



**Annual Report
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In year 2015 we took the torch for justice, healing and rehabilitation to the family of the brave heart SHAMA, who was burnt by the molester while protesting to save her life.ⁱ Her case was intervened with various concerned authorities and Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the United Nations.

In her remembrances on the 17th of August 2015 PVCHR and Raj Dulari Foundation launched an initiative for the protection of girl child, Shama; Freedom Cycle. As this is a first launch, 80 bicycles were distributed to girls who belong to marginalised communities. The girls benefitting from this initiative explained openly that they “हमारे हौसलों में लगे सुनहरे पंख” (Our dream brimming with Golden wings). This bicycle had provided them security and empowerment. Peoples’ Vigilance Committee on Human Rights/Jan Mitra Nyas is celebrating year 2015 as a year for the empowerment of girl child. A girl Pooja Kumari was selected as FK fellow. We got major visibility on our work related to the violence against women an famous Italian photographer Mr. Alex Masi an Italian Photographer made documentary “The Punishment” and took interview of four survivors Shama parents, Rani Munni, Momina and Jagesari. JMN Founder and activist profiled as upstanders in the photo exhibition in the death anniversary of Nirbhaya and also in hoto exhibition in the of UN. Jan Mitra built its own office in Baghwanala, Varanasi.

Project location: Intensively in Eastern (Varanasi, Jaunpur, Sonbhadra, Allahabad, and Ambedkar Nagar) and western (Aligarh, Moradabad, Meerut, Badaun and Aligarh) regions of Uttar Pradesh and Koderma district of Jharkhand. Through networking working in 16 states of India with Involvements of 99 organizations.

Working approach of the organisation:

- accurate investigation and documentation of human rights violations connected with advocacy, publication and networking on a local, national and international level
- Direct support and solidarity to marginalized and survivors in general and women, dalit, minorities, tribal, children in particular. Bringing learning of gap, challenges, and best practices for institutional reform.
- creating models of non -violent and democratic communities (People friendly villages, torture-free villages)
- building up local institutions and supporting them with active human rights networks
- creating a democratic structure for the ‘voiceless’ to enable them access to the constitutional guarantees of modern India in context of Universal Declaration OF Human Rights (UDHR)
- empowering marginalized communities through capacity building based on human dignity, hope, honour & justice process based organizational building and access to information
- promoting a human rights culture, and conflict transformation for sustainable

peace based on pluralistic democracy, rule of law and participatory inclusive democracy

- linking local and international human rights together to support marginalized and survivors
- linking grass roots activities and international human rights networks and institutions

Achievement:

- Provided psycho - support to 71 through testimonial therapy to the survivors of domestic violence.
- Organized 12 capacity building workshop for 568 women aguwas (women leaders) and responsible men for developing the perspective on gender based violence and building knowledge on domestic violence.
- Organized 59 folk school and honor ceremonies and 120 Community meetings in the process of creating torture free model village.
- Documented and intervened in the grass – root reality of the women and neo – natal health of the most marginalized communities through mapping their knowledge, attitude and Practice.
- Highlighted the issues of bail of the marginalized communities languishing and analysis of 66 prisons in 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Publication of book “Margin to Center Stage” on the learning of the JMN grass – root work on creating model village.
- Organized two days capacity building on Health, Education and rights of the adolescence girls from 07-12-2015 -08-12-2015
- 2815 (Female: 1584 and Male 1231) children are getting duniyawi talim (education for life) in 20 maktab and Madarsas to introduce teaching of Science, Math’s, Social Studies, Hindi and English in order to provide opportunities to students to acquire education comparable to the national system of education.
- 143 (Female: 73 and Male: 70) children are getting education in 5 remedial center sin Jaunpur district.
- 244 children (female: 143 and Male:101) are getting Integrated Approach to Technology in Education (ITE) in five Madarsa in Bazardiha, Varanasi.
- 445 children enrolled in Primary School from Maqtab and Remedial centre.
- Developed capacity of ICDS worker, assistance, supervisor and supervisors of 22 ICDS center on ICDS mission and E.C.C.E policy.
- Developed capacity building of School Management Committee (SMC) of 225 SMC members in 15 schools.

- Public Litigation Interest in Hon'ble High Court Allahabad on the sterilization of 74 women in Chiraigaon block in Varanasi.
- 54 lakhs compensation awarded to the survivors (Mayourpur block in Sonbhadra district and Assam) of witch hunting on the direction of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). The perpetrator in the violence were family members and close relatives.
- 45 lakhs compensation in the 8 cases of the torture and organized violence.
- Life imprisonment to the perpetrator on the killing of the youth in Sarnath jurisdiction of Varanasi on 1st June, 2014.ⁱⁱ

Major activities:

- **Interface with different stakeholder on women rights:** Peoples' Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR) and Savitri Bai Phule Women Forum (SWF) in collaboration with VOP and QIC - AC with support from DIGNITY: Danish Institute Against Torture observed the International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims as an Interface with different stakeholder on women rights on 24th March, 2015 in Hotel Gomti, Hazratganj, Lucknow.ⁱⁱⁱ The Chief Guest of the program was Ms. Suman Yadav, Vice President, State Women Commission (SCW), Ms. Nahid Lari Khan, Member, State Commission for Protection for Child Rights (SCPCR), Mr. Rajesh Pati Tripathi, Additional Secretary, State Legal Service Authority (SLSA), Mr. D.B Gupta, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Women Welfare Directorate, Mr. Kamar Alam, Uttar Pradesh Control Board, Women and Child Development Department and Mr. Siddhartha Singh, Vice - President Uttar Pradesh Awas Vikas Parishad. Mr. B.K Joshi, Research officer, Prison reform and correctional Service made program more graceful with his presence. The program comes out with the declaration of 26 points and it sent to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.
- **A consultation with the member's organization of NATT on sharing & learning on testimonial therapy:** People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), National Alliance on Testimonial Therapy (NATT) in collaboration with Department of Social Work, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi with support from DIGNITY: Danish Institute against Torture organized a Conference titled "Ending Torture: Collective concern" in Varanasi, India on 15-16 November, 2015. In the program 300 Academicians, civil society groups, representatives of human rights institutions and survivors from several South Asian countries were present.
- **Musical Evening for livelihood of weavers:** A Musicial evening of Maharaj trio lead by Sarod maestro Pandit Vikash Maharaj and Tabala Player Prabhash Maharaj in support of innovative initiative of Hiranaya for livelihood of

handloom weavers of Varanasi. The program proceed a play ‘Ram Ki shati Puja’ on the poem of famous poet Niralaji.

Financial Over view:

Income: 12141812.79

Expenditure: 14477219

Donor:

Institutional:

1. DIGNITY: Danish Institute Against Torture
2. Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT)
3. Child Right and You (CRY)
4. Global Fund for Children (GFC)
5. Raj Dulari Foundation
6. Indo – German Society of Remscheid
7. Justice Venture International (JVI)

Individual:

1. Ms. Parul Sharma
2. Ms. Helma Ritscher

ⁱ <http://www.pvchr.net/2014/12/urgent-appeal-india-rule-of-law-or-rule.html>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.pvchr.net/2015/10/blog-post.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.pvchr.net/2015/03/interface-with-different-stakeholder-on.html>