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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Jesuit Research and Development Society was founded on 22 March 2006 to assist, promote, channelize, undertake charitable, social and humanitarian work, irrespective of caste, community, religion and economic status, solely for philanthropic purposes. Since its inception, the Society has been engaged in research and research related activities as well as

supporting Government and Non-Governmental organisations in their efforts to promote the socio-economic development of marginalised communities, in particular, the Dalits, Tribals, Minorities and other weaker sections of society. JRDS has been responding to the challenges faced by marginalised sections of society in the country for the last 12 years by engaging in relevant training, publication and advocacy through collaboration and networking with a large number of social activists, people's movements, human rights groups, civil society organizations and ecological movements throughout India and the world.

This also involves conducting, organizing, supporting and participating in conferences, seminars, workshops, meetings, trainings etc. The Society supports and engages in charitable activities for educational purposes and socio-economic development of marginalised communities. This includes providing grants, scholarships, concessions, incentives, subsidies, etc. Finally, in order to fulfil the aims and objectives of the association, the Society networks and collaborates with like-minded academicians, professional groups, associations, non-governmental and governmental organizations and international organizations.

The academic year 2018-19 has been a year of many engagements for the empowerment of Dalits, Tribals, women, and other marginalised sections of society. The strategy has been to engage in conducting quality training, seminars. In order to amplify the impact of our engagements, we have been networking and collaborating with a number of national and

international agencies.

JRDS successfully completed the first phase of the project “Lok Manch: Development and Access to Entitlements of the Marginalised” on 31st October, 2018, and began the new phase of the same project from 1st November, 2019. JRDS continues to provide consultancy support for NGOs in India through the Misereor funded project “Animating NGOs through Capacity Building and Professional Support Programme”.

JRDS has conducted several seminars and workshops during the year a two-day workshop on “Legal Compliances of NGOs” was organised by the Society on 27-28 October, 2018. There were about 110 participants from all over the country for the workshop.

has been providing legal assistance and training to NGOs, social activists and legal practitioners in different parts of India. During the year, a para-legal training was conducted in ISI, Delhi. In addition, workshops on “Empowering Women to Lead Change” and ‘Educational Rights of Minorities’ was conducted in the Institute. A Dalit Lawyers workshop was held in Jaipur and a consultation on the definition of minorities was held in the Institute in collaboration with Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). The Institute has also provided legal aid and assistance to marginalised sections of society during the year.

JRDS remains a beacon of hope to marginalised communities suffering from socio-economic inequalities and growing religious fundamentalism by the services rendered in terms of training, legal services and programmes. It hopes to contribute positively to the national and global effort to build a world that is sustainable and equitable in collaboration with civil society, people’s movements worldwide.

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President

Jesuit Research and Development Society

1. LEGAL AWARENESS & TRAINING

The legal awareness and training programme undertaken by the Department of CHRL is aimed at empowering, enlightening and equipping in particular the target groups towards transformation, sustainable growth and development. The following training programmes conducted during the year were well appreciated by the participants and it also helped strengthening our existing network with various civil society organizations and individuals;

Various Legal and awareness Programmes



Leadership Training on Peace Building (Varansasi)
18-20 May 2018, 40 participants



National Workshop on Peace Initiatives , (Patna) 09-11 June 2018,
38 participants



Leadership Training on Peace Building (Raipur)
23-25 June 2018, 42 participants



National Workshop on “Do No Harm” (Delhi)
20-25 July 2018, 38 participants



National Workshop on “Case Studies” (Delhi)
16-21 Aug. 2018, 38 participants



National Seminar cum Workshop on Educational Rights of the Minorities, 17-20 Oct. 2018, 56 participants



National Workshop on “Conflict Analysis” (Delhi)
01-06 Nov. 2018, 42 participants



Training on Empowering Women to Lead Change 17-23 Nov. 2018
18 participants



Para Legal Training Programme, 15-19 Mar. 2019,
39 participants



Dalit Lawyers' Workshop at Jaipur, 21-25 Mar. 2019
35 participants

- Consultation Defining the Minorities with ADF, 11 March 2019,
25 participants

Increasing legal literacy and legal awareness about their rights can empower citizens to lead a dignified life as guaranteed under the Constitution of India. In line with the same which is well reflected in the vision of the institute also, the above training programmes are conducted, in particular, to educate the weaker sections of the society about their rights, duties and privileges enshrined under various social welfare legislations and other enactments. The CHRL team played a significant role in their efforts to legally empower the last and the least of the society on various laws including the Constitution of India, basic legal concepts in civil and criminal law with special emphasis on

law relating women, Schedules Castes and Scheduled Tribes, children, minorities etc. Apart from the class room lectures by legal luminaries and experts in law, exposures to various judicial and quasi-judicial forums also played a big role for better legal education and capacity building of the participants. Beneficiaries of these training programme often tell us that the training programme have helped them to get engaged constructively with the government and access their basic rights and entitlements effectively.

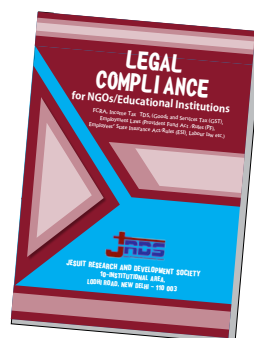
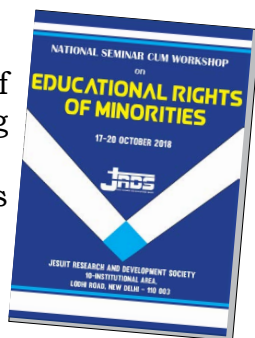
Legal Aid

Jesuit Research and Development Society has a history of taking up cases of the marginalized people and providing legal awareness through its Legal Aid Center at JRDS. A lot of requests are coming to us for legal advice regarding varied legal issues. Through our legal awareness training in various places, people come to know about the legal help available in Jesuit Research and Development Society. The Training Unit has taken up a number of Consumer Cases, Bail petitions, Domestic Violence cases, Divorce Petitions, minority status issues etc. to help these people who look for help. At present the Training Unit has a full time lawyer practicing in the Delhi courts who is ready to give the necessary legal advice and Training for any groups that asks for such help. The increasing number of cases against priests and sisters and ordinary people forces us to think to have a legal assistance cell. Therefore the Jesuit Research and Development Society is seriously thinking about starting a Legal Assistance Cell in JRDS soon so that we will be able to assist the poor and marginalized and the Church in India.

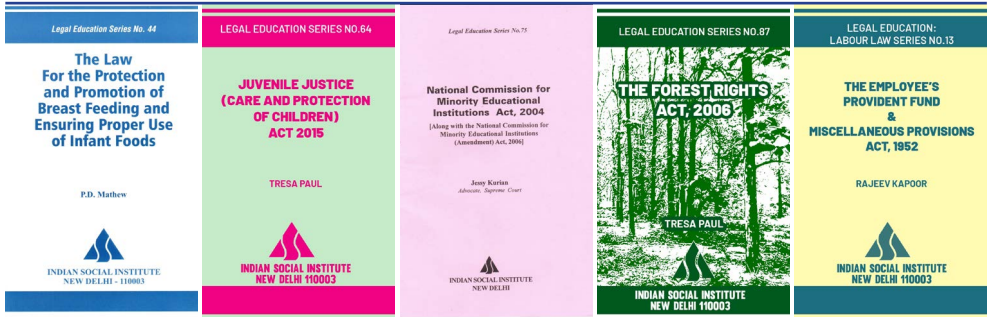
Legal Education Series (updated)

i. Booklets

1. Educational Rights of the Minorities (Training Manual)
2. Legal Compliances (Training Manual)



ii. Legal Education Series



1. The Law for the Protection & Promotion of Breast feeding and Ensuring Proper use of Infant Foods. LES 44 (Revised)
2. Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015. LES 64
3. National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act 2004 (Hindi) – LES 75
4. Forests Rights Act – LES 87
5. Employees Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Act, 1952 – LES 13



2. LEGAL NEWS AND VIEWS



Legal News and Views is a magazine published every 26th of the advance month from Integrated Social Initiatives. JRDS team under the guidance of the Chief Editor Adv. Fr. Joy Karayampuram is responsible for its content and timely publication of the same. During the year, efforts have been made to make the magazine increasingly reader friendly and apt to the socio-legal situation and also beneficial to the common man. The designing hands of Mr. Ruben Minj takes care that every issue of the magazine is published with thematic cover design and in beautiful lay out. Thematic articles, interview of legal luminaries, summary of the judgments of the month (Adv. Sr. Tresa Paul), and column on making of the Indian Constitution (Dr. M.P Raju) are few new features introduced into the magazine. Technical Assistant Mr. Abhishek Kumar, besides collecting articles from various persons, with the help and support of Mr. Paul Jacob is also responsible for getting the blue print of the magazine ready in time. Our aim is to inform the readers about the changes taking place in the field of law. Annual subscription for one year is Rs. 350/- and for two years it is Rs. 690/- and Life membership is Rs. 8000/- . This magazine is subscribed mainly by Universities, Law Colleges, Advocates and students.



3. PROJECTS

3.1 LOK MANCH: Development and Access to Entitlements of the Marginalised - Phase I



The aim of the first phase of the project was to support the development of communities through enhanced access of their entitlements and to bring quality changes in the lives of the people. This project focused on building the capacities of community leaders among the dalits, tribals, minorities and other marginalized communities so that they are empowered to access entitlements. The project also aimed at developing a new culture of working together to help communities avail the benefits of various Central and State Government-sponsored welfare schemes for weaker sections of society. By networking with other similar aimed organisations, to gain knowledge and expertise, the project aimed to engage in the development of the urban poor and rural communities, especially, dalits, tribals, minorities and other marginalized communities.

Objectives

1. Fifteen Jesuit provinces in thirteen states have built a vibrant national platform with 100 civil





society organisations which conducts joint activities to promote implementation of the regional administrative bodies' integration plans and of the NFSA.

2. Access to NFSA and to the integration plans for marginalised sections of society has improved significantly for targeted households.

3. Gaps in policies

have been identified and decision-makers are lobbied to achieve appropriate improvements of the laws.

The following measures are conducted to achieve the above-mentioned objectives:

- Setting up partner platforms at state level for providing regular support and advice to them during the start-up phase, linking them with each other and providing support only were necessary during the consolidation phase
- Developing information and education materials such as hand bills, brochures, posters and distributing them in selected villages.
- Conducting a participatory assessment to identify gaps in



access to entitlements conducting courses and seminars for 3,680 suitable persons on the National Food Security Act and other Government schemes and to convey basic legal knowledge

- Carrying out trainings for members of civil society vigilance committees to monitor corruption and for social control
- Conducting various networking activities at national, regional and local levels
- Conducting regular activities for quality assurance and for orientation towards achievement of the objectives of the project.

Achievements of the Project

The current phase project was started on 2nd November 2015 and in the initial stage, a baseline survey of 276000 households was conducted. Considering the 3 objectives of the project, key activities were planned and implemented. Some of the activities, approaches implemented are given below:



1. Awareness creation was done on various aspects including understanding the rights of the people, legal provisions, schemes for development of people and on various issues. The awareness creation was done among all 2,76,000 households through meetings, cultural mediums, leaflets and trainings. Broadly the following subjects were covered

- a. Understanding constitution, fundamental rights
- b. Legal provisions under NFSA, NREGA and SCST prevention of atrocity act
- c. Understanding SCSP / STSP and schemes covered under it
- d. Domestic Violence (Prevention of) Act
- e. Social security schemes
- f. Understanding governance structure, government institutions / departments responsible for providing services to people
- g. Water and sanitation programmes
- h. Use of RTI
- i. Right to Education Act



As a result of increased awareness among the people, community leaders were expected to demand their entitlements, social security schemes, developmental programmes etc. as their right.

2. National level workshops for orientation of all Lok Manch facilitating partners and for understanding NFSA, SCSP / STSP and WASH were conducted in the beginning of the project.
3. Capacity building of community leaders: The current project aimed at capacitating 5520 community leaders and supporting them to take leadership for their communities. Around 40% community leaders were capacitated and activated to take leadership. As part of capacity building,



the project developed the perspective (rights based, on social perspective), knowledge on various legal provisions and skills among the community leaders. The capacity building was done through a formal training and handholding support by respective organisations.

4. State level consultations, public hearings and workshops for advocacy at state level on issues of NFSA, SCSP / TSP were done.
5. For effective monitoring and planning, core team meetings, unit meetings and monitoring visits by national secretariat were done. Financial and narrative reporting systems had also been set up and revised based on the need.



As a result of awareness creation at community level and efforts made by community leaders and animators of Lok Manch organizations, targeted households have been able to get their entitlements cards as well as entitlements of different types.

The impact study also showed that people have been able to access their entitlements. The project targeted 3, 00,000 households and the data shows that even nearby villages / slums have also benefited from the project in accessing their entitlements. The community entitlements have been accessed more effectively than individual / household entitlements. The following table gives a summary of these entitlements.

Summary of Access to Some Entitlement cards

Sr. No.	Type of Entitlements (Individual Entitlements)	No. of persons/ households accessed
1	New Ration Cards	15631
2	New Antyodaya Cards	974
3	NFSA Digital card	3200
4	BPL Cards (Below Poverty Line)	165
5	APL Cards (Above Poverty Line)	5
6	Aadhaar Cards	14388
7	Voter ID Cards	1594
8	PAN Cards	1656
9	Job / labour Cards	2845
10	New Health Cards	801
11	Disability Cards	14
12	Birth Certificates	213
13	Death Certificates	58
14	Caste certificates	1816
15	Income certificates	1882
16	Domicile Certificates/ Residence/ Community Certificates	1845

The above mentioned entitlement cards are very necessary to access other entitlements. Without such cards, the individual / households cannot access any government schemes.

Types of individual / household entitlements accessed

Sr.	Type of entitlements	No of individuals accessed	No of households accessed
1	Social security	12295	75
2	Livelihood related schemes including SCSP / TSP	21998	6097
3	Righto Food	62	374
4	Water and Sanitation		13286
5	Right to education (admission, scholarship and passes)	6373	2000
6	Housing	146	9460
7	Land		3380
8	Connections (electricity, gas etc.)		12764
9	Access to justice	16	
10	Health	677	259
	TOTAL	41567	47695

Types of community entitlements

Sr.	Type of community entitlement	No of households benefited
1	Right to food / NFSA schemes	65748
2	Roads	115396
3	Schools	11195
4	Water	99649
5	Health services	8365
6	Irrigation	4088
7	Drainage and sanitation	28623
8	Other basic amenities	50856
9	Electricity	13655
10	Community halls/ cremation ground etc.	3337
	TOTAL	400912

The project focused mainly on monitoring of proper implementation of NFSA, right to education act, NREGA and schemes under SCSP / TSP. The project also impacted other non-targeted villages / slums as a result of its advocacy work with district authority / municipal government.

The first phase of the project ended on 31st October, 2018.

3.2 LOK MANCH: Development and Access to Entitlements of the Marginalised in India - Phase II

The second phase of the project “Lok Manch: Development and Access to Entitlements of the Marginalised in India” began on 1st November, 2018. The details of the project is as follows:



Goal

Marginalised groups receive the full state social benefits to which they are entitled and local, state and national level government institutions become more inclusive and democratic.

Objectives

The specific objectives of this project shall include:

Objective No.1:

The access to social security benefits has improved significantly for the marginalized groups in the targeted communities and human rights, as they are enshrined as fundamental rights in the Constitution of India, are more respected.

Objective No.2:

At least 90 local society



organisations in 12 states, together with communities and community leaders, are successfully advocating on district and state level for better access to social security benefits and the protection and promotion of people's rights over land and food.

Objective No.3:

The Lok Manch network is strengthened and Lok Manch partner organisations have successfully promoted collaborating among civil society organisations at national level for policy dialogue and campaigning.

Measures to be implemented

The measures and activities to be implemented shall include:

1. Capacity building of community leaders:
 - Develop training curricula;
 - Training of trainers:
 - Train community leaders;
 - Provide advice and support to community leaders.
2. Strengthening and conducting issue-based campaigns at district and state levels:
 - Set up resource centers at state level;
 - Develop campaign material;
 - Support issue-based campaigns;
 - Support citizens' platforms and civil society organisations in their dialogue with government agencies and authorities.
3. Strengthening policy and dialogue and cooperation with other civil society actors at national level:

- Conduct national policy workshops:
- Carry out political analyses and develop policy dialogue materials;
- Establish a national policy dialogue team;
- Conduct media advocacy;
- Organize at least one big public event in the capital.

3.3 ANIMATING NGOs through capacity building and professional support programmes.

The Project is concerned with complementing the efforts of the Government at poverty eradication in India by capacity building for grass root organizations engaged in development of marginalized communities through consultancy/professional support which enables them to independently make changes in their organization structure, in their policies, planning, implementation, monitoring of their many charitable works.

A number NGOs committed to social change are working among the most vulnerable communities like dalits, adivasis, women, children, unorganised labourers, minorities and other marginalised communities. They are mainly engaged in different types of capacity building programme, campaigns, community development activities, strengthening of panchyat and gram sabha, promoting accountability and demanding transparent governance. These organisations are in need of various trainings related to organisational development and management, finance management and policies, ToT training etc. This project is visualised to reach out to the key stakeholders of the organisations and envisions strengthening them by promoting organisational, managerial and institutional development. This would also include planning process, strategic intervention processes, monitoring and evaluation techniques. The purpose is to set professional standards among selective small NGOs.

Goal

The overall goal this project is Projects concerned with poverty eradication and social change in India have more impact through professionalization/capacity building of their project managers

regarding planning, support and evaluation of projects as well as in the field of Organisation Development.

The specific object is

1. NGOs and Church-based partner organisations in India receive capacity building which enables them to independently make such changes in their Organisational Structure (including in financial management) in the policies, planning, implementation, monitoring & local evaluation of their projects, as well result in the projects' increased effectiveness.

Project objective(s) (Intended outcomes):

1. To organise various specialised capacity building programmes
2. To provide on-going consultancy services
3. To raise the standard of these organisation by promoting managerial, organisational, financial and project development support

Activities

- Training
- Consultancy
- Material support

Methods

- Participatory approach in developing key staff skills
- Consultancy services

During the financial year 2018-19, JRDS was able to provide financial support to five consultants for conducting capacity building and training programmes for grassroot NGOs in India. JRDS was also able to support two leadership programmes, (i) on 3-6 Decemebr, 2018, at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, and (ii) on 4-7 March, 2019, at Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI), Secuderabad.



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