

## PROGRESS REPORT

### MANUSKI SOCIAL PROJECT (OCTOBER, 2015 TO MARCH, 2016)

#### PROGRESS TOWARDS OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROJECT

- Throughout the year Manuski built the technical as well as human rights based capacity of the 10 organisations.
- In order to make government accountable, submitted total 60 RTI applications in the universities through the RTI activists to address the educational discrimination at the university and to get the status of reservation policy and the implantation of the scholarship schemes.

#### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

- Indian parliament has passed the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, on December 21, 2015. It was a big success for all the organisations, coalition, activists who made efforts towards the amendment of the POA act. Manuski was the active part of National Coalition for Strengthening PoA Act, Delhi.
- Established “Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Legal Resource Center” at Kalyan, Mumbai in collaboration with MDMJ to bridge the gap between victims of Atrocity cases and Resource persons to mobilise free legal advice & consultation to needy victims.

#### PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTCOMES

In the table below, please outline the activities undertaken during the reporting period towards the achievement of project outcomes (as outlined in the work plan).

<i><b>OUTCOMES</b></i>	<i><b>(OUTPUTS) ACTIVITIES</b></i>	<i><b>INDICATORS</b></i>
<i>What you were aiming to bring about</i>	<i>What you did to bring about the outcomes.</i>	<i>Quantitative and qualitative evidence which measures success.</i>
<i><b>A .TO MAKE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE</b></i>		

<p>1. Making Government accountable to disadvantaged in India through filing of 5 RTI applications in the area of social change and development each year, submitting 6 fact finding reports to NHRC , developing campaign for budget rights of Scheduled Castes</p>	<p>Meeting on Right to Information Act (RTI) of the core team on 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at Pune. The objectives of the meeting were to collect RTI data from all the activists, discuss the data and further plan. In the meeting the collected data was sorted out and presented. The queries of the activists were sorted out by the Expert. The advance information also given on RTI to the core team.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of Participants : 20</b></li> <li>• The core team has decided to file the RTI on educational discrimination. 10 universities institutes will be targeted namely, Pune, Mumbai, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Aurangabad, Amravati, Nagpur, Wardha, Nanded, Hyderabad, Gulbarga.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Right to Information Act, 2005:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted total 60 RTI applications through the RTI activists to get the information from 10 universities on following topics:  -Attested copies of the notification, guidelines, and rules received from the University Grant Commission.  - Report related to reservation policy since April 2005 to April 2015  - List of Phd students and the list of students who received scholarship from April 2005 to April 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entire data from all the targeted university has not been received yet. It is under process.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Participation in seminars/consultation related to HR issues :</b></p> <p>Participated in National Convention for the enforcement of SCs &amp; STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015 organised by National Dalit Movement for Justice, (NDMJ) Delhi on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016. Indian parliament has passed the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, on December 21, 2015. Manuski being a member of NCSPA has participated in the convention to celebrate the success. The event has been inaugurated by Hon. Shastri, Retired Judge of Supreme Court, followed by training on new amendment act.</p>	<p>NDMJ has appreciated the efforts made by the community activists, CSOs, movements, and others who have supported the amendments process. Some Dalit Human rights Defenders received honoured by NDMJ. Manuski representative also felicitated by the award. Discussed the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders mentioned in the act. Strategy to ensure adequate financial provision for establishing exclusive Special Courts and relief &amp; rehabilitation mechanisms, drafting of the Rules in relation to the amended act.</p>

	<p><b>Follow up in Chandrakant Gaikwad murder case:</b> Did follow up in Dalit Human rights Defender - Chandrakant Gaikwad murder case. The incidence was happened on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. The trial of the case is going at Baramati Court. Manuski representative is assisting the victim and witness during court hearing. Also working as mediator between Special Public Prosecutor and survivors.</p>	<p>The case is under judicial process and need consistent follow up. The bail of accused got rejected in session court. They have applied for the bail in High Court.</p>
	<p><b><u>Fact Finding of atrocity cases</u></b></p> <p>Did Fact finding in following atrocity case: Murder of Dalit Young boy Om Sagar Khillare, on 22<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2016 in Limtek village of Baramati block in Pune District, Maharashtra. Om Sagar Khillare, age (5) belonged to Matang (SC) caste.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted this fact finding reports to social justices and social welfare department, National scheduled caste commission on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in collaboration with Manuski &amp; NDMJ.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>B. DEVELOPMENT OF LOOSE NETWORK</i></b></p>		
<p>Development of loose network and working in coalition with other Dalit organisations from diverse caste, of DNTs, and Dalit women activists to create awareness, advocate, and campaign for their rights (particularly budget rights and social safety through effective implementation of PoA) with special focus on Training and networking of women from marginalised communities in</p>	<p>2.4 Regional training workshop on SCSP and TSP:</p> <p>Regional consultations have been arranged 4<sup>th</sup> March at Baramati, on 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March at Washim and on 31<sup>st</sup> March at Pune for creating new partners or network in Maharashtra to work on budget issues. In the consultations had discussion and sharing on economic rights of Dalit, history of the Scheduled caste sub plan, Budgeting procedures, current condition of SCSP and way forward.</p>	<p>Total number of Participants attended the regional consultations are as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Baramati: 159</li> <li>• At Washim: 50</li> <li>• At Pune: 25</li> </ul>

Maharashtra in alliance with Maitri network for Dalit women	<p><b><u>Seminar on Budget rights</u></b></p> <p>Organised a seminar on 31<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Manuski Centre, Pune to make citizens aware of their economic rights and their participation in the development.</p> <p>Disseminated following information :</p> <p>Union and State Governments are continuously denying the due share of Dalits and Adivasis under the Sub-plans.</p> <p>Data analysis of budget numbers in the last 5 years from 2012-13 to the current Budget, show that fund allocation to these sub-plans were on average less than 50% funds allocated.</p> <p>This time we work on national SCSP budget and Maharashtra State budget. In spite of the Constitutional safeguards, the SCs lagged behind the general population in various socio-economic indicators.</p> <p>This year the SCSP has been allocated only 50% with respect to SC/ST population index.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total No. of participants: 40 activists from Maharashtra.</li> <li>• It has been agreed from the participants that to make the society aware of their Budget rights on a district wise at larger scale to take benefits of Sub-plans and provisions made by Social Justice and Empowerment.</li> <li>• Participants shall prepare the note on current status of the SCSP/TSP and it will be sent to Prime Minister, Government of India, New Delhi and Chief Minister of Maharashtra.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Established “Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Legal resource centre at Kalyan, Mumbai on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016.</b></p> <p>A legal resource centre has been started in collaboration with NDMJ to provided linkages between Victims of Atrocity cases and resource persons of this centre where a free legal advice would have been extended to them without any charges.</p>	<p>200 people were participated for the event and One day discussion on Atrocity cases in Maharastra on this occasion from different dalit Organisations and network of NDMJ and Manuski.</p>
	<p><b>Workshop on class, caste and gender and its impact on Dalit, NT-DNT and tribal women</b></p> <p>Conducted workshop on 27th October, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Participants: 35</li> <li>• Workshop has impacted on women participants to understand the current realities in the society</li> </ul>

	<p>at Faltan. In this workshop discussed the impact of caste, class and gender on the daily life of Dalit and tribal women and the basic human rights for the welfare of society.</p>	<p>and has created awareness among them about how violation of their rights happens due to caste, class and gender.</p>
	<p><b>Mumbai university – National seminar and paper presentation</b></p> <p>Department of History University of Mumbai organised, national seminar on Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar perspective on human rights and Present scenario of SC ST PoA Act on 30th March 2016 at Green Technology Auditorium, University of Mumbai Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s perspective on human rights and present scenario of implementation of the scheduled caste / scheduled tribes prevention of atrocities. They will publish all documents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mumbai university department of history has appreciated the efforts for organised this type of program. 229 students and facilities were presented.</li> <li>• Department called all PoA activities from Maharashtra they were presented papers and current conditions of implementation of PoA.</li> </ul>
	<p>Conducted meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 at Uberdari, Nanded. The purpose of the meeting was to explore new area and interact with grassroot level women leaders. Following points were discussed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the socio-economic situation of dalit women in their area.</li> <li>• Lack of livelihood opportunities is the major issue.</li> <li>• The leaders of self help groups express to have trainings which can create support for their livelihood.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 participants were present for the workshop.</li> <li>• The women leaders want to be involved in the activities which could bring sustainable livelihood.</li> <li>• It has found that there is need to build the capacity of grassroots leaders on livelihood opportunity and design the further program according to their needs.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Workshop on Women’s Laws:</b></p> <p>Conducted workshop on Women’s laws at Majle, Kolhapur on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. Following points were discussed in the workshop :</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Participants: 34</li> <li>• Grassroots social workers and women leaders, activists, Anganwadi leaders, SHG leaders participated in the</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on women’s law related to marriage, property especially domestic violence and sexual harassment act &amp; its implementations</li> <li>• Protection against arrest and detention in certain cases and to empower victims and survivors to do legal processes in the women cases.</li> </ul>	<p>workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activists have trained in women’s law and they now share and use this information in their working area.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Organised 2 retreat on ‘individual, Group and spiritual development</b> on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at Beed village and on 11 January, 2016 at Majle, Kolhapur district. The objective of the program was to inculcate positive change needed for healthy life style for wellbeing and to develop understanding of Ambedkarite approach while working in the field. Following points were discussed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well being of Grass root women social workers through Mind change activity.</li> <li>• Inputs were delivered on social reformers and Caste system and gender based discrimination.</li> <li>• Meditation was taught to them for their mental wellbeing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants at Beed retreat: 21 and at Majle retreat : 73</li> <li>• The retreat on mind change activity was found soothing, useful and strength increasing for the grassroots social activist and SHG women leaders.</li> <li>• Women at both places appreciated the mind change program. They shared that there is need to give more programs like this in future for the physical and mental wellbeing of women leaders.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Workshop on “Mind Change” training on Dalit, NT-DNT and tribal women on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Kondhanpur.</b></p> <p>Following points were discussed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive and rational thinking needed for healthy life style for well being.</li> <li>• Developing awareness of social evils like caste and its’ impact through Ambedkarite philosophy.</li> <li>• De Fighting against gender and caste discrimination on Dalit women.</li> <li>• Taught Meditation to bring positive mind change in life style.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 Participants came from different regions of Maharashtra.</li> <li>• Participants expressed that they have built up their own capacities to strengthen their mind for positive thinking about their life style.</li> <li>• They said that the training has built up their confidence, skills and knowledge on tackling social and personnel issues.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Participation in Maitre Network activities</b></p> <p>Actively participated in the Maitri Network campaign during 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10 December, 2015. Conducted following</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted the memorandum to Mukhed Tehshil office, Nanded and to Police Superintendent, MIDC, Pune and for effective</li> </ul>

	<p>activities in Pune, Nanded and Osmanabad districts of Maharashtra on Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Sexual harassment at work place act, 2013 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop with 70 service providers like Police, Judiciary, Govt. Officials, victims and grass root level social at Nanded on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 .</li> <li>• Awareness rally at Mukhed, Nanded District with 70 Asha Workers, Social workers, Anganwadi leaders, SHG leaders, Men Activists and in Pune.</li> <li>• Conducted workshop with Victims and Survivors at PCMC area, Pune and men activist and leaders at Osmanabad district.</li> <li>• Conducted workshop with SHG leaders, women leaders, House wives, and victims and social workers at Alandi area Pune.</li> </ul>	<p>implementation of the act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 victims and survivors got information of DV and Sexual harassment act for handling their own cases.</li> <li>• 55 SHG leaders, women leaders, house wives, victims and social workers got acquainted with the Legal information of issues to get in depth knowledge about domestic violence and Sexual harassment Act.</li> <li>• It was the first event in Tuljapur city where the rally was led by men on women issues. The charter of demand submitted to Tehsil officer. There was responses were been received by field activity partner about the happening of such event in the religious city which is famous for women deity in the Maharashtra.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Training on Prevention of Atrocity Act:</b> Conducted training at Parbhani city on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and regional training on 2<sup>nd</sup>Feb, 2016 at Pandharpur. Discussed following points in the training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared the data on caste atrocities in Parbhani District. The team of human rights defenders shared how they made the intervention in some caste atrocities like Sonai Case, Chandrakant Gaikwad case, Nitin aage .</li> <li>• Important sections under Prevention of Atrocities act 1989 and other constitutional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Participants at Parbhani workshop: 60</li> <li>• Number of Participants at Pandharpur workshop: 120</li> <li>• A core team of 10 activists at Parbhani district were formed. The team will work together to ensure proper implementation of the POA Act and usage of constitutional safeguards for the protection of SC/ST communities in their working area.</li> </ul>

	<p>safeguards including roles and responsibilities of concerning authorities under POA, Act, 1989.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police and Judicial Procedures from filing the FIR to court trail and difficulties in POA act, 1989 and journey towards amendment of new bill on POA</li> <li>• Use of RTI to collect information about atrocity cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Pandharpur it has been special event where delegates from Police department, Social welfare department and activists received the training together. The Police and social welfare department has understood the problem faced by the victims, survivors and activists in the process of getting justice.</li> </ul>
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***C)CAPACITY BUILDING***

<p>Capacity building (Technical and human rights advocacy) of 40 organisations from Dalits, DNTs and Manual Scavenging communities 25 from Maharashtra and 15 throughout India (9 from Dalit background, 15 from NTI alumni network (13 men led, 2 women led), 7 women led, 1 Manual Scavenging led, 8 NT-DNT led)</p>	<p>Conducted training to build the capacity of the organisations related to NTI Ex-Student Background and others on <b>24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b> at Kondhanpur, Pune. Discussed following points in the training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning of CBT and its implication on Organisational and Individual level of knowledge, Responsibility, Skills and Management.</li> <li>• Organisational Discipline in terms of following its Aims and Objectives, Functions, Programs and Tasks on Macro and micro level.</li> <li>• Three important components of NGO's projects: Discipline, systematization of work and Planning.</li> <li>• Laws and bylaws for NGO's.</li> <li>• Importance of Fundraising for the growth of Organisation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Training on voice and accountability on 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015.</b> Conducted training on Voice and Accountability at Kondhanpur, Pune. The purpose of the training was to train organizations' about the concept, techniques,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 participants were present and most of them were from NTI Alumni background and came from the states Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Odisha for the workshop.</li> <li>• Participants committed that they will look thoroughly into their Trust deed and restructure the aspects of their organisation where cracks and gaps are found in their Organisation.</li> <li>• They committed that their trustees, Management and staff will have the knowledge about their trust's 1.Aims and Objectives. 2. Discipline 3. Systems 4. Roles and Responsibilities 5. Budget and Documentation.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Number of Participants: 35</u></li> <li>• Levels of voice have been studied, discussed and participants have learnt more about the measures affecting on</li> </ul>
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	<p>methods and tools to raise marginalized communities voice and making society and government accountable. Following points discussed in the training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of working with likeminded organisations to serve the society by raising voice of marginalized communities through exchange of information, mobilizing resources.</li> <li>• Linkages with organisations &amp; institutes from different sectors and ways of creating voice such as protest march, gatherings, putting demands to the state machinery.</li> </ul>	<p>voice Viz. Democratic system of Government Election, Law, Media, Elected members, Cultural activities, social and analytical knowledge of society, impact on the system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants learnt about different strategies such as transforming individual and society through rational thinking, setting up logical sense on developing programs, debates etc. for creating social solidarity.</li> </ul>
	<p>Conducted training to build the capacity of the organisations on 31st December 2015 at Kondhanpur, Pune. Discussed following points in the training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning, Organising, Staffing, Directing, Coordinating, Reporting and Budgeting of Organisation.</li> <li>• Importance of good quality documentation for NGO's growth and sustainability.</li> <li>• Impact assessment of the work. Importance of bringing innovation in NGO's work.</li> <li>• Resource utilization and its mobilization. Linkages and co-ordination are important steps.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Almost 25 participants were present for the workshop</li> <li>• Participants' received the basic knowledge of how grass root organisation develop their organisations</li> <li>• Through the discussion they have understood the importance know the sources of funding for their organisation. They showed their willingness to create corpus fund for organisation's long term sustainability.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Collaborative conference was organised at Bolangir, Odisha on 28<sup>th</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December</b> by Manuski and Kalinga Mitra Trust, on the theme of "Youth and Social Change" where Manuski has contributed on the topic of "The life and mission of Dr. Ambedkar".</p>	<p>Around 310 youths were present and learned different approaches of social work in the dimension of "Dalit Bahujan movement and associated themes such as atrocity, Role of Indian constitution."</p>
	<p><b>Workshop and consultation on fund raising:</b> Organised consultation in collaboration with Triratna Institutes on Fundraising on 29<sup>th</sup> October &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Pune. The purpose of the activity was to establish mechanism for fund raising for the institute. Following points were</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Participants: 20 representatives</li> <li>• Through the main Triratna Institute Manuski has approached other 3 indirect institutes which are linked with this trust.</li> <li>• It has decided that the trust</li> </ul>

	<p>discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of accessing CSR funding in the changed context of funding needs.</li> <li>• Past attempts of fundraising and current situation of finance aids.</li> <li>• Involvement of the team for fundraising, building in house and volunteers</li> <li>• Planning for fund raising.</li> </ul>	<p>will take the exercise of SWOT analysis with their existing team members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trust will think thoroughly how to grab CSR funding sources.</li> </ul>
	<p>Consultation with Farmers at Tuljapur on creating livelihood in rural area on 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Following were the main content of the consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the meeting was to promote youth &amp; farmer for Agro based small enterprise development &amp; allied activity of Dalit communities through networking NGO's at Tuljapur block.</li> <li>• Encouraged farmers for establishing the Farmers group for allied activities to create Agro base livelihood.</li> <li>• Given inputs to seek livelihood opportunities in the rural context by informing them about organic farming and related produce.</li> <li>• Importance of forming small enterprise by youths.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of Participants:</b> 45 young farmers and youths from Nanduri &amp; Aapsinga village</li> <li>• The participants committed that they will form the farmers group and will registers soon with ATMA.</li> <li>• Manuski, Parivartan Samajik Sanstha, Naldurg &amp; Ashok Group and their allied organisations in Tuljapur block will take lead to form farmers group.</li> <li>• Necessity of skill development program to be initiated by networking organisations in rural area in collaboration.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Workshop on Right to Livelihood with Farmers at Tuljapur:</b> Conducted workshop to create agro based livelihood opportunities in rural area on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016 at Tuljapur. Important Points Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urgent need to start supportive allied activities for income generation and getting employment in the drought prone area of Osmanabad for supporting farmers and labors as many farmers committing suicides in this area.</li> <li>• Awareness development on the ways of making agriculture effectively in drought prone area by adopting methods of water management, taking mix crops, use of proper irrigation techniques etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number of Participants:</b> Total 45 farmers and 4 NGO's representative.</li> <li>• Awareness developed on lessening dependency on traditional agriculture occupation for livelihood and substituting agriculture by a subsidiary business for livelihood.</li> <li>• Awareness created among the participants of taking benefit of different government schemes and programs.</li> <li>• Manuski / Parivartan Samajik Sanstha Naldurg &amp; Ashok Samuha Group and their allied Orgs in Tuljapur will take lead to</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting different subsidiary agriculture business for farmers and youths whose livelihood solely depends on agriculture sector.</li> <li>• Information of different Govt. schemes and programmes related to Agriculture Dept. of Maharashtra.</li> </ul>	<p>form structure to help farmers through accessing different Govt. schemes and training programs.</p>
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## CHANGES TO PLANNED ACTIVITIES

**Workshop on Human rights based approached to development:** From the experience of 2013 - 2014 workshop on human rights based approached to development, it has decided that instead of taking only 1 workshop with different organisations, we can make it more specific by working on “farmer’s issue – right to livelihood.” Therefore organised consultation and training with farmers and the organisations whose are working on this issue to create livelihood in rural areas at Tuljapur while using the same budget for the activity.

## CHALLENGES – CONTEXTUAL, PROJECT SPECIFIC AND/OR ORGANISATIONAL LESSONS LEARNED

- While building the capacity of the grassroots level organisations, it has emerged that just right based trainings is not sufficient to address the need of the marginalised communities. With the social and cultural development, economical development is a must. Due to drought prone situation in Maharashtra, dalit and tribal communities is starving for the basic needs of food and water. It is indeed necessary to design and implement the program while keeping in mind the instant need of the marginalised communities while working with the different organisations.
- The involvement of the government machinery like social welfare department and the police department in the training of Prevention of atrocity act is the positive change. Now the victims, survivors, human rights activists, police and hon. Judges are now coming on the one platform to share their thoughts, understand each other’s issue, roles and responsibilities, power and limitation of the authority.

## FUTURE PLANS OF THE PROJECT

Most of the CBO’s/ CSO’s are working in rural areas. It has strikingly come forward through the capacity building of the organisations that the organisations are demanding training and further assistance on generating livelihood opportunities for the marginalised communities. Therefore in future there is need to work on the theme of livelihood for the economic welfare of the SC/ST/NT/DNT communities.

**BRUTAL MURDER OF DALIT YOUNG BOY “OM” SAGAR KHILLARE (5) IN LIMTEK  
VILLAGE BLOCK BARAMATI DIST. PUNE MAHARASHTRA**

**Brief Summary of this Case:** - Deceased Om Sagar Khillar, he was just five years old. Belonging to the Matang (Dalit) community, was shot dead in Limtek village Baramati block of Pune Dist. Maharashtra on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. By perpetrator Mr. Ramchandra (Bapu) Devkate (Age 40) (Hindu caste Dhangar, dominant caste) and Victim's father Shivaji Khillare and his family had been living in Limtek village in Baramati. The family of victim possessed three guntha i.e.3000 Sq.feet land. Sagar Shivaji Khillare and his brothers built separate houses. They worked in other villager's farm. Most of the landlord's are from Dhangar community. It is a dominant caste in that village. Sagar Shivaji Khallare's family worked on others farm as a farm labour.

For some years Mr. Ramchandra (Bapu) Devkate had been dominating Khillare family for the land to build a bungalow for him because the land which belonged to Sagar Khillare was fencing front side and seemed obstacle for Perpetrator. Devakate was constantly demanding this land to sale him But Sagar khillare ignored as usual. He received threat call from Mr. Ramchandra ( Bapu) Devkate many times. On 22/2/2016 “Om” and his elder brother were playing in front of their home. Mr. Bapu Devakate brought a tractor and intentionally hit the children. Om sagar Khillare died on the spot. The other child survived the accident. Before the incidence Mr. Ramchandra (Bapu) Devkate repeatedly harassed Sagar Khillare because he wanted to grab the land. The police arrested Mr. Ramchandra ( Bapu) Devkate after the incidence. Social welfare officer visited the village and met with the victim's family they were rehabilitated as per law.

**Complainant statement:**

I (Sagar shivaji Khillare 25) we live in Limite, Taluka- Baramati. We are daily wages worker. We have a family in which father: Shivaji Saybu Khilare , Mother: Adhika, wife Reshma , Son Prem (9), and “Om” (5), my cousin also lives with us. We had parched 3 Guntha land in Sector 89 at Baramati . Near my house lives Mr. Ramchandra ( Bapu) Devkate family. He harassed us many time. He abusively named my caste. He asked me to go way from that place. He forced me to sell the land. We ignored him. But on 22/2/2016 at around 8.00 am morning as my wife and I, were going to the farm. We received a call at 11.30 a.m. from someone. We were started to return home. When we went to there, we saw a group of people. We show group of people gathered in front of my home. My cousin's wife told me that she had seen. Mr. Ramchandra ( Bapu) Devkate (MH 12 3340) hit “Om” with his tractor. Om was injured and was admitted to a hospital. I

and my brother were weeping when came to know that Om had died. My cousin told me that Mr. Ramchandra ( Bapu) Devkate threatened us with serious consequences in future if we did not leave out of that place. Then we went to civil hospital.