

**Annual Report**

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## **Base line survey:**

- **Base line data survey:** The Base line data survey (BLD) filled in 72 villages of each individual family as comprehensive situation analysis involves three steps: (1) gathering information; (2) prioritization; and (3) analysis. The analysis of model village first phase of campaign "Meri Pehchan" (My identity) flagged in 72 model villages of Badagaon, Pindra blocks of Varanasi, Tanda block of Ambedkar Nagar, Robertsganj block of Sonbhadra, Chaka block of Allahabad and Domchach block of Jharkhand state of India.
- **Malnutrition mapping of children:** The health mapping of children continued in 20 villages of Badagaon and Pindra blocks of Varanasi.
- Survey of 20 Madarsas of Varanasi and Jaunpur
- Start Base Line survey and bench mark study at 20 Madarsa.
- Do mid line and end line survey at 20 Madarsa.
- Done survey of all the children of village in this 5 Remedial Centre area

## **Capacity Building for Staff:**

1. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 Workshop cum discussion on interpersonal conflict and conflict resolution strategies for PVCHR activist Prof. Jeremy Rinker, Assistant Professor, Guilfred College, USA
2. Capacity building workshop on primary health care service and child protection law by Shruti Nagvanshi
3. Provided training to the teachers to understand the pedagogy of children.
4. Provided the training on the issue of ITE base line data survey
5. Provided training on Theatre in education with youth volunteer and activist.
6. Various training on fact- finding & intervention, ICT use for advocacy and Testimonial therapy

## **Fact – finding and testimony:**

1. 106 survivors were supported through testimonial therapy
2. 193 fact - finding

## **Community Meeting and folk school**

1. 101 participatory communities meeting organized in which 5600 people participated.
  2. 42 folk schools in organized in which 950 people participated.
- **Women Convention**: Savitri Bai Phule Women Forum (SWF) and PVCHR organized a women convention on 10 March as Indian Women Liberation Day in memory of Savitri Bai Phule. In the convention women took pledge against all type of exploitation, discrimination and injustice against women and child marriage. They affirm their commitment for education for girl against child marriage.<sup>1</sup>
  - The **School Management Committee (SMC) had to formed** under the Rights to Education Act, 2009 in entire Uttar Pradesh from 22nd July to 5th August, 2013. The activists along with community leaders actively monitor the process of election of SMCs in each Government school of their respective blocks.
  - **Satyagrah**: Satyagrah (Human rights street movement) for rule of law and human rights defenders from 15th August, 2013 and it continues for a months in various place of Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand with the participation of thousands of people.

#### **Meta Legal:**

900 Meta-Legal intervention with various concerned authorities at different level.

#### **Open hearing:**

**Varanasi:** National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) organized open hearing on the atrocities against Scheduled Castes and the problems being faced by them in seeking justice from the State Govt. agencies on 26-27 November, 2013 at Commissioner's Office Meeting Hall/Auditorium, Opposite Vikas Bhavan, Kacheri, Varanasi (UP). The public hearing was headed by the Chairperson, Hon'ble Justice Shri K. G. Balakrishnan, Members Justice Shri D.Murugesan and Shri S.C. Sinha, Registrar (Law) Shri A.K.Garg and other senior officers of the Commission were the part of the delegation.

The Commission had issued a public notice calling for complaints of atrocities by public servant or of negligence by a public servant in

prevention of atrocities from the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes residing in the Varanasi Division comprising of Chandauli, Ghazipur, Jaunpur and Varanasi Districts of Uttar Pradesh. The Commission after due consideration, has decided to take up 123 cases during the Open Hearing and in which 63 cases were reported from Torture free model blocks of Badagaon and Pindra blocks of Varanasi.<sup>ii</sup>

### **Outcome of hearing:**

- 97 bonded labours received the release certificate and on the direction of the NHRC case registered against Brick Kiln owner under SC/St Act and each of them will receive 80,000/- i.e. 7760000 Indian Rupee.<sup>iii</sup>
- In 30 villages Birth Registration Certificate, Caste certificate, Ration Card, Job card under MNREGA scheme, Old age pension, handicapped card, distribution of blanket in four villages Anei , Hamirapur, Awrao and Ahirabeer villages. Installation and rebore of water hand pumps, Brick pavement road connecting to the Mushars ghetto and activation of ICDS centers.

**Lucknow: National Human Rights Commission organized "A Camp Sitting at Lucknow from 15th to 17th January, 2014. In the sitting two cases of the PVCHR heard before the commission.**

### **Activities related to children:**

- Start ITE (Integrated Approach to Technology in Education) education at 5 Madarsa and provide laptop, printer and interne data card and 221 children benefited to this education program.
- Done annual review and evaluation of all the teachers and other staff.
- Distributing school bag and stationary to 200 children and also gave scholarship to 50 children who are financially very poor.
- Formed 8 Bal Panchayat in Madarsa and 220 children are member of these Bal Panchayat.
- Provided training to the teachers about Lerner Assessment and Tracking.
- Start 5 Remedial Centre at Jaunpur Musahar Bast. There are 190 children enrolled and 5 teachers appointed there.
- Provided 46 days training to teachers and staff on various issue.

- Provided TLM and other sport materials for the children and also provided training to the teachers to how to use that TLM for the support of education.
- Formed a youth group to interact the children to one place to another place.
- Provided the training on life and surrounding management.
- Provided training on Theatre in education with youth volunteer and activist.
- Organized a program to meet with teachers, education department official to parent and children and understand the role of school management committee.

### **Advocacy and Campaign:**

- People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR) jointly with the Danish Institute Against Torture (dignity) in collaboration with Voice of People and QICAC organised the public hearing against bonded labour and child labour to protest human dignity.

In the hearing 40 cases were heard before Dr. Yogesh Dube, the member of the National Child Protection Commission and chairperson of the core committee for eradication of bonded labour in Uttar Pradesh along with Ms Shameena Shafiq, member National Women's' Commission, and Assistant Registrar, National Human Rights Commission Mr. O.P Vyas. Former DGP Uttarakhand Mr. Jyotishwaroop Pandey and Ravindra Singh Dogra the secretary of the Panchayati raj and Rastravadi Granthalaya was special guest. During the program a report on the bonded labour **"The dark site of India"** was released. <sup>iv</sup>

#### Outcome:

The brick kiln was included in the MNRGA scheme and also one female worker will act as an ICDS worker in brick kiln to prevent malnutrition.<sup>v</sup>

- **"Interface meeting with the Parliamentarian, policy makers and political parties on the issue of Muslim minority in Uttar Pradesh"**: People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), Varanasi and Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), New Delhi with the support from European Union and Dignity Danish Institute

Against Torture on the “International Human Rights defenders’ Day” and eve of “World Human Rights Day” organized “**Interface meeting with the Parliamentarian, policy makers and political parties on the issue of Muslim minority in Uttar Pradesh**” on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 in Speaker Hall, Constitution Club, New Delhi.

- **Mr. Vijay Vineet**, Deputy News Editor, Jan Sandesh Times, Varanasi and **Mr. Parvez Ahmad**, Special Correspondent, Dainik Jagran were honoured with Jan Mitra Award for their uncompromising commitment for the rights of minority in particular & human rights violation in general in Uttar Pradesh. <sup>vi</sup>

The Guest of the presidium Mr. Rashid Alvi (Indian National Congress), Mr. Kamal Farooqui, Mr. Bahadur Singh Yadav (Samajwadi Party), Mr. Ali Anwar, (Janata Dal (United)), Mr. Daddu Prasad, (Bahujan Samaj Party), Mr. Mohammed Adeeb, (Independent M.P) and Dr. Syeda S. Hameed (Member of Planning Commission and Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad), Mr. Deepak Mishra, President (Chintan Sabha), Mr. Shafiqur Rahman Barq (BSP), Mr. Shailendra Kumar (Samajwadi Party), Mr. Atul Anjan CPI addressed Human Rights defenders and survivors of Muslim community from various parts of Uttar Pradesh. Wishes of President of Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe<sup>vii</sup>

- **Multi -stakeholder consultation in support of survivors of torture** : Peoples’ Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR) in collaboration of Human Rights Law Network, Voice of People, Centre for Contemporary Studies Research with support from European Union and Dignity Danish Institute Against Torture organized **Multi -stakeholder consultation in support of survivors of torture** on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at 10: 30 am in Hotel Clark, Lucknow.

The Program started with the welcome speech and key note address by Lenin Raghuvanshi, Secretary General of PVCHR. In the second session survivors of torture Bhonu, Ranno, Aklakh, Ali Ahmad, Aslam Parvez, Sabbu Sahabuddin and Salauddin shared their experience.

Two books **cashing in on prejudice & Grass-root reality Case reality communal violence in Uttar Pradesh, India** were inaugurated by the speakers.

The multi stakeholders **Ms. Vidyawati Rajbhar**, Chairperson, Uttar Pradesh Shram Shalshakar Samiti, **Prof. Ramesh Dixit**, leader Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), **Ms. Vandana Mishra**, Secretary, People Union for Civil Liberty (PUCL), **Shri. Sidharth Kalahant**, Secretary, UP Press Club, **Shri Anil Dubey**, National Secretary, Rastriya Lok Dal, **Shri Amitabh Thakur**, IPS, **Dr. Bahadur Singh Yadav**, Chairperson, Uttar Pradesh Technical Education Board, **Dr. Hans Van Villet**, First Counsellor, Head of Development Section, European Union, **Advocate K.K Roy**, Director, HRLN, **Shri Pancham Rai**, Ex- Registrar, Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad gave speech.

The program end with vote of thanks given by Shruti Nagvanshi and program was moderated by Mr. Utkarsh Sinha, Editor, Awadhnama.<sup>viii</sup> The Uttar Pradesh Congress committee sent their best wishes.<sup>ix</sup>

### **Advocacy & Lobby**

- Met with Shri K.G Balakrishnan, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission and with Dr. Yogesh Dube, Member National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi.
- Participation in the alumni meet in social work department, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi and as key speaker shared the view to refine the syllabus of social work and discussed about testimonial therapy.
- Lenin Raghuvanshi, Shruti Nagvanshi and Shirin Shabana Khan participated in the grand culmination of convention for India's biggest youth movement to help set the agenda for 2014 General Elections.<sup>x</sup>
- Mr. Bahadur Singh Yadav Chairperson, Uttar Pradesh technical education board and Vidyawati Rajbhar, Chairperson labour advisory committee visited to the office
- Participated in the election manifesto on SC and met with Shri Rahul Gandhi.

- Consultation on malnutrition in Uttar Pradesh. The Chief Guest of Presidium is Dr. Syeda Hameed, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India.
- Dr. Lenin Raghuvanshi at the MEETING OF CORE GROUP OF NGOS at NHRC proposed the agenda "*Children living with mothers in Jail and visits to jail and legal aid to weaker sections*" held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013<sup>xi</sup>
- The Chairperson, NHRC took note of issues raised in the Agenda items 6&7 and decided to write a letter to all the Chief Justices. Apart from the need for ensuring legal aide, he reiterated the implementation of guidelines of Supreme Court and NHRC in respect of conditions prevailing in jails
- Dr. Lenin Raghuvanshi and Dr. Mohan Lal Panda met with Mr. Robert Zimmerman, Second Secretary, Political Affairs, Netherland regarding the case of Sapana and threat to Human Rights Defender.
- Lenin Raghuvanshi, Executive Director, Peoples' Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), India went Brussels to Participate in European Union Visitors Programme (EUVP) from 4 -8 March 2013. The EUVP was established in 1974 by the European Parliament and the European Commission. – "I participated in the European Union Visitor Programme; and after meeting many people in Brussels during the program, PVCHR started few initiatives, such as<sup>xii</sup>:
- Advocacy with Indian Government about European Parliament and India Parliament relationship, India-EU Human Rights dialogue and Corruption in National Rural Health Mission
- FRIDE-PVCHR initiative on Asian Value and Bali democracy Forum
- Human Rights without Frontier and PVCHR initiative for minority rights in India"
- Dr. Lenin Raghuvanshi participated in two-day meeting of **South Asia Network Against Torture and Impunity (SANTI)** to discuss about the state of torture in South Asian countries, which is scheduled to be held on 22-23 February 2013 organized by Odhikar in collaboration with the European Union. The decision during second days was Secretariat will be handled by Lenin Raghuvanshi



on behalf of PVCHR and shall be named Coordinator. Subodh R. Pyakurel on behalf of INSEC will be the Convenor of the network.

- Ms. Shirin Shabana Khan met with Minister of Minority Affairs, Mr. K.Rahman Khan and submit memorandum of minority related program participated in Capacity Building Workshop on 'Budget Analysis and Advocacy from the Lens of Minorities
- PVCHR & SWF submitted their comment to Justice Verma Committee Report on Gender Violence.<sup>xiii</sup>
- PVCHR hosted the study tour of 30 students from Department of Social work, Palamuru University, Andhra Pradesh. During their visit Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Mental hospital, Pandeypur and various organizations.<sup>xiv</sup>
- *Independent People's Tribunal on Police Torture Against Muslims The event took place on April 3 and 4, 2013 at Kamesh Hut Hotel in Varanasi. During the tribunal around 30 to 40 victims deposited before a six-member panel of prominent judges, academicians, former police officials with necessary testimonies about their problems. In the tribunal cases from communal riot in Tanda, police firing in Bazardiha and communal riots in Kudi was shared.*<sup>xv</sup>
- Met with Shri K.G Balakrishnan, Chairperson, NHRC, Sharad Chandra Saxena, Member, NHRC, A.K. Parashar, and C.K Tyagi
- On 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at 2 pm the delegates of PVCHR in the leadership of Dr. Lenin met with Shri Akilesh Yadav, Chief Minister, U.P and Director General of Police Shri Deo Raj Nagar at CM house 5, Kali Das Marg, Lucknow. During half an hour many cases of communal riots, police firing and police torture were discussed and also discuss the fake case against Lenin Raghuvanshi and Shruti Nagvanshi. We received pro -human support.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 the NHRC organized meeting of NGOs in VVIP State Guest House, Mall Avenue, Lucknow and from 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 in Bundelkhand region on the issues of atrocities with dalit and women.

#### **Media publication:**

- ETV and P7 news took interview of Dulari, Ram Surat and Hansu from Raup Ghasia Basti.

- Satyamev Jayte (aamir khan film production) selected three cases of Child Sexual abuse of three cases (Gulafsa, Kanchan and Manisha) and took their interview and also of the activist<sup>xvi</sup>
- Babble Fish Productions went Raup village for field research and will do recording of Karma song.
- Reality of violence against women: a story of patriarchal local thinking bringing impact on international media.<sup>xvii</sup>
- Human Rights Watch published book ***“Breaking the silence: Child Sexual Abuse in India”***. It document 5 testimonies <sup>xviii</sup>
- The testimony of the survivors (Bhonu, Akkar, Niyaz and Anjum) was published in daily English newspaper Hindustan Times. Iv
- On 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 Hindustan Times daily English published the quote martial of Dr. Lenin “Freedom from torture is human rights but torture continue to trouble people who are gullible”.
- Profile of Lenin Raghuvanshi published in Informed Giving<sup>xix</sup> as Fighting caste discrimination
- Interview of Lenin Raghuvanshi on Muzaffarnagar: Hanging between relief & turmoil at Rajyasabha TV<sup>xx</sup>
- The six testimonies of witch hunting were published in Dainik Bhaskar news  
Jagesari<sup>xxi</sup> Manni<sup>xxii</sup> Somari<sup>xxiii</sup> Manbasiya<sup>xxiv</sup> Kupan Devi<sup>xxv</sup>
- My identity’ campaign to empower SC/STs<sup>xxvi</sup>  
State of impunity: nexus of corrupt officials and anti-women suspect criminal in India<sup>xxvii</sup>

### **Financial Overview:**

Income: 19880683.95

Expenditure: 16573145

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<sup>i</sup><http://www.pvchr.net/2013/03/indian-women-liberation-day.html>  
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<sup>iii</sup><http://www.testimonialtherapy.org/2013/11/nhrc-heard-voic-eof-unheard.html> in  
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<sup>v</sup><http://www.testimonialtherapy.org/2013/10/brick-moulders-recount-their-evil.html>  
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<http://www.pvchr.net/2013/06/un-day-in-support-of-victim-in-lucknow.html>  
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<sup>xi</sup><http://www.pvchr.net/2013/04/meeting-of-core-group-of-ngos-at-nhrc.html>  
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<sup>xiii</sup><http://www.pvchr.net/2013/01/justice-verma-committee-report-on.html>  
<sup>xiv</sup><http://www.palamuruuniversity.ac.in/>  
<sup>xv</sup><http://www.pvchr.net/2013/04/independent-peoples-tribunal-on-police.html>

<sup>xvi</sup><http://www.satyamevjayate.in/>  
<sup>xvii</sup><http://www.pvchr.net/2013/03/reality-of-violence-against-women-story.html>  
<sup>xviii</sup><http://www.pvchr.net/2013/02/rights-violation-up-tops-in-disposal-of.html>  
<sup>xix</sup> that inspires you to do good with real stories of individuals and institutions who are making a difference in our world.

<sup>xx</sup>[http://youtu.be/bAQj8HoS\\_D0](http://youtu.be/bAQj8HoS_D0)

<sup>xxi</sup><http://www.bhaskar.com/article/UP-VAR-five-terrible-atrocity-story-4386403-PHO.html?seq=2>

<sup>xxii</sup><http://www.bhaskar.com/article/UP-VAR-five-terrible-atrocity-story-4386403-PHO.html?seq=5>

<sup>xxiii</sup><http://www.bhaskar.com/article/UP-VAR-five-terrible-atrocity-story-4386403-PHO.html?seq=3>

<sup>xxiv</sup><http://www.bhaskar.com/article/UP-VAR-five-terrible-atrocity-story-4386403-PHO.html?seq=4>

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<sup>xxvi</sup> **<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/my-identity-campaign-to-empower-scsts/article4924496.ece>**

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