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Institute of Human Rights Education (IHRE)

Human Rights Education in Schools

The second objective of promoting human rights culture is achieved mainly through human rights education activities and awareness programs. Efforts are made to reach out to as many segments of the civil society as possible through various training programs. The pilot program on HR education in schools held in Chennai in the year 1997 has paved the way for the expansion of this program in a variety of schools with different backgrounds. In the past six years, more than 0.1 million children from 2211 schools have been reached and about 2000 teachers have been trained for this purpose. Besides this, we have been providing training programs to human rights defenders, activists, NGOs, Movements, Political parties, police officers, lawyers, law college students, medical professionals, media professionals and others. We have also completed a South Asian level training program on human rights intervention in December 2002. The Institute of Human Rights Education has introduced "National Program for Human Rights Education in Schools" in the following 12 states namely, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, West Bengal, Gujarat, Chattisgarh, Kerala, Pondicherry, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan and Tripura.

State conference of HRE School Teachers and Students

The day-long conference was held at the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board Auditorium, Chennai on 11 March 2006. Based on a request from the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department of Tamil



Nadu (the Human Rights Education Program is held in schools run by the Department), the conference was organized by the Institute of Human Rights Education (IHRE) of People's Watch - Tamil Nadu. The Chief Guest of the Conference was Mr. Deenabandhu IAS, Secretary, Adi Dravida and Tribal Welfare Department. Other Special Guests were Mr. R. Christudas Gandhi, IAS, Department of Statistics, Dr. S. Muthukumar, Member Secretary, TN State Council for Higher Education and Former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University and Mr. Karuppan IAS (Retired).

HRE Training Programs in ADW-GTR Schools of Tamil Nadu



October 17-21, 2005	:	HRE Teachers' Training, Trichy
October 24-28, 2005	:	HRE Teachers' Training, Coimbatore
October 24-28, 2005	:	HRE Teachers' Training, Chengalpattu
November 7-11, 2005	:	HRE Teachers' Training, Madurai

Training Program for Headmasters of High & Higher Secondary Schools was held on Aug 13, 2005 at TMSSS, Trichy. 85 HMs participated in the program.



- Three Training Programs for Middle schools Headmasters.
- August 20, 2005 - ICSA, Chennai - 75 HMs participated
- August 27 & September 10, 2005, DeNobili Pastoral Centre, Madurai - 86 HMs participated.

UNHCHR Study on Collection of Good Practices from 1997 to 2005 HRE Program of PWTN

A preparatory meeting was held at **ICSA, Chennai on 20.02.2006** for Collection of Good Practices from 1997 to 2005 HRE Program of PWTN and preparatory work was done at Chennai for preparing the Schedule for the UN Study tour on the following two days.

One day Consultation meetings for the Phase IV ADW and Diocesan Schools for Collection of Good Practices from 1997 to 2005 HRE Program of PWTN held at the following places:

HRE Training Programs in Diocesan Schools of Tamil Nadu

October 5-7, 2005	: HRE Teachers' Training, Diocesan Schools, Trichy
October 13-15, 2005	: HRE Teachers' Training, Diocesan Schools, Madurai
October 17-19, 2005	: HRE Teachers' Training, Diocesan Schools, Palayamkottai
October 24-26, 2005	: HRE Teachers' Training, Diocesan Schools, Kottar
November 11-13, 2005	: HRE Teachers' Training, Diocesan Schools, Kottar

District Committee Meeting with ADW Schools

- ☛ **Virudhunagar District** Committee Meetings was held on **06.02.2006**
- ☛ **Theni District** Committee meeting was held on **18.02.2006**
- ☛ **Kanchipuram District** Committee Meeting was held on **25.02.2006**
- ☛ **Chennai District** Committee Meeting was held on **03.03.2006**
- ☛ **Thoothukudi District** Committee Meeting was held on **26.03.2006**

National Program for HRE in Schools in 10 States

13.03.2006	
14.03.2006	Madurai
17.03.2006	: Kanyakumari & Thirunelveli
20.03.2006	: Madurai
26.03.2006	: One day Consultation meeting for Former Coordinators & Resource Manommaniam Sundaranar University
28.03.2006	: UN Assessment meeting for the Phase II Schools for Collection of Good Practices (until March 2005) and a member of our State Expert Committee on Human Rights Education
31.03.2006	: ADW>R Schools visited by the Assessment Team in Villupuram Dist

First, in terms of the Functionaries of the project, Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, former Vice Chancellor of Manommaniam Sundaranar University and former Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women (until March 2005) and a member of our State Expert Committee on Human Rights Education is leading this program at the National level. Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi

has formally taken over as the Chairperson of IHRE from August 01, 2005. Mr. Saji Thomas is responsible for the Program Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation and Advocacy as one of the Associate Directors at the national level. Dr. Gnana Prakasam has taken up the responsibility of coordinating the entire program. He is designated as Director (Training) and Associate Director (Coordination) in the present program.

S. No	State	Partnering organization	Chief Functionary
1.	Gujarat	Centre for Social Justice	Ms. Nupur
2.	Orissa	PECUC	Mr. Ranjan Mohanti
3.	Karnataka	SICHREM	Mr. Ashok Mathew
4.	Kerala	SICHREM	Mr. Ashok Mathew
5.	West Bengal	Loreto Day Schools	Sr. Cyril
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Peace & Justice Commission & Sakshi	Fr. Thomas Pallithanam
7.	Pondicherry	Program suspended	-
8.	Chattisgarh	Hidayatullah National Law University	Prof. Shanthakumar
9.	Tripura	Government Law College, Agartala	Prof. K.K. Roy
10.	Rajasthan	Sophia College, Ajmer	Sr. Serena

State Level Partners Meeting

A State level partners meeting was held in Madurai at Hotel North Gate on the 4 & 5th of April 2005 so as to introduce the program to partners and get their approval And accent for taking up this program in their respective states from this academic year. Many partner organizations from various states participated in this meeting.



State Level Consultation on Human Rights Education (HRE) in Schools

- ☛ Orissa April 27-28, 2005
- ☛ West Bengal April 29, 2005 (Preparatory Meeting)
- ☛ Pondicherry May 16-17, 2005
- ☛ Kerala May 29, 2005
- ☛ West Bengal June 11-12, 2005
- ☛ Karnataka June 13, 2005
- ☛ Andhra Pradesh - September 15, 2005



Training of Trainers at KKID, Coimbatore, August 22-26, 2006

A National TOT to equip the state resource team to conduct the teachers' training in their respective states was organized at KKID, Coimbatore from Aug 22 to 26, 2005. About 50 participants which included 5 resource team members and the Coordinator of each state participated in the TOT workshop. The content and methodology of the 5 day state Teachers' training was evolved through participatory participatory process in this workshop.



HRE Programs at the National Level in Other States

- ☛ November 26, 2005- Launch of the National Programme of HRE, Madurai
- ☛ October 18-22, 2005- HRE Teachers' Training and Launch, Karnataka
- ☛ November 2005- HRE Teachers' Training, Gujarat
- ☛ December 6-10, 2005- HRE Teachers' Training, Chhattisgarh
- ☛ December 12-16, 2005- HRE Teachers' Training, Kerala
- ☛ December 13-17, 2005- HRE Teachers' Training, Andhra
- ☛ December 26-30, 2005- HRE Teachers' Training, Pondichery
- ☛ January 16-20, 2006- HRE Teachers' Training, Kerala



NATIONAL CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL LEVEL CAMPAIGNS ON CHILD RIGHTS & EDUCATION (WITH CAEL, CACT, NAFRE, NEG) AT NEW DELHI - MAY 18, 2005.

PWNTN TRAINING PROGRAMS

April 4-5, 2005	: HRE State level Partners Meeting, Madurai	September 4-8, 2005	: Moderation Training Program for PWNTN Staff, Bangalore
April 23-24, 2005	: Judges Consultation, Bhubaneswar, Orissa	September 10, 2005	: HRE ADW-GTR Schools Headmasters Meeting, Madurai
April 27, 2005	: HRE State level Consultation, Bhubaneswar, Orissa	September 15, 2005	: HRE State level Consultation, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
April 29, 2005	: HRE State level Consultation - I, Kolkata, West Bengal	September 16-17, 2005	: Human Rights training for Media Professionals, Hyderabad
May 16-17, 2005	: HRE State level Consultation, Pondicherry	September 25, 2005	: The 2nd meeting of the Committee of Concerned Citizens
May 18, 2005	: National Consultation Campaign on child Rights, Delhi	September 27, 2005	: State HRE Advisory Committee meeting, Andhra Pradesh
May 29, 2005	: HRE State level Consultation, Tiruvandur, Kerala	September 24, 2005	: Evaluation of the HRE Module by the Teachers of Pondicherry
June 11-12, 2005	: HRE State level Consultation-I (Kolkata, West Bengal)	October 3-8, 2005	: TOT for PWNTN Staff, ECC, Bangalore
June 13, 2005	: HRE State level Consultation Bangalore, Karnataka	October 04, 2005	: State HRE Advisory Committee meeting, Karnataka
July 9-15, 2005	: HRE Orientation Program for State Coordinators, Madurai	October 05, 2005	: Headmasters Meeting, Karnataka
July 16-17, 2005	: Human Rights training for lawyers, Madurai (164)	October 5-7, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Doosan Schools, Trichy
July 22-26, 2005	: Training of Teachers (TOT) at Coimbatore, Bangalore	October 13-15, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Doosan Schools, Madurai
July 30-31, 2005	: Human Rights training for lawyers, Trichy (200)	October 16, 2005	: HR Orientation for Medical Professionals, Karnataka
August 1-3, 2005	: Human Rights training for Media Professionals, Madurai (46)	October 17-19, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Doosan Schools, Palayamkottai
August 4, 2005	: Kerala State HRE Advisory Committee meeting	October 17-21, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Trichy
August 5, 2005	: Pondicherry State HRE Advisory Committee meeting	October 18-22, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training and Launch, Karnataka
August 6-7, 2005	: Human Rights training for lawyers, Thiruvananthapuram (84)	October 24-28, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Doosan Schools, Kottar
August 8, 2005	: Gujarat State level HRE Consultation Workshop, Ahmedabad	October 24-28, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Coimbatore
August 13, 2005	: HRE ADW-GTR Schools Headmasters Meeting, Trichy	October 24-28, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Chengalpet
August 13-14, 2005	: Human Rights training for lawyers, Tirupur (153)	October 24-28, 2005	: DHRM Training, Bangalore
August 16-19, 2005	: Human Rights training for Media Professionals, Bangalore	November 1-5, 2005	: DHRM Training, Ahmedabad
August 20, 2005	: HRE ADW-GTR Schools Headmasters Meeting, Chennai	November 7-11, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Madurai
August 20-21, 2005	: Human Rights training for lawyers, Coimbatore (157)	November 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Gujarat
August 22-28, 2005	: Training of Teachers (TOT) at HRE National HQ, Coimbatore	November 11-13, 2005	: HRE Teachers Training, Doosan Schools, Kottar
August 27, 2005	: HRE ADW-GTR Schools Headmasters Meeting, Madurai	November 13-14, 2005	: HR Orientation for Media Persons, Chennai
August 27-28, 2005	: Human Rights training for lawyers, Coimbatore (171)	November 16-18, 2005	: DHRM-Public Hearing, Patna
August 30-31, 2005	: Human Rights training for Media Professionals, Tiruvandur		
Aug 28-Sep 2, 2005	: Moderation Training Program for PWNTN Staff, Pondicherry		

November 26, 2005	:	Launch of the National Programme of HRE, Madurai
December 3, 2003	:	HR Orientation for Medical Professionals, Coimbatore
December 6-10, 2005	:	HRE Teachers Training, Chhattisgarh
December 12-16, 2005	:	TOT on Combating Torture, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
December 12-16, 2005	:	HRE Teachers Training, Kerala
December 13-17, 2005	:	HRE Teachers Training, Andhra
December 17-18, 2005	:	HRD Training, Ramnad, TN
December 18, 2005	:	HR Orientation for Medical Professionals, Kerala
December 19-21, 2005	:	DHRM-Public Hearing, Jaipur
December 26-30, 2005	:	HRE Teachers Training, Pondichery
December 30-31, 2005	:	HR Orientation for Media Persons, Karnataka
January 4-8, 2006	:	TOT on Combating Torture, Mumbai
January 5-7, 2006	:	DHRM-Public Hearing, Bhopal
January 7-8, 2006	:	HR Orientation for Lawyers, Salem
January 16-20, 2006	:	HRE Teachers Training, Kerala
January 21-22, 2006	:	HR Orientation for Lawyers, Vellore
January 21-22, 2006	:	HRD Training, Thirunelveli
January 28-29, 2006	:	HRD Training, Salem
January 30-31, 2006	:	ICC Workshop, Bangalore
February 4-5, 2006	:	HR Orientation for Lawyers, Chennai
February 4-5, 2006	:	HRD Training, Srivilliputhur
February 6-10, 2006	:	HRE Teachers Training, Gujarat
February 16-18, 2006	:	HRD Preparatory Meeting, Pondichery
February 25-26, 2006	:	HRD Training, Thiruthani
Feb 27-Mar 3, 2006	:	TOT on Combating Torture, Guwahati
March 4-5, 2006	:	HRD Training, Sivagangai
March 11-12, 2006	:	HRD Training, Nagercoil
March 11-12, 2006	:	HRD Training,
March 13-18, 2006	:	RJD Training, Bangalore
March 14-17, 2006	:	TOT, 2 nd Phase, Bangalore

Building a Broad-based Monitoring and Intervention Capacity

Human Rights Monitoring

PW-TN's philosophy has never been to keep enlarging the scope and influence of its work, but to transfer skills and build the capacity of other groups in civil society, through human rights cells, to play a significant role in human rights work. A key objective of this three year plan is to identify those individuals to be trained in human rights monitoring, ultimately teaching more than 5,000 men and women from a variety of minorities, castes, backgrounds, religions, political parties and sectors of society, working through local cells, to become involved in human rights monitoring work over the three year period. Furthermore, women's rights will be a new area of concentration. PW-TN will work with existing women's activists groups, develop skills and begin to qualitatively and quantitatively monitor domestic violence and other violations of women's rights.

Some Highlight Cases

Harassment of Girl Child

On receiving intimation from a lecturer from Karaikudi Alagappa University, regarding an alleged harassment of a minor girl Priya, our team intervened and approached the police. Though the local police have failed to act immediately, the Collector, SP and the DSP intervened and rescued the girl. Local organizations were also very supportive and the girl is being given protection by the Grace Kennet Foundation, Madurai

Suspicious Death of School Boys at Avinashi

On receiving information about the 2 incidents involving Nachimuthu and Sri Kumar students of the same school within 20 days, our team intervened. We succeeded in getting collaboration with Vizhuthugal organization from Coimbatore which had been involving in the first incident. On the request from the Child Rights network, we PWTN and Vizhuthugal decided to handover the case to Advocate Geetha for filing a writ petition in the high court in the name of the victims.

Murder of a Dalit by Caste Hindus

Raja from Mekkilarpatty, Usilampatty Taluk, Madurai who was threatened by one Perumal a caste Hindu for cutting a tree and later called for a Panchayat was found murdered at the motor room that belongs to the same Perumal. Our team tried to protect the wife of the deceased and assisted her in preferring complaints. But due to the willful negligence of the police and their support to the perpetrators, the victim had been forcibly taken from the police station by the relative because of the threat posed by the caste Hindus. We are still in touch with the local contact persons and when the victim comes out of the clutches of the caste Hindus we will initiate further actions.

Fact Findings Undertaken

As monitoring alone cannot render justice or give answer to human rights violations, People's Watch Tamil Nadu makes interventions in issues taken up by it in the various forms of legal justice. These interventions are in the courts and commissions within the State of Tamil Nadu and at the national level. Interventions are also made at the international level by seeking support and solidarity of various credible human rights organizations and approaching the UN mechanisms available for highlighting issues of human rights violations in India.

Complaints Sent to Redressal Mechanisms

S. No	Form of Violation	No. of Fact Findings Done
	Custodial violence	
1.1	Death in Police Custody	13
1.2	Death of Judicial Custody	7
1.3	Encounter Deaths/ Murder	6
2	Custodial Torture	54
3	Caste related Violence and Discrimination	6
3.1	Caste Violence	
3.2	Caste Discrimination	
3.3	Violence	
4	Violence	
4.1	Sexual violence at workplace	
4.2	Sexual violence	
5	Corporation	
6	Poverty	
7	Bonded Labour	
8	Violence	
9	Election	
10	Others	



Brutal attack by unfulfilling Caste Hindus in Mela Urappanur

Dalit houses at Mela Urappanur village in Tirumangalam Taluk, Madurai district were attacked and looted by a gang of Caste Hindus on 14th Sep'05. On receiving information about this through phone calls from the village and reports in the media (on 15 Oct'05), our Monitoring team undertook a fact finding on 15th & 16 Oct'05. We could meet only the officials on the first day (15h October 05). On 16 October, 05, the team visited the spot, met the victims and others and obtained their statements

Courts of Law	Total
Writ before High Court	5
Appeals before District Court, High Court	1
Complaints sent to Commissions :-	
NHRC (National Human Rights Commission)	62
SHRC (State Human Rights Commission)	45
National Scheduled Castes (SC) Commission	40
Director of National SC Commission, Tamil Nadu	31
NMC (National Minority Commission)	11
SMC (State Minority Commission)	9
NCW (National Commission for Women)	28
SCW (State Commission for Women)	24
United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Torture	12
UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women	5
UN Special Rapporteur on Racial Discrimination	1
ST	3
Right To Information Act-I Petitions	11
Asian Human Rights Commission	17
OMCT	18
Amnesty	19
HRW	19
Forum Asia	1
HRI India	1
Total	363

Case of Mr. Mahesh Vincent, Kanyakumari District

Mr. Mahesh Vincent who had gone to Male to work as an Accountant in a Leather Goods showroom was languishing in Jail for more than 3 years in Maldives. We intervened and special efforts were taken by sending complaints to NHRC, The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Union Government of India and Urgent Appeal to AHRC and Communications to various Human Rights groups.

Case of Mr. Paramasivam (Dalit) (Police Custodial Death), Tirunelveli District

The victim was alleged to have been taken to the police station at Munneerpallam and subjected to cruel torture in the name of interrogation in connection with a theft case and thereby he is alleged to have died by hanging himself as a result of torture. His body was buried without proper post-mortem. Hence, we have approached the Hon. Madurai Bench of Madras High Court and filed a direction petition in Criminal OP No: 4055/200.

Uniting Diverse Groups Around a Public Campaign for Human Rights

Through the growth of locally-based cells in hundreds of taluks and villages, a growing number of individuals will be engaged in human rights monitoring, intervention and awareness-building across the state over a three-year period. They will become part of a Citizens for Human Rights Movement that engages women and men from a broad spectrum of society's political parties, movements, castes, religions, trade unions, civil society groups, human rights defenders and others. Grounded in their shared commitment to the values of human rights, these coalitions will attract tremendous grass-roots support and form taluk, district and state committees with male and female coordinators to lead campaign units, monitoring units, intervention units and training and education units. PW-TN will provide appropriate leadership training, run workshops and refresher courses for human rights defenders, and support this Citizens for Human Rights Movement in any way necessary to sustain its ongoing effectiveness.

Case of Ms. Rita Mary, Chennai District

Ms. Rita Mary was arrested by Tindivanam police U/s 8 (b) of PIT Act and remanded at Sub-Jail, Ginjee. There she was alleged to have been raped by Jail officials in a gang. We intervened by assisting the prosecution through our RLO, Mr. Lourdu Xavier of Cuddalore and Villupuram District in Sessions case No: 126/2002 and 127/2002 on the file of Fast Track Court No: 2, Tindivanam.

The Human Rights Defenders Training Programs

	Training Date	Taluks covered	Venue	Male	Female	No of Participant	Assurance to start cells	Cells started
1	Dec17&18	Rameshwaram, Rannad	Rameshwaram	38	24	61	26 cells	09
2	Jan 21&22	Tirunelveli, Palayam kottai	Tirunelveli	38	10	47	144 cells	21
3	Jan 28&29	Salem, Mettur	Salem	37	22	59	59 cells	05
4	Feb 4&5	Rajapalayam, Sirvilliputhur	Sirvilliputhur	32	15	47	116 cells	12
5	Mar 4&5	Vaniyampadi, Thirupathur	Thirupathur	40	19	59	101 cells	01
6	Mar 4&5	Manamadurai Illaiyankudi	Sivangalai	32	14	46	89 cells	
7	Mar 11&12	Thiruthani, Pallipattu	Thiruthani	19	26	45	48 cells	
8	Mar 11&12	Agastheeswaram & Thovaalai	Nagarcoil	34	11	45	67 cells	
9	April 22&23	Madurai South and North	Madurai	30	12	42	38cells	
10	April 22&23	Trichy, Manapparai	Trichy	25	22	47	93 cells	01
11	April 22&23	Arani, Polur	Polur	35	6	41	64 cells	1
12	May 27 & 28	Palcoode, Ponnagaram	Dharmapuri	28	15	43	59 cells	
13	May 27 & 28	Tiruchendur, Sathankulam	Tiruchendur	22	14	36	82 cells	
14	May 27 & 28	Chengalpattu, Thiukkazhukundram	Chengalpattu	20	7	27	47 cells	



A National Public Hearing on Keeripatti, Pappapatti, Nattarmangalam

A National Public Hearing on Keeripatti, Pappapatti, Nattarmangalam (Madurai District) and Kottakachiyenthal (Virudunagar district) [reserved constituencies where Dalits were denied participation in the local body elections]

was held at Justice Krishnaiyar Hall, SOCO Trust, Madurai on 14/06/2005. Justice Mr. V. Ramasamy, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, Justice Mr. M.S. Janarthanam, Former Judge, High Court of Chennai, Dr. Mohini Giri, Former Chairperson,



National Commission for Women, New Delhi with a few others were the members of the jury. Release of the jury's report of the National Public Hearing on the denial of political participation to Dalits in the Reserved Panchayats of Pappapatti, Keeripatti, Nattarmangalam and Kotakachiyenthal held in Madurai on 14.06.05 was held in Chennai on 15.11.2005 and subsequently on 15.12.05 in People's Watch - Tamil Nadu, Madurai.

Public Hearing on Torture

On 15 November 2005, the Campaign Against Torture (CAT), a campaign promoted by People's Watch Tamil Nadu (PW-TN) in association with a cross-section of movements, political parties and human rights defenders, organized a Public Hearing in Chennai on the continuing and indiscriminate practice of torture by the law enforcement authorities, in the name of caste by the dominant communities, in the name of gender by male chauvinists in domestic and public affairs as well as corporal punishment in the name of chastising children within the class room. The jury members were the following: Justice H. Suresh, Retired Judge,



Bombay High Court, Justice M. S. Janarthanam, Retired Judge, Madras High Court, Mr. V.R. Lakshmi Narayanan, Retired DGP, TN, Ms. Aruna Roy IAS, Member of the National Advisory Council, Ms. Annie Raja, General Secretary, National Federation of Indian Women, New Delhi, Dr. V. Vasanthi

Devi, Former Chairperson of the State Commission of Women, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Karuppan, IAS (Retired), State Convener for the National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights, Dr. S.S. Rajagopalan, Educationist, and Prof. Jawahirullah, President, TMMK.

Release of Sadashiva Commission Report

Justice Sadashiva panel of enquiry (set up by the NHRC itself to find out if there were any facts behind the complaints about rights violation by the JSTF in the name of nabbing Veerappan) had submitted its report to the NHRC on December 3, 2003, after holding 10 sittings in the course of which it recorded evidence from 192 victims and 28 officers of the JSTF. Officers of the rank of Inspector General of Police from both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka were present throughout the sittings of the panel and the officers had cross-examined all victims who deposed before the panel. Rather than putting pressure on the two state governments to act on the report, the NHRC had graciously extended deadlines several times for them to respond. It now transpires that the NHRC had received the response to the Sadashiva Panel's report from both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka



Governments. A fact that was disclosed by the NHRC only after the full commission meeting met on October 19, 2005. It must be noted here that the provocation for the Commission to take up the issue in its October 19, 2005 meeting was the pressure mounted on its members by a delegation of the Campaign and after 16 of the victims of JSTF torture narrated their experience before Justice Shivraj Patil, Hon'ble member of the NHRC. This happened on October 14, 2005. Justice Patil was presented with the facts of the case by the victims themselves. The decision taken by the NHRC on October 19, 2005 to send copies of the Sadashiva Panel report along with the response by the State Governments, to the victims is indeed a step ahead in the long struggle that all of us were involved ourselves during the past decade. The campaign for justice to the victims of JSTF torture has been central to PW-TN's agenda in the ten years of its existence.



Discussion Forums Conducted

S.No	Date	Topic	Speaker
1.	10.11.05	Right to Information Act	Mr. Nizamuddin of FEDCOT
2.	15.12.05	Natural Disasters – Duties of the state and responsibilities of the public	Mr. P. Ravichandran, HRFDL, Tindivanam
3.	18.03.06	Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 – An Analysis	Ms. R. P. Beulah, of IWID, Chennai.

Joint Actions with Other Campaigns



About 25 members of our staff joined the survivors of atrocities committed by the Joint Task Force (JSTF) of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, for a protest Dharna against NHRC, for delaying action on the report of Justice Sadashiva Panel of Inquiry. About 50 victims from MM hills, Kollegal, Chamraj Nagar, Marattahalli attended the same in Bangalore to sit in the protest Dharna on 2ND OCTOBER 2005 (SUNDAY) held at BANGALORE under the aegis of the Campaign for the Relief and Rehabilitation of STF Victims in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

On August 15 a massive rally was organized by the Campaign Unit under the aegis of the Joint Action Committee against Untouchability in which 400 Dalit Human Rights Activists were arrested, including 100 women, under the leadership of Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Mr. Kolathur Mani, Mr. Chandrabose, Mr. S. T. Kalyanasundaram and other members of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) Against Untouchability for rallying against the denial of political participation of the Dalits in Pappapatti, Keeripatti, Naatarmangalam and Kottakkatchiyendal.



Mr. Dhillip Kumar Bhattacharya undertook a 'Walk Against Torture and Ensuring the Rights' (WATER) Patha Yathra. The campaign has made local groups take up responsibility of his Yatra in their respective areas along with TLAC and other units. He went on a Padayatra from February 2nd to March 8th along the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu from Chennai to Kanyakumari. The Campaign Unit participated in the Plachimada Yatra of the Gangaikondan Campaign against Coca Cola that created awareness among the people of Gangaikondan on how to protect against the setting up of the plant on 11.10.05.

Creating Rehabilitation Centers for Torture Victims (RCTV)

Around the year 2000, PW-TN became acutely aware that survivors of terrible atrocities need physical and emotional rehabilitation. The strategic plan called for 2 rehabilitation centers to be established in Madurai and Mettur, each able to serve victims from several surrounding districts. They provide protective temporary shelter, a safe place for victims to share their stories and therapeutic psychological counseling for individuals, families and groups. The goal is to enable people to regain self confidence and freedom from the

post traumatic stress disorder from which so many of them suffer. This year, a branch of the Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (RCTV) has started functioning in Mettur to cater to the persons affected by the torture meted out by the Special Task Force constituted to nab Veerappan. RCTV was moved to an independent building in Madurai with more space for victims needing shelter, with physiotherapy equipments managed by a Nurse-cum-Matron, a physiotherapist, a Counselor and a part-time Social Worker.



- Medical Assistance was given to 50 persons at the Madurai RCTV and to 1, 212 persons at the Mettur branch
- Temporary shelter was provided to 100 persons at Madurai RCTV
- Legal assistance was given to 177 persons at RCTV Mettur in the reporting period.
- 248 Students are getting Educational Support. 146 of them are male and 102 are female. 225 of them are school going and 23 are college students. The Beneficiaries of Educational Assistance Program come from Madurai, Tirunelveli, Ramnad, Trichy, Tanjore, Tutiorin, Chennai, Salem, Mettur and Villupuram districts of Tamil Nadu.

Economic Assistance

Scheme	Beneficiaries		Total Amount Disbursed
	Female	Male	
Cows	3	2	54, 000
Goats	15	26	2, 41, 000
Education	--	3	24, 275
Medical Treatment	--	1	5, 000
Re-erecting thatched roof	10	1	47, 000
Setting up petty shop	1	--	4, 000
Fishing Net	--	1	4, 000
Houses	2	--	10, 000
Performing final rites for spouse	1	--	1, 000



Summer Camp 2005



The fourth summer camp 'Child Rights in the protection of Nature' conducted by the Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victim was held at Mahatma Montessori School, Alagar Kovil, Madurai from 7.05.05 to 16.05.05. 168

Children took part in this camp. A day at the camp would begin at 6.00 am with yoga and would end in the night with Kundakka Mandakka, an entertainment activity that children look forward to with great eagerness. The children were divided into teams according to their age and taught leadership skills, drama, folk dances, crafts, painting and naturopathy.

Igniting Public Awareness through Strategic Communications

Department of Communication is established this year comprising of a new Media Unit, Documentation Center and Publications.

Through a variety of efforts aimed at enhancing public interest, awareness and outrage around human rights issues, PW-TN has launched an intensive, targeted media campaign and accelerated an active publications and documentation component of its work. In addition to attracting more media coverage, publications promotes human rights awareness among students, research scholars and civil societies is translated into Tamil, English, Hindi and other regional languages. A Documentation and Research Center brochure is made available to universities, human rights activists and political movements. In this way, once the ire of women and men across all sectors of society is ignited, a more extensive human rights perspective is systemically permeate society and a more just, more egalitarian human rights culture begin to flourish.

Documentation Centre

The documentation is the nerve center of activities of our program. This center contains a good documentation of various important news items duly catalogued according to headings, selected as per our field needs, Besides it also has a good collection of periodicals in English, good law references, books on law of HR and reference books on various other subjects connected with HR and civil society. The sources at this Documentation Center are regularly monitored and form the basis of information provided to the monitoring team for their intervention through fact-finding missions.

- The Documentation Centre has purchased a total of 522 books which includes 467 reference books and 55 law books in the reporting period.
- 200 news issues regarding human rights which were published in dailies and magazines were given to the staff of the organization to enable fact finding missions on the issues and for other purposes.

- The DC has subscribed to 14 daily newspapers of Madurai District and 76 magazines during this period. The Documentation Centre also collects newspapers of other Districts of the State.
- 510 is the total number of visitors who have benefited from the Documentation Centre during this period.

Publications

Publications that promote human rights awareness among students, research scholars and civil societies are released. The more people have access to books, journals and other publications in their own language, the more people will become engaged in the defense of human rights. Manitha Urimai Kangani (a human rights journal) is published monthly and soon to be registered, and national and international human rights laws, declarations, fact-finding reports and other articles and editorials on human rights are included in its content. Training materials, school books, annual reports and minutes of important human rights conventions will be made available in Tamil, Hindi and English as well as regional languages, wherever possible.

Book titled '*Desiya*

Manitha Urimai

Aanaiyangal

Kudimakkal Kaiyyedu'

(A hand book on National Human Rights Commissions)



Book titled
'Human Rights'

Our Magazine

Manitha Urimai Kangani which had earlier been a Quarterly has become a magazine with monthly periodicity from the month of October, 2005.



A booklet on 'Protection of women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005' and a book titled, 'Mavatta Manitha Urimai Neethimandram' (District Human Rights Court) were published.

Exhibitions at Book Fairs our Magazine

Our books were exhibited at

- Nine training programs on Human Rights for Lawyers held at Madurai, Trichy, Dindivanam, Courtallam, Coimbatore, Thanjavur, Salem, Vellore and Chennai on 2005 July 16,17, 2005 July 30,31, 2005 August 6,7, 2005 August - 13,14, 2005 August 20,21, 2005 August 27,28, 2005 January 7, 8, 2005, 2005 January 22, 23, and February 4, 5 respectively.
- Book Exhibition held in Chennai in January, 2006
- The Cultural Night of Campaign Against Torture held in June 2005.
- The Dalit Cultural Festival held in March 2006 in Madurai

Sales

- Our publications have been sold for a total amount of Rs.1, 70, 666 in the reporting period.

Media Unit

Through a variety of efforts aimed at enhancing public interest, awareness and outrage around human rights issues, PW-TN has launched an intensive, targeted media campaign to accelerate an active publications and documentation component of its work.

Press Meets Conducted and Press Releases Generated Discussion Forums Conducted

- Six State level Press Meets were held for various issues like demand for release of the Sadashiva Pane's report, Visit of Ms. Elena Ippoliti, Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, among others.
- Five District Level Press Meets were held for issues like the dharna staged by STF victims, International Women's Day, Training programs for lawyers etc.
- Ten District Level Press Releases and Eight State Level Press Releases on the public hearings conducted by us, the fact findings undertaken by our monitoring unit, issues of human rights violations and important activities of the organization were generated.

Documentaries and Short Films that have been produced and are Under Production

- A documentary titled 'Workshop' on the atrocities that the people living in villages of the Tamil Nadu Karnataka Border were subjected to by the Special task Force formed to nab sandalwood smuggler Veerappan was completed in the month of November
- A docudrama on Melaurappanur Caste Clash was made in the month of October
- A series of three minute short stories on various human rights were completed in the month January.

- A documentary on Plachimada (Protest against Coca Cola Plant) was completed in the month of February)
- A documentary on People's Watch Tamil Nadu is under production



Screenings of Our Productions

The Documentary film titled 'Workshop' was screened for press persons at the media training program on human rights held on 13.11.05 and 14.11.05 which was well received by the media persons.

'Workshop' was screened also at the Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai in December.

Short film made on the Melaurappanur issue was screened at Human Rights Defenders Training program held at Srivilliputhur on 4.02.06 and 5.02.06.

CHA **(Consortium of** **Humanitarian Agencies)**

CHA (Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies) South Asia Regional Programme on "Rights to Sustainable Livelihood and Enabling of Social and Political Participations":

Having had track record of successful promotion and protection of civil and political rights, it was a natural progress for PWTN to expand its mandate to cover economic, social and cultural rights with a particular emphasis on a sustainable livelihood

perspective. This logical expansion of the organizational agenda has resulted in PWTN partnering with the srilanka based "Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies" to initiate a South Asian Regional Programme on the "Rights to Sustainable Livelihood and Promotion of Social and Political Participation" which is being implemented in all SAARC Countries since 2004. As part of this agenda, pressure groups from the district to the national level are being organized and individuals, organizations and campaigns which constitute the pressure groups are being supported and trained and capacity building is being given to enable them to expand and sustain the efforts of the program. The emphasis during the first year of the program was more on policy critique, sustainable livelihood mapping, and database development and creating structure at the district level, those are the Community Protection Networks (CPNs) the very basis of all our future interventions.

EU-FNST National Project on “Preventing Torture in India: From Public Awareness to State Accountability”



Die Stiftung für Liberale Politik

Friedrich Naumann
Stiftung

Peoples Watch - Tamil Nadu

European Union has formally approved this national level project in the last week of December 2005. The project implementation has begun from January 2006. The national office has been set up in Chennai. The aim of the action is to initiate and model a national campaign for the prevention of torture in India, with a deliberate focus on torture practices routinely employed by police. This project will cover the following 10 States in India: Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, and Bihar. The overall goal of the proposed action is the prevention and reduction of torture in India, where police abuses remain an entrenched and often routine law enforcement strategy despite India's status as the world's largest democracy. It will confront frequent police practices that include assault and physical abuse, custodial death, custodial rape, threats and psychological humiliation, and deprivation of food, water, sleep, and medical attention.



Specifically, the action seeks to model and initiate a national campaign against in ten states which :

- protects potential victims of torture,

particularly those belonging to vulnerable and marginalized communities,

- highlights individual cases of torture as they occur,
- improves institutional response to instances of torture by demanding state accountability,
- advances an ethic of responsibility and restraint among law enforcement officers,
- educates and enlists professional groups such as lawyers, social activists, doctors, psychiatrists, journalists, and teachers in the campaign to prevent and eliminate torture,
- raises public awareness of torture as an unlawful and widespread abuse of police powers,
- promotes favourable policy outcomes in the form of new domestic anti-torture legislation and commitments to existing international treaties.



- Two stages will drive the action's overall agenda: first, the formation of ten state-wide networks to monitor instances of torture and intervene on behalf of individual victims; and second, a national awareness campaign that uses this monitoring data to generate public and professional condemnation of torture practices within a wider culture of rights, improve enforcement of and adherence to existing constitutional guarantees, and lobby for CAT ratification and stricter domestic laws in India's Parliament and the individual state legislative assemblies.
- The district-by-district torture monitoring will be



Tsunami Legal Action Committee (TLAC)

A Joint effort of People's Watch Tamil Nadu, Madurai, Society for Community Organisation Trust, Madurai and Human Rights Law Network, Chennai, the TLAC's Overall Objectives are Putting into practice, the principle of "Disaster relief and rehabilitation as a matter of right" in law and policy and ensuring that Grievance redress mechanism is put in place by states in times of disasters.

conducted by a corps of 100 torture monitors across the ten states, drawn from local affiliates coordinated by FNS's partner People's Watch Tamil Nadu. Torture monitors will investigate abuses as they occur in real-time interviewing victims, witnesses, and police, collecting documents, and mobilizing local media coverage. These fact-finding missions will subsequently provide the basis for targeted legal interventions, primarily in support of individuals from marginalized groups, performed by staff lawyers in each state

Selection of Villages & List of Legal Camps Conducted

S. No.	Zone	District	Villages	Total No. of Villages	Camps	Total
01.	Chennai	Chennai	33	121	33	121
02.		Kancheepuram	48		48	
03.		Tiruvallur	40		40	
04.	Cuddalore	Cuddalore	68	91	68	91
05.		Villupuram	16		16	
06.		Pondicherry	7		7	
07.	Nagapattinam	Nagapattinam	53	61	66	74
08.		Karaikkal	8		8	
09.	Kanyakumari	Kanyakumari	29	78	35	87
10.		Tirunelveli	10		10	
11.		Tuticorin	26		29	
12.		Ramnad	13		13	
Total			351		373	

Classification of Complaints

S. No.	Classifications	Chennai	Cuddalore	Nagai	Kumari	Total
01.	Relief & Compensations	8,925	1,135	6,323	6,400	22,783
02.	Fisheries	11,716	3,192	7,201	44,906	67,015
03.	Land & Agriculture	91	1,080	10,756	132	12,059
04.	Missing Documents	99	364	255	261	979
05.	Bank & Insurance	111	218	516	312	1,157
06.	Livelihood	15,216	3,531	15,605	913	35,265
07.	Discrimination	4,512	1,672	1,570	2,364	10,118
08.	Shelter	170	2,854	18,484	15,914	37,422
09.	Miscellaneous	594	998	290	116	1,998
Total		41,434	15,044	61,000	71,318	1,88,796

national awareness campaign coordinated by people's watch will employ the raw data generated by these monitoring activities to drive media coverage, public education, and lobbying activities devoted to water visibility to the prevalence of torture. Reporting on individual instances of abuse will be matched by activities that aim to broadly educate a public audience as to their rights and the legal resources available to them. On a policy level, the campaign will push to increase these protections. It will also include at its core a series of state-level awareness conferences targeting the various professions implicated in the elimination of torture: lawyers, social activists, doctors, psychiatrists, journalists, and teachers. Police themselves, as well as members of the judiciary, are also to be treated as intermediaries, receiving awareness training that addresses them as constructive partners rather than adversaries in this project.

PWTN's Tsunami Response & Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Coordination

TRRC is neither an implementing organization nor a nodal agency for any funding organizations. It is only a coordination that remains to be informal in its form and structure. TRRC believes in inclusiveness and Rights principles and is open for NGOs, Movements, Organizations and Expert groups who fall in agreement with its codes and principles. TRRC does not have any other criteria what so ever to become a member except for the codes and principles. Since its inception on 30.12.04, the membership has grown from 90 to 300. Except for matters of emergency, all decisions of TRRC are only taken through a consultative process.

Consultations / Workshops

State Level Consultation on G.O. 172 on Housing was held in Chennai on 10.06.05 State Level Consultation with the Traditional Coastal Panchayat representatives on issues of land allocation for housing was held on the 12 of July, 2005 in Chennai. Stipend A two day workshop on CBDRM was organized by the National Disaster Management Authority of India (NDMA), at Hotel Centaur, New Delhi on the 27th and 28th of February 2006. TRRC (Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Committee) and PW-TN (People's Watch - Tamil Nadu) played a major role in subjecting the Bill for critical analysis in comparison to the Gujarat State DM Act 2003 and the UN Guidelines on resettling Internally Displaced Persons. PW-TN was invited to this conference on the basis of our work in Tsunami Relief & Rehabilitation. The two day workshop was only a preliminary effort at the national level which will lead to the setting-up of State Disaster Management Authorities. PW-TN's inputs to the planning were appreciated In December 2005 Action Aid International published a report on the overall human rights scenario, post-tsunami relief and rehabilitation, covering all the countries hit by tsunami 2004. The report showed the Overall situation to be discouraging from a human rights perspective. The

report was taken for serious consideration by the office of the UN Special Envoy for tsunami, Mr. Bill Clinton. Subsequently, the UN Special Envoy for Tsunami deputed Mr. Eric Schwartz to investigate the matter and report back to him. In this context, the Deputy UN Special Envoy visited India during 25th and 26th of February to meet with Government authorities, affected communities and the INGOs and NGOs in general and human rights organizations in particular. PW-TN was invited to present its views in a meeting with the UN Deputy Special Envoy on the evening of 25th February 2006. A status report of In-situ construction in Tamil State and INGO / NGO Tate and INGO / NGO Tate and INGO / NGO Tate and INGO / NGO Transparency and Accountability in Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation in Tamil Nadu Pondichery

Studies Completed

- Rapid Impact Assessment
- Discrimination / Exclusion in State Relief
- Profiling of Widows and Orphans
- People's Perception on G.O. 172
- Livelihood Study
- Housing Reconstruction People Vs1 NGOs; Contemporary Issues
- Coastal Area Management
- Status of Minorities
- Impact of Tsunami on Children
- Report on Water and Sanitation
- A status report of In-situ construction in Tamil Nadu
- State and INGO / NGO Transparency and Accountability in Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry



Dalit Human Rights Monitoring (DHRM)



The objective is to empower and capacitate about 400 local Dalit human rights activists in 12 states to effectively monitor Dalit human rights violations and to use the all available legal interventions at the local, regional, state, national and international level. This will be done through capacity building of activists on understanding human rights from the perspective of victims, human rights mechanisms (National and International) and provide them with the necessary skills to effectively monitor Dalit human rights violations in their respective states; providing the factual basis for undertaking an effective advocacy and lobbying program at the national and international level on Dalit human rights violations and the policies that require to be urgently undertaken for their immediate and effective amelioration; providing the factual basis for an effective monitoring and assessment of all the national and international mechanisms that exist for providing redress to Dalits so that they are speedy, effective and able to render justice to victims and also punish perpetrators responsible for the violations; and establishing a suitable national mechanism with sufficient state level networks that is capacitated to continue this monitoring at the district level and ultimately work towards the empowering of the Dalit communities to carry forward their agenda of attaining equality, non discrimination and social and economic justice.

National Capacity Building Training Programs

1. DHRM National Capacity Building Training Program from 17th to 26th of April 2005

The DHRM National Capacity Building Training Program (NCTP) for the states of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkand was held at Pantha Nivas, Bhubaneswar, Orissa from 17th to 26th of April 2005. There were totally 67 participants out of which 14 were women.

2. DHRM National Capacity Building Training Program from 5th to 13th of June 2005.

The DHRM National Capacity Building Training Program for the states of Punjab and Haryana was held at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Chandigarh, Punjab from 5th to 13th of June 2005. There were totally 38 participants out of whom there were 7 women participants.

3. DHRM - NCTP on Report writing Skills and State Review Meeting - Bihar

The DHRM NCTP on Skills in writing Human Rights Fact Finding Reports along with the Bihar State Review Meeting was held at Navjothi Niketan, Patna, Bihar from 9th to 13th of May 2005. There were totally 15 participants for the skills training out of which 4 were women.

4. DHRM - NCTP on Report writing Skills and State Review Meeting Rajasthan.

The DHRM NCTP on Skills in writing Human Rights Fact Finding Reports along with the Rajasthan State Review Meeting was held at Pastoral Center, Ajmer, Rajasthan from 20th to 25th of May 2005. There were totally 20

participants for the skills training out of which 2 were women participants. Ten more trained DHRMAs attended the last day's state review meeting along with other participants.

5. DHRM - NCTP on Report writing Skills and States Planning Meeting-Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Jharkand

The DHRM NCTP on Skills in writing Human Rights Fact Finding Reports along with the State's Planning Meeting for the newly formed three DHRM states namely, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Review Meeting was held at Pastoral Center, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from 17th to 21st of June 2005. There were totally 37 participants for the skills training out of which 10 were women participants.

6. DHRM NCTP to develop fact finding - Bangalore:

The DHRM NCTP to develop fact finding skills like interviewing, report writing and intervention for Dalit Women activists was held at Navaspoorthi Kendra, Bangalore from 24-28 October 2005. There were 67 women participants from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh

7. DHRM NCTP on Public Hearing Uttar Pradesh:

DHRM conducted a three days National capacity Building Training Program on Public Hearing at Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, from 15-17, November 2005. There were totally 49 trained DHRM Associates from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. In this training DHRM Associates received training

in Public Hearing skills on 'What is Public Hearing?', 'How to conduct?', 'How to analyze the cases?' and 'Preparation for a Public Hearing'.

Internship

- Twenty Three persons from different states of the country underwent internship at the National office, Madurai during the reporting period
- The program came to a close in March 2006 and the activities will henceforth be carried forward by the National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR).

DHRM National Advisory Committee

Programs that were carried out in the last one year were reviewed in detail. The impact made in the last two year and the difficulties faced while implementing the program in these years were discussed. The main resolution was Project will be carried out till March 2006 with some changes that is transferring some responsibilities to the NCDHR from Aug. 2005.

Staff Participation in International Programs

- Mr.C.J.Rajan represented People's Watch at New Tactics Project and Forum-Asia Regional Training Workshop held at Chiang Mai, Thailand from 5 -11 August 2005.
- Participation of Ms. Chitra, State Program Officer of TLAC in the Action Aid partners meeting on Human Rights in a disaster situation and working towards a document "One Year After", Colombo, September 28-October 1, 2005.
- Mr. Pradip More Gorakhanath, one of the Project Coordinators in the DHRM Project participated in "The 9th Annual Asian Training

and Study Session on Human Rights (ATSS)” at SASA International House, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand from Oct 9-29, 2005.

- Prof. Saraswathi, one of the 5 State Conveners of the Campaign Against Torture in Tamil Nadu in the International conference “Poverty, Inequality and Violence, is there a human rights response?” from Oct 04-06, 2005 at Geneva, Switzerland organized by World Organization Against Torture (OMCT).
- Dr. I. Devasahayam participated in the Regional Training of Trainers in South Asia held at Chittagong, Bangladesh from January 30 to February 4, 2006 organized by Equitas, the International Centre for Human Rights Education based in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Dr. M. Annadurai participated in First International Volunteer Management Workshop organized by iVolunteer & VSO at New Delhi, March 19-22, 2006.

Staff Participation in National Programs

- Mr. Edison, Accountant, participated in the Skill Building Workshop for Accounts Persons at Ford Foundation Grantees in Bangalore from August 16-18, 2005.
- Mr. Edison, Accountant, participated in the Consultation on FCMC Bill at Karur organized by AREDS from August 19-20, 2005
- Mr. Titty Albert, Mr. S. Ganesan, Ms. Palaniammal, Ms. Joeji, Mr. Pandiyan and Mr. O. Anandkumar, RMAs in the HR Monitoring unit participated in the Training Program on “Advocacy- Voicing the Rights of the Marginalised’ from Sep 26-28, 2005 at KKID, Coimbatore
- Mr. G. Ganesan and Mr. Edison participated in the Seminar on “Professionalizing NGO Sector” organized by DHAN Foundation at Madurai on 29th September 2005

Number of Staff Members in People’s Watch as on 31st March, 2006

S. No	Unit	Number of Staff
1.	Executive Director	
2.	IHRE	Chairperson
3.	IHRE	Director
4.	Directors	3 - Programs, Training and Finance & Administration
5.	Human Rights Monitoring	18
6.	Human Rights Intervention	16
7.	Campaign	4
8.	Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (RCTV)	12
9.	Institute of Human Rights Education – Tamil Nadu	5
10.	Institute of Human Rights Education – National	10
11.	EU-FNSt-National Project on Preventing Torture	15
12.	Documentation Centre	4
13.	Publication	2
14.	Media	2
15.	Dalit Human Rights Monitoring	1
16.	CHA – Right to Sustainable Livelihood	2
17.	Tsunami Response	5
18.	Tsunami Legal Action Committee (TLAC)	61
19.	Accounts unit	5
20.	Computer unit	8
21.	Administration	12
Total		188

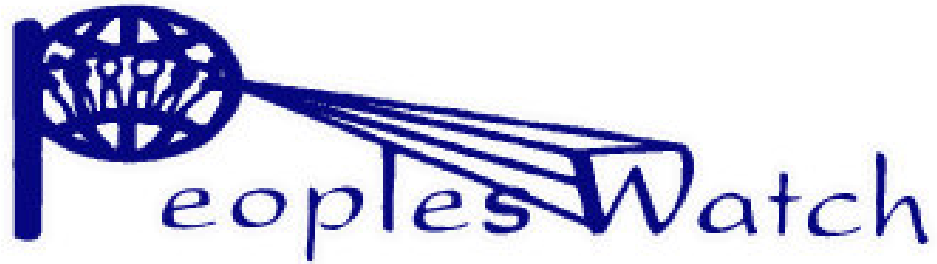
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2005 TO 31.03.2006

Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account for the period 01.04.2005 to 31.03.2006

	RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT		PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
To	Opening Balance		18,522,724.98	By			
..	Receipt of Grant from different Donors			..	Total Expenses		
	CORDAID, Netherlands	33,502,193.00			CORDAID, Netherlands	16,812,817.11	
	FORD FOUNDATION, USA	1,835,187.30			FORD FOUNDATION, USA	2,343,028.05	
	MISEREOR, GERMANY	3,156,804.70			MISEREOR, GERMANY	4,917,637.09	
	FNST, GERMANY	4,264,730.22			FNST, GERMANY	4,271,395.60	
	BREAD FOR THE WORLD, GERMANY	-			BREAD FOR THE WORLD, GERMANY		
	DHRM	5,097,018.38			DHRM	5,467,546.61	
	HIP	1,500.00			HIP	1,495,365.54	
	CHA	-			CHA	1,362,529.33	
	TIDES	-			TIDES	137,492.85	
	FUND FOR GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS,	-			FUND FOR GLOBAL HUMAN	2,288,402.50	
	DANCHURCH AID, DENMARK	4,286,391.52			DANCHURCH AID, DENMARK	1,540,043.95	
	CCFD, FRANCE	1,988,750.00			CCFD, FRANCE	2,849,575.67	
	FFIA, SWEDEN	100,000.00			FFIA, SWEDEN	55,257.50	
	EDM, BELGIUM	25,000.00			EDM, BELGIUM	139,744.70	
	ASSOCIATION PERE CYRAC, FRANCE	426,822.00			ASSOCIATION PERE CYRAC,	497,142.25	
	Centre for Cultural & Technical Interchange,	27,028.00			Centre for Cultural & Technical	27,028.00	
	BANYAN TREE FOUNDATION, USA	3,745,086.00			BANYAN TREE FOUNDATION, USA	3,294,417.51	
	ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY	279,200.00			ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY	295,982.80	
	UNCHR	574,727.00			UNCHR	74,761.75	
	MS.KAMALA	-			MS.KAMALA	10,057.05	
	UUSC, USA	1,742,118.00			UUSC, USA	3,500,299.49	
	Global Fund for Women, USA	43,376.00			Global Fund for Women, USA	43,376.00	
	American Jewish World Service, USA	1,505,000.00			American Jewish World Service, USA	990,560.23	
	OMCT	-			OMCT	85,978.50	
	IIE	-			IIE	8,026.00	
	PLAN	619,000.00			PLAN	1,266,748.57	
	ACTION AID	250,000.00			ACTION AID	1,161,597.50	
	TLAC - CUDDALORE	-	63,469,932.12		TLAC - CUDDALORE	1,197,817.84	56,134,629.99
..	Local Contribution & Other receipts		2,250,038.00	..	Expenses incurred in Local Accounts		156,583.50
	Satyam Foundation		572,000.00				430.00
..	Bank Interest		779,594.00	..	Closing Balance		29,302,645.65
	Total		85,594,289.14		Total		85,594,289.14

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2006

PREVIOUS YEAR ENDED 31.3.2005	LIABILITIES	SCHEDULE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PREVIOUS YEAR ENDED 31.3.2005	ASSETS	SCHEDULE	AMOUNT
4,048,139	Capital Fund	I		6,676,598.20	3,434,691	Fixed Assets	IV	5,019,591.29
17,891,777	Project Fund & Current Liabilities	II	27,581,138.74		18,522,725	Current Assets	V	29,302,645.65
17,500	Loans and Advances	III	64,500.00	27,645,638.74				
21,957,416	Total			34,322,236.94	21,957,416	Total		34,322,236.94



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