impose the pressure on the Government with the collective strategy.*
- vi. To elevate the Dalit Land Movement in Rajasthan.*

Issues addressed

- i. Land Ceiling Act*
- ii. Rajasthan Tenancy Act 1955*
- iii. Land Revenue Act, 1956*
- iv. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act*
- v. SC/ST (PoA) Act 1989 and Rules 1995*
- vi. Procedure of transfer, mortgage and selling of Dalit's land*

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- vii. *Constitutional Rights of Dalits*
- viii. *Budget analysis of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan.*

Meeting with the Dalit community on MNREGA

CDR organized the training meetings with the Dalit community at grass root level on MNREGA and related issues. The provisions under the Act and important features were discussed with them as Form no.6 (for the demand of work), “Apna Khet Apna Kaam”, etc. in target Districts. In these meetings, 80 form no.6 of MNREGA were filled in of and 8 families were identified under Apna Khet Apna Kaam scheme in the target Districts.

Monitoring and advocacy on various welfare Schemes

To increase the accessibility to and awareness of the Socio-economic schemes, CDR held the awareness meetings in the target Districts. Through monitoring the Centre also created the awareness of the Indira Awas Yojana, MNREGA, Widow Pension, Old Age Pension etc. The Centre also educated and assisted the beneficiaries how to make the application for the schemes and plans and assisted the Dalit folks to fill the form regarding the demand of the Job under MNREGA (Form no.6), Old age pension, Widow pension, Indira Awas Yojna etc.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SC-SP)

The Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SC-SP) is specially provided by the Planning Commission to promote equity and equality of Dalit communities in the different development arena in the State. This provides proportionate budget allocation to Dalits in all Central and State Ministries and Departments. Despite the provision being mandated since 1979, the programme is beset with under allocation, non implementation and diversion of the resources. The effective allocation of this budget alone would go a long way in promoting Dalit Livelihoods and developments. Recognizing the importance of SC-SP, CDR continuously advocated with the State authorities.

The Minister of Social Empowerment and Justice called for meeting and enquired the reasons for sub account (789 Code) not opened, diversion, non-utilization of funds. Due to continuous efforts the State Government of Rajasthan enhanced the budget allocation by double (2010-11 4.15% to 2011-12 8.92%) in comparison of previous years.

Recognizing the importance of SC-SP, CDR organized a State level advocacy with the policy makers and legislatures at the State level in collaboration with DAAA. The workshop covered the following objectives:

- To analyze, inform and aware participants about Government strategy in distributing the budget as per Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SC-SP) to ensure for welfare of Scheduled Caste.
- To build awareness among activists so that the issues could be raised during the State Budget time with public representatives so that this could be included in their political mandate.
- To discuss rights of Scheduled Caste on natural resources and impact of globalization on them
- To design strategy on advocacy on economic rights of Dalits in Rajasthan.

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Priority for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes in the Union and State Budgets of India

This programme was supported by UNDP and done in collaboration with Dalit Arthik Adhikar Andolan (DA3-NCDHR), Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) and DMKS /Centre for Dalit Rights (CDR), Rajasthan. Various was done under this programme.

Need for the establishment of Budget Research Centers: *For giving more weight to this study we have established Budget Resource Centers at the state level. Therefore all the state coordinators were given training on budget and budget tracking process especially for SCP and TSP. Meanwhile NCDHR has also been decided to work and collaborate with some NGOs in all 5 states.*

Documents Collected: *Annual Budget Documents from the Union and from all the states for the Financial Year 2011-12 have been collected for the study.*

Activist Capacitation Workshops

There is one workshop and orientation program for the state and union team has been organized in Delhi at the NCDHR office, on the 11th -14th of June 2010. The activity has been organized in association with DAAA/NCDHR, CBGA and DMKS. The four day long program was organized in with a view to orient the participants who further will play active role in the states.

Workshop on Budget Analysis and Advocacy on SC/ST in Districts.

A workshop on Budget Analysis and Advocacy was organized in all 10 Districts. The main objective of the meeting was to make aware of budget making process in the Gram panchayats and at the state level. The participants were aware of terminology used under the budget making process and how to track budget for SCP/TSP in different Ministry or Department and to strengthening and monitoring of implementation of Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) in the State and the flagship programmes. The workshop was initiated through other Budget Groups like CBGA.

Advocacy with MLAs at State Level

Meetings with MLA during Budget Session. Meeting several MLAs before and during the budget Sessions to share the analysis done on the implementation of Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan indicating in the States. Therefore we sets some questions based on analysis done. The questions were regarding low allocation and utilization of SCP and TSP for the last ten years, non opening of minor Code in some departments which were raised during the assembly also.

COMMUNAL HARMONY & PEACE BUILDING

Dialogue with Dominant Caste People

Meetings were held with members from different communities in issues of Dalit Rights in Ajmer, Alwar, Bharatpur, Dausa and Pali Districts. The purpose of the dialogues was to engage in dialogue with dominant community members and develop healthy relationships across, to sensitize the people of the dominant caste for the change in the mind set; to reduce untouchability & caste based discrimination; to build communal harmony between Dalits & non-Dalits.

A number of members realized the issues of Caste Discrimination and the plight of the Dalit communities and shared their concern to overcome them. As the result of this special programme the DCP came forward and discussed over the issues of Dalits. The Dalit folks started to pass the message to DCP of atrocity matters at various levels. Out of this initiative the Dalit participation is increased at various levels.

Celebration of International Human Rights Day

The International Women's Day i.e. on 10 December, 2011 had been celebrated in Ajmer, Alwar, Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur, Pali, Sawai Madhopur and at State Office, Jaipur as well. The programme had been chaired by Mr P L Mimroth, Chief Patron of Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur. All the staff members of CDR and DMM participated in the program. Mr J P Bairwa, Mr. R S Dev the social activists also participated. All the participants talked about the Human rights and presented their views in terms of promotion and protection of Dalit rights.

Celebration of Dr Ambedkar Birth Anniversary

On 14th April 2011, the Birth Anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar had been celebrated at all the District offices of CDR and in the State office as well. First of all, all the staff members of CDR and DMM lit the candle and offered the flowers in front of Ambedkar's photograph. Mr Gopal Ram Verma run the program and invited all the participants to say something about Dr Ambedkar and his remarkable work for the Dalits. Mr P L Mimroth shed the light on his efforts for empowerment and growth of the poor and Dalits, especially the Dalit women.

Symposium on Dr B R Ambedkar's Death Anniversary

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Similarly, a programme on the Death Anniversary of the Death Anniversary of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar was organized in State office as well as District offices. The thoughts and the remarkable work of the Dr Ambedkar were remembered.

DALIT WOMEN EMPOWERMENT (DAILA MANCH, RAJASTHAN)

*Dalit Mahila Manch (DMM) is initiated by Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur with an objective to empower Dalit Women in Rajasthan was affiliated itself with **National Federation of Dalit Women, Bangalore** (NFDW) to raise the issues of Dalit women at National and International level.*

The voice of the women is not heard since long. Their rights have been violated; they are discriminated, humiliated, harassed and subjected to worst forms of violence such as rape and murder. When it comes to Dalit women, all these discriminations and humiliations become worst than ever. It is their caste which brings them at the last of the hierarchy of the caste system.

Looking towards Rajasthan, the most backward State of India presents a very dismal situation of Dalit women where they have no choice except to suffer silently.

Vision

DMM Rajasthan has been initiated with the vision of “To empower Dalit Women Socially, Economically and Politically in Rajasthan” with the following objective:

- *Promoting Dalit women’s Leadership and effective participation in National, State and local governance system.*
- *Ending sexual violence and preventing Domestic Violence against Dalit women.*
- *Increasing Dalit women’s rights of ownership over land and other assets.*
- *Strengthening Dalit women’s network to ensure women’s rights and increase Dalit women’s voice.*
- *Empowering Dalit women economically and culturally.*
- *Work to reduce the social exclusion and stigma and biasness faced by Dalit women and widow and ensure that they enjoy equal, social and economic rights.*

Activities to achieve the objectives of DMM

- *Dalit women training programme for Dalit Women economic/livelihood empowerment.*
- *Leadership building of Dalit women.*
- *Conducting educational activities, campaign, workshops etc. to increase awareness on women issues.*
- *Organizing, networking and strengthening Dalit women network.*
- *Organizing Dalit women in advocacy groups to organize and to build Dalit women movement.*
- *Addressing violence against Dalit women*

Identification of Dalit women Human Right Defenders

Dalit Mahila Manch-Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur identified Dalit Women Human Right Defenders from all the Districts across the State, who struggled in their lives for justice and fought with the political, social system to access their rights and justice. The DWHRDs also raised the voice against the violence against Dalit women in their areas.

Membership

The Dalit Mahila Manch promotes membership of the Dalit Mahila Manch to strengthen the movement in Rajasthan and to unite the Dalit women with Dalit Mahila Manch. There are 1180 numbers of Dalit women from Ajmer, Alwar, Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur, Pali, Sawai Madhopur have being associated with this movement.

The Capacity Building of Dalit women

The Leadership building initiatives through organizing Dalit women events and initiatives for Dalit women's empowerment undertaken to effectively address the issue of Dalit women (i.e. multiple-violence, atrocities, deprivation, discrimination, marginalization etc.) and basic needs of Dalit women leaders viz. trainings, education and awareness.

In order to exercise power & hidden skills, Dalit women not only require understanding on various issues of Dalit women, but also build their specific skills vis-à-vis individual competencies that are required to grow up with confidence.

The overall goal of empowering Dalit women is to create an enabling environment for building leadership so that they emerge as leaders. The main focus of the training institute was build capacities of Dalit women to influence politics, strengthen their knowledge and articulation power. CDR and DMM organized capacity development programs at District and grass root level for the Dalit women and working towards making them leader. The capacity programmes and the activities were carried out to convey the various kinds of Social Welfare schemes of the Government to the Dalit women for their economic empowerment. Along with this, the Dalit women folks were educated of the women rights and entitlements enacted for the Dalit women.

Reformation of core groups in Ajmer, Alwar, Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur and Pali Districts were organized in the month of May, 2011

The participatory methodology was adopted where women can learn through correlating factual situation of their respective District or area. Where, the Objective and the purpose behind the formation of Core Committee of Dalit Mahila Manch (DMM), exclusively for women were shared with the participants. The activities to acquire the objectives of DMM were told to them.

The aim of the program was to identified Dalit women at District level to promote Dalit women's empowerment and make them aware of the various provisions of law available for them and bring them on one platform so that they themselves can fight with the inhumane behavior which they are facing and protect their self respect and dignity. The esteemed speaker of these Programs were Mr P L Mimroth Chief Patron of Centre for Dalit Rights, Mrs Suman Devathiya State Convener Dalit

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Mahila Manch Rajasthan, Mrs Promila Mimroth a Dalit Woman activist, Griresh Dinkar State Coordinator and the District Organizer.

Dalit women Leadership and Orientation workshop

Under the supervision of CDR and DMM, a one day capacity building of the Dalit women leaders was organized in Dausa and Alwar on 3rd and 5th November 2011 respectively with the support of Swadhikar-UNDP. In the meeting the main objectives were as follows-

- i. To educate them about the Dalit women laws and rights.*
- ii. To aware them about the Social Welfare Schemes of the Dalit women*
- iii. To create the awareness on the SC/ST Act and DV Act.*

Protest and Sit-in

Protest Against the MLA Raghu Sharma at the undesirable utterance over the Dalit woman MLA Mrs Pramila Kundara, organized at the Ambedkar Circle, Jaipur on 12th September 2011. The day before the protest a planning meeting with the representatives of other women Organizations i.e. Dr Pawan Surana, Ms Kavita Shrivastava from PUCLs Mamta Jetli from Vividha, Mrs Suman Devathiya State Convener of DMM and other team members of DMM was organized in the office premises of CDR. Mr P L Mimroth also joined the meeting. The main objective of the protest march was to demand the apologies of Raghu Sharma and to revitalize the respect and dignity of the Dalit woman MLA.

Formation of Advocacy groups

Women are the backbone of the families, are always busy in the daily chores, and have little time to spend on themselves. They are not the part of decision making process in their family and they have no time to sit idle and think about what is going on in the society. Dalit Mahila Manch has initiated a new activity of organizing Dalit women in groups. The main objective of the formation of Dalit women groups is to provide a place to Dalit women where they can share their problems, take their own problems, and find their own solutions at their own hands. This women groups formation is also intended to build Dalit women network in Rajasthan since violence, atrocities and discrimination against Dalit women is increasing day by day and due to lack of support from the community and society, most of the incident were left un-reported or not come into light. That to it was realized that women especially Dalit women need to organised to strengthen themselves and to enable them to raise their issues independently.

Dalit Mahila Manch, Rajasthan formulated Dalit women groups in 7 Districts of Rajasthan that have 15 Dalit women members of the respective groups. Monthly meeting of the groups are being organised by the organisers where the organisers give input on various laws, human rights, welfare schemes and other schemes enacted for the welfare of the women.

The regular meetings with the Advocacy have been organized. In these meetings the members discuss the issues and problems like water, roads, electricity, Health issues, Pensions and others of their areas to seek the solution. And apart from it, they themselves raise their voice against the violence against Dalit women and deal with it with the help of DMM-CDR.

Regular Meetings with the Advocacy Groups

In each district viz. Ajmer, Alwar, Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur and Pali, The Advocacy Groups are formed consisting of 10-15 identified Dalit women of the area who take the active participation in the activities of monitoring, Fact finding and mobilizing the Dalit women folks. The regular meetings with the Advocacy have been organized. In these meetings the members discuss the issues and problems like water, roads, electricity, Health issues, Pensions and others of their areas to seek the solution. And apart from it, they themselves raise their voice against the violence against Dalit women and deal with it with the help of DMM-CDR.

Core Committee Meetings

The State Core Committee meets one time in a quarter, State Coordinator to give the guidance, progress report of last quarter and plan of action according the organization goal. Likewise, the meetings with the District level core committee are also held every quarter and as per need to lend the guidance to the State Coordinator and District Organizers.

Networking Meeting with the Dalit women to increase outreach to many more Dalit women

Regular meetings with the Dalit women are organized every month in different areas for networking and to increase the outreach to many Dalit women. The Districts organizers conduct the meetings and share the DMM as a separate platform for them to raise their voice and fight for the justice.

International Women's day Celebration

Every year March 8th is celebrated as Women's Day over the world to recognize the women power and contribution to the society. Many more rallies, conventions, conferences and workshops being organized by many of the Governmental or non Governmental bodies. Although the women is out from the main stream of the society and in the earlier period she was not having the rights as the man have. But when we talk about the situation of Dalit women, she is more degraded and humiliated. she is Dalit and this uniqueness makes her more degraded then the other women. Violence against Dalit women in Rajasthan is systematic and structural occurring at three levels. At one level, violence is an inherent part of the caste system, whereby it is utilized to re-enforce caste norms and Dalit women are specially targeted due to their "lower" caste, class, gender identity and status. Dalit women, also face violence from dominant caste women, who benefit from and hence are helping in maintaining the power of their caste in perpetrating Caste inequalities and violence against Dalit women. The elected Dalit women representative in Panchayat are not allowed to exercise their role effectively and normally met with serve resistance even to the extent of physical violence. They are forced to be mere figure heads, while the functioning of the Panchayats is taken by other upper castes members or their own family members.

A few Dalit women leaders rose up in the adverse situation and fight for the rights of Dalit women but the history of women movement didn't give them space and recognize their contribution for upliftment of the Dalit women. They should be encouraged and supported and their contribution should be realized.

Keeping that in view, Dalit Mahila Manch decided to celebrate the International Women's Day in a different manner through recognizing the contribution of Dalit women leader, Activist/survivors and honouring them for their precious contribution

On the day of International Women day, a day long program of discussion of Dalit women issue followed with honouring Dalit women leaders was organised in 7 Districts namely Ajmer, Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur

Alwar, Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur and Pali of Rajasthan as well as at the State level. Number of Dalit women activists from different parts of Rajasthan participated in the program and shared their struggle and thoughts with the participants to encourage them to keep on their struggle to bring change in the society and to reclaim their lost rights.

State Level Orientation cum review program of the Staff members of Dalit Mahila Manch

One Day Orientation program for the staff members of Dalit Mahila Manch was organized on 26th January 2011 in the office premises of Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur. The meeting was hosted by Smt Suman Devathiya, the State Convener of DMM and Member of Core Committee, Mrs Mohini Devi was the president of the meeting. The main participants of the meeting were the members of the Core committee and the staff members of the State and District.

Objective-

- 1. To capacitate the staff and the Core Committee members of the Dalit Mahila Manch.*
- 2. To review the past work and to get the status of the work done in the last year.*
- 3. To collect the suggestion from the members and the staff members to give the velocity to the moment in Rajasthan.*
- 4. To make the strategy for the coming International Women's Day.*



Conclusion-

- 1. Celebration of International Women day in seven project Districts.*
- 2. Focus on the membership as much as possible*
- 3. Insist the Dalit women for the education*
- 4. Dire need of awareness of the social welfare schemes*
- 5. Awareness of the SC/ST Act and DV Act.*
- 6. Increasing Networking*

EQUIP DALIT WOMEN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FOR ADDRESSING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST DALIT WOMEN-ACCESS TO JUSTICE

DMM-CDR have also been engaged with Dalit Women Elected Representatives to strengthen the Dalit women Sarpanches of two Districts i.e. Dausa and Alwar with the support of SWADHIKAR/AIDMAM-UNDP . Under this programme, 80 DWERs (Dalit Women Elected Representatives) were identified in both districts. CDR worked with these 80 Sarpanches in terms of their leadership building, their political empowerment, their social inclusion and advocacy in the violence against them in their areas by the hands of the local politicians, Panchayati Raj Officials, Secretaries, Local Social system, Village Panchayat caste structure and most importantly patriarchy.

Program Deliverables

-  *Dalit Elected Sarpanches and social activists and professionals (lawyers and Academies) trained in addressing and taking up the issues and problems of Dalit Women Sarpanches.*
-  *Advocacy with the all stakeholders viz. Government, Police, Administration, Panchayati Raj Department etc.*

One day Recognition Programme of the Dalit Women Elected Representatives

On May 2nd, 2011, the Dalit Mahila Manch and Centre for Dalit Rights organized a one day programme to recognize the Dalit women Elected representatives of Alwar and Dausa Districts for their commendable contribution in development and upliftment of the Dalits in their constituencies. Around 25 Village Panchayat leaders of both the Districts were felicitated by the hands of the Additional District Collector, Alwar Mr Rajendra Kain. The Dalit and Dalit women activists, of the District and State Core Committee and District Level advisory Committee members attended the programme.

District Level Dalit Women Elected Representatives (Sarpanch) Capacity Building Programme

The one Capacity Building Programmes of the Dalit Women Elected Representatives have been organized in both Dausa and Alwar Districts on 12th and 13th April 2011 respectively. The programme covered the following topics:-, main provisions of Rajasthan Panchayat Raj Act i.e. roles and responsibilities of the Sarpanch, powers of permanent Standing Committees in GPs, SC/ST Act & Rules, etc. In the first session the Sarpanches of both the Districts were told of their problems and hurdles in the GPs. It was found during the work that being a Dalit woman and uneducated woman, they are being exploited by the hands of their secretaries and are kept in dark. They are not aware of the new orders and notices issued by the State Government for their wellbeing and betterment. Some of the Sarpanches acted as marionette, as their family male members hold the rein of the local Governance. In this programme, the Sarpanches were educated of the social welfare schemes, MNREGA Scheme etc.

Public Hearing on Dalit women Elected Representatives (Panchayat Heads)

Public Hearing on the issues of the Dalit women Sarpanches was organized on 14th December 2011 at Kissan Bhawan, Lal Kothi, Jaipur, under the supervision of CDR, DMM and supported by SWADHIKAR & UNDP. 17 Dalit women Sarpanches from various parts of Rajasthan came to the city of Jaipur to participate in a public hearing. The cases were heard by the jury consisting of law experts, intellectuals, senior journalists, social workers, etc. on atrocities, harassment at work place, discrimination faced by them in delivering their duties perpetrated by the various sections of the respective villages.

Among the members of the jury who heard the survivors' who were the former High Court Judge Justice I. S. Israni, Advocate Ajay Kumar Jain Senior Advocate RHC Jaipur, Lad Kumari Jain, Chairperson Rajasthan State Women Commission (RSWC), Dr. Pawan Surana former Chairperson (RSWC), veteran journalists Sunny Sebastian, Bureau Chief of The Hindu (News Paper), and Narayan Bareth Bureau Chief BBC Rajasthan, with R.K. Ankodiya, former member Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission. The Objective of the Public Hearing were as following-

- I. To hold accountable to State to take special focus on the issues of Dalit women PRIs.*
- II. To make the Police, Administration, Civil Society, Deptt. of PR & SE & J, Government and Media sensitize towards the Dalit women Sarpanches.*
- III. To empower Dalit women Representatives*
- IV. To seek the solutions to the issues of the Dalit women representatives*
- V. To enhance the participation in the decision making process of Administration and Panchayats*

There are seventeen cases of the serious violence and Human Right violation against the Dalit women Sarpanches were put before the honourable jury members.

POLICY ADVOCACY & LOBBING

Dalit Rights and the Role of the Constitutional Institutions: A Joint Analysis

The programme was organized by PRIA New Delhi & CDR on 14 July, 2011 at Vikas Adhyayan Sansthan, Jhalana Dungari, Jaipur. The objectives of the Programme were as under:

- 1. To discuss over the role of the Commissions.*
- 2. The role of the Police and Administration in the Dalit Atrocity cases.*
- 3. To discuss the study of the CDR and PRIA on the Dalit atrocity cases.*
- 4. The role of the State Government in the Dalit atrocity cases*
- 5. To discuss the hurdles in the access to criminal justice system ~~progress~~ of the Dalit atrocity cases.*

CDR and PRIA did the study on the role of the HRs Institutions in the 31 Dalit atrocity cases. These cases were sent to the various Commissions, but no action was taken in these cases. The 30 survivors and activists participated in the program to share their experiences. These cases were sent to the Home Department too with the permission of the Chief Minister and to some extent the positive responses were received.

In this meeting all the resource persons made following strategy collectively to improve the performances of the Commissions to ensure access to justice form the Govt. mechanism i.e. Police and administration. :-

- 1. To meet with the Chief Minister and Governor and to demand for the immediate recruitments in the State Human Right Commission, State Women Commission and State Scheduled Caste Commission.*
- 2. To contact the local level activists to follow up the cases for the effective and stern action in the Dalit atrocity cases.*
- 3. To make the programmes of the regular monthly meetings with the Government for the fair and effective action in the Dalit atrocity and Discrimination.*

Use of Media to bring attention

*We have extensively used the media to create awareness among both State as well as civil society. We found that when media covers an issue, the State and District authority give greater attention and this has helped us in gaining justice to the survivors, whose rights are violated. This has also provided an opportunity to build the perspective on Dalit rights. We have been able to build our credibility among the media and **57 News Papers covered 514 news items** on different programs and issues. We realized that this has helped us to bring the attention of the authorities on our concerns and interventions.*

One Day Training cum orientation Advocate Workshop










A workshop with the Advocates was organized in Jodhpur on 10 November 2011, to form the Advocate panel for the trial of the well known kidnap and murder case of Dalit ANM Bhanwari Devi. The meeting was organized by Centre for Dalit rights and Dalit Mahila Manch Rajasthan. The other objective of the meeting was to build the sensitization among the eminent Advocates to highlight the atrocity and violence cases against the Dalits & Dalit women in Rajasthan and to contribute in reducing the increasing violence graph against Dalit women.

PARTNERSHIP & NETWORKING

Building Solidarity with other NGOs, CBOs, to support Dalit Rights

Expanding Horizons with NAWO & NFDW, PRIA, JAGORI, WNTA, CECOEDECON, NCDHR- DAAA, SWADHIKAR AND NCDHR-UNDP

For other opportunities that have added strength to the work of CDR this year are the collaboration with NCDHR on the 'Empowerment of Dalit Women Elected Representatives' supported by UNDP and initiative of Strengthening Dalit and supported by PRIA, Empowerment and Building Dalit women Leadership in Rajasthan supported by the NAWO & NFDW. These four programs strengthened the interventions of CDR in various ways:

-  *Has provided interaction with larger network of organizations at the national level.*
-  *Provided greater focus and follow up on violence against Dalit women & Dalit PRIs.*
-  *Empowerment of Dalit women in Rajasthan.*
-  *New opportunities for training, capacity building.*
-  *Focus on strengthening administrative and financial systems.*
-  *Greater visibility of Dalit issues in Rajasthan.*
-  *Opportunities to engage with new bodies like UNDP & Government of India.*
-  *Building leaderships of Dalit women*
-  *Personality development of Dalit Students*

District level Meeting with the Local Level Organizations and Activists

In six project Districts, the meeting with the local organizations and activists were also organized. It helped to build the strong networking and alignment with the organizations and activists.

Training and Workshop in Collaboration

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CDR has also been in the forefront in organizing programmes in the State in collaboration with the different units of NCDHR-DAAA & NDMJ, PRIA, BARC, JAGORI and NAWO/NFDW. These programmes have helped to raise the visibility of the issues as well as provide greater scope for the work of CDR and other Dalit organizations in the State.

District Advisory Committees

As part of the strategy to build up civil society interface the Pali district Advisory Committee meeting was held on 9/4/2011 at Nasha Mukti Kendra, Pali. Members discussed that with the work of CDR considerable amount of visibility has been raised on Dalit issues and violence in the district. The main objectives of the meeting were To discuss the rapid increase in the Dalit atrocities; To make the strategy to check the atrocity against the Dalit women in Pali; To increase the participation of youth activists in the movement; To check the Caste based discrimination within the Dalit Community; To decline the rate of atrocity; To create the change in the mentality regarding inequality and untouchability and To strengthen the Dalit Movement. Likewise the meeting with the District level advisory Committee were organized in the other Districts.

Citizens Audit Groups

As Part of EIDHR project, a new idea of citizens audit groups have been initiated, who comprise of both Dalit and Non Dalit eminent persons who promote and support Dalit Rights, raise their voice against the continuing practice of untouchability. In the State an nine member body has been formed with 7 non Dalit members; 2 are women. This has been very effective and active forum.

The activists have also been able to engage with NGOs and CBOs in the State to create awareness on Dalit Rights and also elicit support towards the cause of Dalits. Some of the important interventions in this regard have been done at top level advocacy.

Participation in the programs organize by the other organizations

*In addition to organizing the training programs, CDR also provided **153 opportunities** for its team members, volunteers, activists, advocates and community leaders to participate and understand right based issues and the wider context in the meetings and workshops and advocacy campaign organized by the campaigns, organizations, and institutions at the State and National levels like as Indian Social Institute (ISI), National campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR), Dalit Arthik Adhkar Andolan (NCDHR-DAAA), National Dalit Movement for Justice (NCDHR-NDMJ), National Federation for Dalit land Rights Movements (NCDHR- NFDLRM) and Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA), PUCL, Rozi Roti Abhiyan, CECOEDECON, PRIA, VANI, Mahila Jan Adhikar Samiti, Rights to Food Campaign, Right to Education Campaign, IIDS, MARG, Safai Karamchhari Andolan, Prayatna, Bharat Mukti Morcha, HRLN etc. peace rally and programmes of other organizations on various issues.*

Reformation of the Block Committees

Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur

Centre for Dalit Rights has re-constituted block level committees in every block of the project Districts. The Block Committee consists of distinguished person of the area who are committed for the protection and promotion of Dalit Human Rights. These persons are in the position to influence law enforcement agencies. This year CDR organized the meeting at the block level to reconstruct the block committees. With the consent of the earlier committee members, new 12 to 16 member block committee was reformed.

Meeting of the Dalit Adhikar Network-

A state level meeting organized by CDR and DAN on status of Dalits in Rajasthan, and to strengthen the network on 2nd July 2011 at Kissan Bhawan, Lal Kothi, Jaipur.

The objective of the meeting

- 1. To form a network of the activists and organizations working for the Dalits issue to raise their problems at State level.*
- 2. To strengthen the network to advocate the issues on Land and livelihood and Schedule Caste -Sub Plan.*
- 3. 2011 BPL selection process.*
- 4. Strengthening Dalit Women.*

Suggestion came from the network members

- 1. To allot the agricultural and residential land to the Landless Dalits and immediate physical possession to them.*
- 2. Special arrangement to provide the facilities to the Dalit students under the Kasturba Gandhi and Ambedkar hostels run by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.*
- 3. The scholarship to be provided to the Dalit students on time.*
- 4. The local Police bound and unnecessarily trouble the Dalit activists and Human Rights activists under Section 151 of Cr.P.C. These kinds of activities should be stopped with some special efforts of Government.*
- 5. The process of the access to Social Welfare Scheme should be simplify and propagate.*
- 6. To land reform of the lands of the Dalits under the MNREGA Schemes with the priority.*
- 7. The free land allotment of the lands to the Dalits under Land Revenue Act & Rules 1955.*
- 8. To rectify the names of the Dalits in the revenue records.*
- 9. Efforts for the new BPL census 2011.*

Providing opportunities to the students exposure on Dali Rights.

During 2011-2012 CDR provided students internship program on Dalit rights issues to Mr Colin Pace, Student of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, Ms Beth Forster, Mr Milan Nayak SCMI Bangalore.

LINKAGES

Centre for Dalit Rights, Jaipur

Linkages with key Government agencies

Name of the Agency	Purpose of linkages	Achievement/impacts
District Collector	Advocacy	Good rapport with District Collectors and stern actions on CDR complaints
Superintendent of Police	-do-	At the instance of CDR, in various cases FIR were registered, investigation officers were changed, arrest of the accused and Sensitization of police on Dalit perspective was done.
Inspector General of Police (Human Rights)	-do-	-do-
Director General of police	-do-	-do-
Chief Secretary	-do-	Urged for effective implementation of SC/ST Act and rules and sensitization of police on Dalit perspective
Home Secretary	-do-	-do-
Scheduled Caste welfare committee, Rajasthan Assembly	Advocacy	The suggestions and recommendation made by the CDR team were presented before the perspective committee to take appropriate measures and actions.
Rajasthan State Human Right commission	Highlight & Advocacy on Dalit issues	Making more sensitized toward the Dalit issues
Dept of Social Justice and Empowerment	Highlight Dalit issues, Legal support	Compensation of Rs 52,80,000 has been given to the survivors. Poster on SC/ST(PoA) Act & Rules 1995 was circulated at Panchayat level by the Government
Dialogue with Legislators	Highlight Dalit issues advocacy	Several MLA's raised Dalit problems and Dalit budget issues under SC-SP in the State Assembly.

The linkages with the government departments appear to be part of sensitization efforts of CDR and Follow up of Cases of atrocities. CDR has been able to establish good linkages with the Government Departments.

Linkages with Key Non-Governments and Campaigns

CDR has made linkages with existing Campaign and key NGO's in the State. Following Linkages were made over the year:

Name of the Agency	Purpose of linkages	Achievement/impacts
PRIA, New Delhi	Gender response in Local Governance	More awareness and sensitization over the gender health related issues
Jagori, New Delhi	Gender sensitization among CDT team & mainstreaming	Sensitization and more clarity over the gender issues among the staff
MKSS & other partner organizations	Rozgar avam Soochan Abhiyan	Actively participation & better enforcement in NREGA dialogue with the Ministry of Panchayat Raj
Digantar, PUCL and other partner organizations	Right to education campaign	The State government ready to implement NCERT school books curriculum in Rajasthan

<i>Allaripu and Sajha Abhiyan other partner organization</i>	<i>Child rights campaign</i>	<i>To establish State level campaign on child rights issues with the various stake holders</i>
<i>Coalition on an amendment in SC/ST (PoA) Act 1989</i>	<i>Amendment in SC/ST Act</i>	<i>Actively participation and Strong advocacy on amendment in SC/ST Act</i>
<i>Dalit Arthik Adhikar Andoan</i>	<i>Dalit Budget analysis</i>	<i>Advocacy on Dalit budget before the Assembly</i>
<i>Budget Analysis and Research Centre (BARC)</i>	<i>Dalit budget analysis and advocacy</i>	<i>-do-</i>
<i>NAWO/NFDW</i>	<i>Socio-political and economic empowerment of Dalit women in Rajasthan</i>	<i>State level as well as District level trainings were organized and 14 Dalit women groups have been formed at District level in seven Districts.</i>
<i>PUCL and other partner organizations</i>	<i>Right to food campaign</i>	<i>Effective implementation of all Human rights related issues</i>
<i>National Secular forum, CSS, Mumbai</i>	<i>Develop communal harmony</i>	<i>To build Communal harmony and Advocacy on communal issues and established a State secular forum</i>
<i>Safai Karamchhari Andolan, New Delhi</i>	<i>Eradication of manual Scavenging</i>	<i>Effective implementation of employment of manual scavenging and construction of dry latrine (Prohibition) Act 1993.</i>

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Team Capacity Building

Different training workshops were organized for the team. Criminal Justice systems, Drafting and writing complaints, report writing, Gender and women's issues, personality development trainings, communication skill and exposure to other programs.

The organizing the programs have also builds the capacity of the team members in many ways. They were also involved in training communities, activists and New Dalit NGO's. Team members also attended various training programs held by other NGO's and Networks. One was also on fund raising and account maintenance.

Capacity Building of Team Members

Team was fully involved in organizing and conducting many programs of our own as well as in collaboration with other partners and organizations giving many opportunities for strengthening the skills and knowledge. In collaboration with Jagori Gender Training of CDR staff members were organized in Jaipur.

Problems on managing the organisation








We have been engaged in Dalit rights work in consistent manner from 2004. Some of the problems in carrying the work at the desired pace are:

- 1. Lack of competency among educated volunteers*
- 2. Limited resources to support sufficient number of cadre*
- 3. Difficulty in getting competent & professional staff*
- 4. In many cases police and other officials do not cooperate*
- 5. Unable to get cases reported on time*
- 6. Threat to CDR staff when they do fact finding*
- 7. Threat that CDR will be black listed*
- 8. Political threats from political leaders when taking up atrocity cases*
- 9. Need the support of lawyers who at times are very costly*
- 10. lack of resources*

FEW AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Reviewing the past year (2011-12), there are a few areas where CDR has been able to carry forward the successful interventions. A few of them are listed below:

- 1. **Building Dalit Associates-** through various activities, CDR has engaged with a number of Dalit groups across the State during awareness programs and campaigns. Our thousands Dalit activists and associates across the State are now on the role of activists/volunteers of Centre for Dalit Rights.*
- 2. **Access to justice:** Number of FIR's and conviction rate in SC/ST Act and Statutory relief to the survivors increased around 30% during past year. We have used the legal mechanism increasingly for getting justice, majority of FIR's were registered at the instance of court intervention under section 156 (3) of Criminal Procedure Code.*

-  ***225 cases** had conclusive successes this year in the form of monetary compensation, fair investigation, adding sub sections of SC/ST Act in the FIR etc.*
-  ***9 FIR's** has been registered at the instance of CDR*
-  ***59 Charge Sheets** have been filed before the concerned courts at the instance of CDR.*
-  ***75 accused** has been arrested under the SC/ST Act in the instance of CDR.*
-  *In **8 cases**, the perpetrators got the punishment due to legal intervention of CDR under SC/ST Act.*
-  *We received **424** positive responses from the various institutions out of 2797 complaint letters.*
-  ***19 bounded labors** has been released from bricks-clings industry.*

3. *Sensitivity Building of Administration and law enforcing agencies- Our efforts and the response of the State agencies shows evidence of greater sensitivity and awareness among State institutions to issues of Dalit community.*
4. *Through advocacy work initiated by CDR and DAAA, Dalit MLA's raised the issue to increase budget under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan Budget during the Budget session of the Assembly.*
5. *News Coverage- Various news items on issues raised by CDR appeared in 514 Media reports/ news reported during this period. This created much visibility and credibility among print and electronic media.*
6. *Level of awareness and contacts /Liaison through network and activities of Dalit groups across the State considerable increased, Over 1000 Dalit activists and associates all over the State and they are now on the role of volunteers of CDR .*
7. *100 advocates are ready to give guidance and legal aid in the Dalit cases as public spirited lawyers in various courts. They are plead the Dalit cases in various Courts in the state*
8. *Sensitivity building of Administration and law enforcing agencies: Our efforts and the response of the state agencies shows evidence of greater sensitivity and awareness among state institutions to issues of Dalit community.*
9. *Through advocacy work initiated by CDR, Dalit MLAs raised the issue to increase budget under the Schedule Caste Sub-Plan budget during the Budget Session of the Assembly.*
10. *Due to several efforts the State Governments enhance the budget allocation under SC SP 8.92% of total Budget 2011-12. This is just double allocation in comparison last year budget. According to guide lines of Planning Commission the State Govt. should allocate 17 % budget of total.*
11. *Rs. 18 Lacs monitory relief has been released to dalit survivors and rehabilitated of Dalit families in Hussaipur village of Alwar District.*
12. *Cadre Building throughout the State, and a number of the Dalit activists, associates are now in the role of activists and volunteers of CDR.*
13. *The conviction rate in SC/ST Act and statutory relief to the survivors has been increased.*
14. *The State Government has allocated 16% budget under SC-SP at the instance of CDR.*
15. *Daily wage allowances, transport allowances have begun in target districts under the SC/ST Rules.*
16. *The State Government has released Rs. 52,80,000 monetary compensation has been given to Dalit survivors/ survivors*
17. *The Chief Patron Mr. P L Mimroth nominated NGO working of 12th Fifth year plan by Planning Commission.*
18. *The Youth Wing of Congress Party have been invited to CDR to give lecture to the youths.*
19. *The Department of Health of Medical have terminated one doctor under PCPNDT Act in Dausa District. The CMHO has nominated Member to CDR to monitor PCPNDT Act.*
20. *Due to constant advocacy the Department of Revenue has changed the name of village" Chamaron ka bas" to "Hingota Ka Bass" under Dausa District.*
21. *The State Govt. has issued Rs. 500000 monitory compensation, Govt. job to family member of deceased and suspended all staff of Pali Police Station Rahul Balmiki has Death in Custardy case.*
22. *The due constant intervention of CDR, the investigation of Bhanwari Devi case has shifted from Rajasthan police to CBI and the CBI took stern action in **Bhawri Devi high profile murder case**. The all accused have been arrested and her son got the Govt. job and Rs. 500000 monitory compensation and the Govt. will provide free education to her children up to higher studies.*
23. *The transfer Petition of the Bhanwari Murder case has been filed in the Supreme Court*
24. *155 Young Dalit girl / women were trained.*

25.220 Cadres were trained during this period

DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLICATION

During this period the CDR has done following documentation for protection and promotions of Dalit Rights:

CONCLUTIONS AND WAY FORWARDED

CDR is one of the few organizations in Rajasthan that has been engaged in continuously and consistently monitoring Human Rights violations against Dalits over the years CDR has been able to sharpen the method for monitoring using very simple collation in general and taking it forward wih authorities to create awareness and pressure. In more serious cases CDR undertakes fact Finding and follow up based on the willingness of the survivor/ survivors to pursue the case. CDR has gained recognition as a legitimate body to take up this mentoring both by the community and the authorities as can be seen from the response of the authorities.

CDR has expanded its networking on Gender issues considerably this year, building collaboration with organizations working on gender, organizing gender trainings for team and also conducting public programs with women. There is a distinct need for supporting Dalit women in taking up violence against them to the legal process. Mass mobilization and public programs with women

along with gender sensitization and collaboration will strengthen this process. This would be taken up more deeply in the coming years in understanding.

The gender perspective in violence and evolving mechanism that can support Dalit women.

CDR's work on economic rights i.e. land, livelihood, scheduled caste sub plan and other economic schemes. The land is also seminal as land is a very complex and long drawn out process, moving between administrative and legal procedures. However CDR considers this important to protect to promote livelihood and dignity of Dalit communities. CDR will be vigilant against policy and administrative measures that will undermine existing provisions on land rights for Dalit community.

CDR has also moved forward in the advocacy work through engaging with the welfare committee for Scheduled Caste. This is a new initiative in trying to make them aware and influence decision and policy makers from the community to play a more vigilant and positive role in the development and welfare of the community. The initial engagement has been positive and their response in action would be closely watched.

Team capacitation has been done formally and through various engagements and the team in many ways as acquired the skill to carry out monitoring and community engagement on their own.

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ABBREVIATION

AIDMAM	<i>All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch</i>
BARC	<i>Budget Analysis Research Centre, Jaipur</i>
CBO	<i>Community Based Organization</i>
CERI	<i>Campaign Electoral Reform in India, Bangalore</i>
CHRI	<i>Common Wealth Human Right Initiative, New Delhi</i>
CJS	<i>Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad</i>
DA3	<i>Dalit Arthik Adhikar Andolan, New Delhi</i>
EIDHR	<i>European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights</i>
GP	<i>Gram Panchayat</i>
MNREGA	<i>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005</i>
NAWO	<i>National Allowance of Women Organizations, New Delhi</i>
NCDHR	<i>National Campaign of Dalit Human Rights, New Delhi</i>
NDMJ	<i>National Dalit Movement for Justice, New Delhi</i>
NFDLRM	<i>National Federation of Dalit Land Rights Movement</i>
NFDW	<i>National Federation of Dalit Women, Bangalore</i>
NRHM	<i>National Rural Health Mission</i>
PCR	<i>Protection of Civil Right Act 1955</i>
PDS	<i>Public Distribution System</i>
PRIA	<i>Society for Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi</i>
PUCL	<i>People Union for Civil Liberty</i>
RTI	<i>Right to Information Act, 2005</i>
SC-SP	<i>Scheduled Caste Sub Plan</i>

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STSP *Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan*
UNDP *United Nation Development Program*
WNTA *Wada Na Todo Abhiyan*

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