

People's Watch
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People's Watch is one of India's leading human rights organizations. People's Watch seeks to hold the State accountable to its citizens for chronic abuses of citizen rights and works to advance a human rights culture disposed to safeguard both the welfare and the freedom of all people.

For over 13 years, People's Watch has fought for the protection and promotion of human rights in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. (In the past decade, People's Watch shortened its name from "People's Watch Tamil Nadu" as it broadened its focus to national concerns.) People's Watch has similarly expanded its activities beyond human rights monitoring and reporting. Today, it pursues a holistic approach to championing human rights through everything from pursuing legal remedies on behalf of victims to sheltering victims in a rehabilitation center, to teaching future generations a human rights curriculum and building a citizen's movement for HR – of ALL RIGHTS for ALL PEOPLES.

Report of activities during the year April 2008 to March 2009

Human Rights Monitoring Unit

High Profile Fact – Findings:

- People's Watch engaged "High Profile Fact finding team" in the issue of Sexual Harassment & Child Abuse in Sevalaya Hr.Sec. School at Thiruvallur on 15th July to 18th July 2008. The team members were Mr. Xavier Arockiasamy, Dr.Arulraj, Ms.S.Palaniammal, Ms.Umarani and Mr.Titty Albert



- A High level Fact finding mission was undertaken by the HRM unit, in the case of Encounter death of Gopi, Salem, on 16th November 2008. Interventions had been made in the name of the victim to all the concerned officials. A Press meet was organized in this issue.

- A High level Fact finding project was undertaken by the HRM unit, in the case of Encounter death of, Devendran, Theni, on 20th January 2009
- High Level interventions were taken up in the case of the Corporal punishment of a student of Vatlagundu, Dindigul district, where false cases had been filed on the father, mother and our staff who had stepped forward to assist the family legally.

1. Intimations of Human Rights Violations Received from RMAs:

Intimations Recorded fact finding cases of human rights violations received from RMAs alone are 6151 for the period April'08 - March 2009.

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2. Total number of Fact Finding done during the period April- March 2009 is 766.
3. **HRM unit trainings- Training given to 203 members (both male and female). The trainers undertook 34 fact findings.**

4. **District Level Victim Meeting:**

In the 84 meetings that were conducted, 394 cases were discussed and 557 victims participated.

5. **Taluk Visit by RMAs: During this period 113 taluks were visited by the RMAs.**

6. **District Level Advocacy & Lobbying**

District Level Advocacy & Lobbying visits were undertaken on 27th and 28th of August 2008 at Virudhunagar, on 30th Sept – 2nd Oct 2008 at Tirunelveli, on 4th to 6th of December 2008 at Salem and on 21st February 2009 at Sivagangai

The aim of these programs is to promote human rights issues at several levels. Therefore there were discussions with local NGOs as well as a meeting with the press meeting and bureaucracy-advocacy. It was made public that there have been a many number of human rights violations registered in the concerned districts within the year. Information was provided under different categories like caste discriminations, violence against women, and police torture. The new method of lobbying and advocacy, which was also used in Virudhunagar district and Tirunelveli district, brought some significant success. Due to the system of networking, which was developed as part of the visit, a Federation of Monitoring was established. This assembly of NGOs and activists will now meet once every three months to compile a single report, which will include all their information on human rights issues.

7. **Planning Meeting – Police Torture issue – Viscos mill:**

The Viscos Mill, located at Sirumugai, Mettupalayam; Coimbatore District, has not been functioning since 2000 following a High court order due to complaints of environmental hazards that were supposed to have been created by it. The net worth of the Mill is roughly around 1500 crores. Meanwhile, people around this area started stealing equipment and spare parts of the Mill and selling them illegally with the support of a number of police officials, politicians and Govt officials. The police officials involved in this started to file fake FIRs, accusing innocent people who are not involved in this in any manner, and subjected them to torture.

The unit conducted a planning meeting on this issue with Mettupalayam Bar Council advocates on the 22nd of Sep 2008.

8. **Staff Capacity Building**

- HRM unit staff participated in the 3 phases of the Psychological Counseling Training programs organized by the organization

9. **Other unit Activities**

- Mr. G.Ganesan, Coordinator of the HRM unit, facilitated the National Dalit HR Monitoring Training Program, organised by the Dalit Foundation on 5th & 6th Feb 2009 at Pillar House, in Madurai
- HRM staff participated, along with IHRE – TN, CNA Staff, in the Training Program on 'Reading Skills for Human Rights' held at Pillar House, Madurai. Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director, with Dr. Madasamy, Curriculum Consultant – IHRE participated as resource persons.
- Mr. G.Ganesan, HRM Coordinator, participated in the Tamilnadu Child Rights Protection Network meeting, regarding the Corporal Punishment Cases, held at ICSA, in Chennai, on 14th Feb, along with S.Palaniammal regarding the Corporal Punishment Cases

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- Mr. G.Ganesan, HRM Coordinator, met with several Sivagangai District level NGOs on like SAND – Mr.Subbu, SEEDS – Mr.Pandian, BGMNM – Ms.Vijayalakshmi and Political Party – CPM – Mr.Arjunan, Panchayat President Mr. Ameenal Sheik Mohammed and Mr.Nagarajan – Trade Union., 21st Feb 2009; to discuss the district level HR Violation issue for the Advocacy & Lobbying program.
- Mr. G.Ganesan, Coordinator, HRM participated along with Adv.Nikkolaus in the civil society capacity building programme organising by CHRI from 24 - 27 February 2009 at New Delhi.
- Mr. G.Ganesan, HRM Coordinator, facilitated a session on Fact Finding, Report writing, and rights during Arrest; to ADER partners and staff on 05th – 06th March 2009 at IIPTD, in Pondicherry.
- Mr. G.Ganesan, HRM Coordinator, delivered a session, on “Police Stations and the Field visit to Melavalavu, Manual scavenging” at Viruthunagar, on 9th March 2009.
- Lobbying work, for the issue of Batlagundu Corporal Punishment, with SHRC, SCW, Director of School education, along with ED, Adv.Panneer, and Mr.Sathish on 10th & 11th March 2009 at Chennai.

Human Rights Intervention (HRI) Unit **April 08 to March 09**

S. No	Activities	Total number
1.	Private complaint	29
2.	Petition u/s 156 (3) CrPc	13
3.	Total (Cri =HRI?) Cases follow up including legal assistances given	202
4.	Writ and other petitions (CrI oPs)	16
5.	Supreme Court	01
6.	Appeal and revisions	01
7.	Total writs under follow up	50
8.	Complaints to NHRC,	235
9.	Complaints to NSCC,	121
10.	Complaints to NWC	108
11.	Complaints to NMC	17
12.	Complaints to NST	10
13.	Complaints to NCPCR	37
14.	Complaints to SHRC	235
15.	Complaints to Dr. NSC.C	116
16.	Complaints to SWC	105
17.	Complaints to SMC	17
18.	Complaints to Govt. Officials	302
19.	RTI Application	154

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20.	Comments sent to NHRC	39
21.	Papers sent to follow up the case	94
22.	Papers sent to file 156 (3) petition and private complaints	94
23.	Reminders sent to commissions	325
24.	Reminders sent to Govt. Officials	877
25.	Responses received from commissions and entered in the case files	613
26.	Responses received from Govt. Officials and entered in the files.	187
27.	Case files received from HRM and EU and taken on file and entered in the filing register assigning file numbers.	227
28.	Complaints numbered by NHRC and entered in the case files.	166
29.	Information received u/RTI and entered in the files.	82
30.	Other responses received from PIOs and entered in the files.	79
31.	Case files reviewed checked and closed	129
32.	RTI 1 st Appeal	11
33.	SHRC Eye attended	27
34.	Total	3987

**Campaign, Networking & Advocacy Unit
April 2008 – Mar 2009**

Activity relating to CHRM units

Month	No of Units formed	No of unit organizers elected
April 08	69	138
May 08	39	78
June 08	45	90
July – Sept 08	196	392
October 08	60	120
November 08	49	98
December 08	42	84
January 09	21	42
February 09	35	70
March 09	102	204
Total	658	1316

CHRM: Inaugural of Information Board and Public Meeting

Information boards were opened in the following Units:

❖ Jai Sankar Colony, Hosur Taluk, Krishagiri District	❖ Andipatti 18, 19, 20 Units in Theni district.
❖ Annanagar, Hosur Taluk, Krishagiri District	❖ Trichuli unit On 7 th July at virudhunagar District
❖ Konampatti. Uthagarai Taluk, Krishnagiri District.	❖ Karuvaepampooni Unit in Kanchipuram District.
❖ Sagupuran unit, Trinelvei District.	❖ Kalurani Unit at Arupokottai Taluk Virudhunagar District.
❖ Sathur Unit, Rajapalayam Taluk, Tirunelvei	❖ Chennai, Chennai District
❖ Vallinagar & Vallinagar District.	
❖ SRM Nagar, Pudur, Madurai District	
❖ Agilandapuram Unit in Lalgudi Taluk, Trichy District.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Natarajapuram Unit in Rameshwaram Taluk, Ramanad District.❖ Naripalayam I & II Unit in Villupuram District❖ Pathirivaedu Unit in Villupuram District❖ Manallur I & II Unit in Villupuram District❖ Pathirivaedu I Unit in Villupuram District❖ Pathirivaedu II Unit in Villupuram District❖ Manallur Unit in Villupuram District❖ Gumidipoondi I & II Tiruvallur District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Vilupuram, Villupuram District❖ Uluthurpettai, Villupuram District❖ Eraiyur unit, Villupuram District❖ Thangacheemadam unit, Ramnad district❖ Kulalakundu Unit, Nillakottai taluk, Dindigul District❖ Sandalapuram Unit, Nillakottai taluk, Dindigul District❖ Avaniyapuram, Periyar Nagar Unit, Madurai District
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CHRM: Taluk Council Meeting

In the Taluk Council Meetings the unit organizers elect the taluk organizers in a democratic manner.

S. No	Date	Taluk	Date	Taluk
1.	14.07.08	Thenkannikottai	30.10.08	V.K.Pudur
2.	16.07.08	Hosur	31.10.08	Tenkasi
3.	15.07.08	Uthangarai	14.10.08	Lalgudi
4.	15.07.08	Krishnagiri	15.10.08	Manaparai
5.	19.07.08	Trichuli	03.11.08	Harur
6.	19.07.08	Andipatti	25.10.08	Palacode
7.	24.08.08	Arupukottai	21.12.08	Virudhunagar
8.	28.08.08	Srirangam	7.12.08	Madurai South
9.	10.08.08	Palayamkottai	22.02.09	Gangavelli
10.	10.08.08	Radhapuram	22.02.09	Andipatti
11.	28.08.08	Sangagir	26.02.09	Palani
12.	31.08.08	Attur	13.309	Trichy
13.	3.08.08	Yercaud	11.3.09	Agateeswaram
14.	5.08.08	Mettur	27.03.09	Nagapattinam
15.	28.10.08	Ambai	07.03.09	Palani
16.	29.10.08	Alangulam	14.03.09	Omalur
17.	29.10.08	Sengottai		

CHRM District Council Meeting

District	Date
Kanchipuram District	28th May 2008
Krishnagiri	19th July 2008
Salem	25th October 2008
Tirunelveli	16th November 2008
Krishnagiri	23rd March 2009
Dharmapuri	24th March 2009

CHRM District Planning Meeting

District Planning meetings were held in different places, where the CHRM members were briefed about RTI, also encouraged to form more units, and to participate in the Gram Sabha Meetings in their areas

Date	District
2008 July 28 th	Nagapattinam

2008 July 20 th	Salem
2008 July 26 th	Namakkal
2008 August 7 th	Trichy
2008 August 8 th	Erode
2008 August 9 th	Coimbatore
2008 October 2 nd	Kanyakumari
2008 September 23 rd	Chennai
2008 September 24 th	Vellore
2009 July 20 th	Nammakkal
2009 July 20 th	Salem
2009 July 19 th	Krishnagiri

CAMPAIGNS



- A signature campaign was organized jointly with the demands to stop the war at Srilanka, and to avoid war with Pakistan. The notices were sending to all the CHR units in Tamil Nadu, to gather signatures, and the received signatures, to the tune of 7000, have been sent to the respective organizers of the campaign.

- A poster campaign was organized on February 4th 2009, in support of the Srilankan issue. Posters on the issue was pasted by the CHR members at Madurai, Theni, Dindigul , Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Sivaganaga, Ramamthapuram Salem, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Covai, Kancheepuram, Thajavur, Trichy , Nagapattinam, Cuddalore and Villupuram Districts

TRAININGS

1. Human Rights Defenders Training was held at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, from 25 – 27.04.08 for participants from Tiruchendur, Sathankulam, Tuticorin, Srivaikundam, Vilathikulam and Ottapidaram Taluks
2. Human Rights Defenders Training was held at Theni, Tamil Nadu, from 21 – 23.04.08 for participants from Theni, Andipatti, Bodinayakanur, Periyakulam, Theni, and Uthamapalayam.Taluks
3. Human Rights Defenders Training was held at Erode, Tamil Nadu, from 11 – 13.04.08 for participants from Bhavani, Dharapuram, Erode, Gobi, Kangayam, Perundurai, and Sathyamangalam Taluks
4. HRD training was held at the Asan Marriage Hall in Villupuram, organized on 12th 13th & 14th May at Asan Marriage Hall-Villupuram. Nearly 52 members from Kallakurchi, Villupuram, Pondicherry Dindivanam, Ulundorpattai, Senji, Sengam, and Tirukovilur Taluk of Villupuram District participated in this Training.
5. A Training program was organized on 27th October on Understanding Human Rights, for 50 members of CHR. They contributed nearly Rs.8000/- to pay for organizing the training program. This Program was organized on the initiative of Thenkannikottai CHR units.

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6. A training program was organized in Ambur, on 23rd September. Materials were prepared by the CHRM members. Vaniyampadi Taluk organizer planned this training for the CHRM members from the Vellore District. They met the expenses with funds got through local contribution. Nearly 60 members participated in the meeting.
7. In Kanyakumari District, 15 CHRM members participated in the Human Rights Defenders Training program, organized by FDVLR, from 16-17 October 2008 at Nagercoil.
8. In Kancheepuram District, 15 CHRM members participated in the Human Rights Defenders Training program, organized by FDVLR, from 20-21 October 2008 at RDS, Chengalpattu. .

Filing of petitions under the Right to Information Act

- Arani, Ambedkar unit filled an RTI to get information about the Gramasaba Meeting.
- Pollur Railway Cross Unit filed a RTI to get information about Panchami Land. To find out where and how many land were allocated to them.
- Pallidam Taluk organizer filed RTI to Get Details on how many Ration Cards were issued, and the materials distributed in the Ration Shop.
- In Coimbatore, Pallidam Taluk CHRM Member filled a RTI to get details about The Union Schools in their region, Particulars about the Number of Students and Teachers, and about the Toilet facilities.
- RTI was filed to obtain a MLC certificate for a Blind man who was assaulted by police man.
- RTI was filed for the drinking water tap problem in Nilakottai Goundanpatti Taluk. Now 20 new Taps have been fitted in the Region.
- Many people have received Ration cards as a result of an RTI filed in this regard.
- Encroachment has been removed in Mettur, Rajaganapathynagar as a result of an RTI filed
- RTI was filed by the T Pachari CHRM unit members, to get details about the National Employment Policy. Based on this RTI a demonstration had been organized, and Rs. 3 lakhs had been sanctioned for 300 workers

Human Rights Defenders forum

- A meeting was organized on 03.06.08, at the head office, with our supporters for the false case on Mr. Henri Tiphagne and 30 People's Watch Staff, on 30th May in the Public Hearing. A committee was formed namely "Federation of Human Right Defenders – Tamilnadu & Puducherry". The Convener, Co-convener, and Coordinator were elected and and it was decided that an agitation would be conducted in all districts against false cases on human rights defenders.
- The Forum for Human Right Defenders was formed on June 3rd 2008. Demonstrations were staged on 10 June 2008, in 30 districts of Tamil Nadu, condemning the false case against the Executive Director and other staff during the People's Tribunal against Torture held in Madurai. In Ramnad the agitation was conducted on 28th of July. In Theni district a Hunger strike was staged for the same date.
- The Inaugural of the office for the Human Rights Defenders Program was done at Andipatti on 10th October 2008; Mr. C.J. Rajan from the CNA unit participated in the inaugural function.

CNA activities in support of the Srilankan Tamil issue

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- ❖ Poster campaign was organized in support of a Strike on February 4th 2009, for the Srilankan Tamilian's problem; the campaign was organized in 19 districts
- ❖ CHRM members participated in the Rally on 7th February 2009, from the Nethaji statue to West Masi Street Junction
- ❖ A hunger strike was organized on 13th February 2009, at Ariyalur District, Erumplikurchiji
- ❖ A Human Chain demonstration was organized at Trichy on 17th February 2009.
- ❖ A hunger strike was organized on 18th February 2009 at Kanchipuram
- ❖ Rajaplayam Taluk CHRM members organised a demonstration on 5.02.09, in front of the Rajapalayam taluk office
- ❖ Mr. C.J. Rajan, Coordinator, Mr. Anand Kumar, RMA, participated in a public meeting on the Srilankan Tamil issue at Ramnad on 28th February 2009. They also distributed bags, uniforms, and notebooks for the children of fisher people children are whose families were affected by the Srilankan Navy.

OTHER PROGRAMS

1. Public Meetings

- ❖ A public meeting was organized in Sathyamangalam to Start the Long March on 20.05.08
- ❖ A public meeting was organized in Anthiyur as a part of the Long March
- ❖ A Public Meeting was organized in Sathur Rajapalyam Taluk To celebrate Dr. Ambedkar's Birthday and Inaugural of Information board in Sathur Unit

2. **Santhanakadu – Makkal TV:** The Viewers have given their views regarding the TV show "Santhanakadu" on the STF atrocities on the innocent people. We received 897 letters, 36 emails, and 4 petitions. Some of them have criticized the police after watching videos of police torture, viewers have mentioned that the victims should be helped in some way; some viewers felt pity for the victims who were subject to the torture. We have received letters and many calls, even from London and Malaysia.

3. Felicitation of Director Gowthaman

- ❖ Director Gowthaman facilitated the program on 31st May, for the Teleserial Santhanakadu on the Makkal TV Channel. Mementos were given to the Makkal TV Channel, actors, and Director Gowthaman, by Mr. Nedumaran & Mr. Henri Tiphagne.

4. **Long March** organized in protest against the killing of Tamil fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy and the issue of existing untouchability practices, was organized at Nagercoil on October 2nd 2008, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi.

- CHRM members participated in the Rally organised by the forum of the Srilankan issue on 7th February 2008, from Nethaji statue to West Masi Street Junction.

5. Public Hearing

- ❖ 350 CHRM members participated in the Public hearing on 29th, 30th & 31st May 2008 at Fatima College
- ❖ Participation in the District level Public Hearing held at Virudunagar on November 14th, 2008, as a follow up event of the Advocacy and Lobbying efforts.
- ❖ A Public Meeting was organised on 21st November 2008, by the Nagai CHRM members, in collaboration with many fishermen movements, to demand the livelihood rights of the fisher people.

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6. Conferences

- ❖ State level conference for The Child was organized by Don Bosco Nest, Nallur, Thrippur. Anti child Labor Day was on 30th April 2008
- ❖ A Rally and conference was organized on 10.10.08, at Andipatti to eliminate Financier torture (**Kanthuvatti Olipu Manadu**)
- ❖ **“Livelihood rights of fisher people”** A state level conference, in which leaders of major political parties participated, was organised at Nagercoil on November 21, to highlight the plight of fisher people and to demand livelihood rights of these people. The primary (major)demands of the conference were:
 - Establish a separate Commission for Coastal Rights on par with other similar Commissions
 - Declare coastal communities as “sea-tribes” as per Mandal Commission Report
 - Institute an enquiry commission to look into on atrocities committed on Indian fishermen by Srilankan navy

7. **Seminarians Exposure Visit:** Seminarians from the Sacred Heart Seminary, Ponammallee, came for an exposure visit from 17th to 23rd August, 2008. There were 56 students in the group. They had an orientation training program at Chennai Sacred Heart Seminary. They went on a number of fact finding missions for nine issues in two days, and they were lead by RMAs. They visited 172 units in eight districts. An evaluation was held on 23rd at Chennai. Dr.V.Arul Raj gave an orientation on CHRM to the first year Seminarians.

8. **Grama Sabha meetings :** CHRM members participated in 90 Gram Saba meetings of various places, and 111 reports have been collected on the process of the Grama Saba meetings.

9. Legal Aid Camps

- ❖ A legal aid camp was organized in Arokiyagam at Theni district. Counseling & legal help is given to the affected persons
- ❖ On 21st March a legal aid camp was organized at Salem District. RMA & RLO's Participated in this meeting. This camp is organized to give awareness of NRGEA scheme to our CHRM members

10. A seminar was organized on 30th October 2008, by the Bureau of India Standard for the Halmak Gold Somanur, CHRM members participated in this Seminar.

11. Participation in the Madurai Marathan Rally 2009 on 22nd January 2009, by CHRM, and distribution of 4000 Help line Notices

12. Participation of the Thanjavur CHRM unit members, in the Hunger Strike organised by Tamilar Ezhuchi Kalagam, at Tiruvaiyaru on 27th November 2008, in support of the Srilankans Tamilians issue

13. A Hunger Strike was organised for the failure in building shelter for the Tsunami affected families in Nagapattinam

Demonstrations

1. A meeting was organized, with the campaign and Political parties, for the Long march on 20th April 2008

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2. A meeting was organized, with the campaign & Political parties, for the Long march on 22nd April, at Kallakurchi.
3. State level Demonstration was organized by campaign against Child Labour, in observation of Anti child Labor Day 30th April. 60 CHRM Members of Chennai participated in this Program.
4. An agitation is organized by Thirupuvanam Women's Organization, regarding Livelihood and against economic variation
5. On 26th April 2008, a legal Aid meeting was organized in Thenkanikottai, Aarur Taluk, Sippanpatti Unit.
6. A Hunger Strike was organized for the Uthangarai Spinning Mill Labour Problem, by Uthangarai CHRM unit.
7. Pallidam Taluk, Somanaur Unit filed a petition to make the Egmore & Nagapattinam Train to stop in Somanaur station.
8. A demonstration was conducted on 14.05.08 at Madurai, in condemnation of the detention of human rights defender Dr. Binayak Sen
9. A discussion was held, with Sangupuram CHRM members and the public, for the caste dispute in the Car festival in May 2008
10. An agitation is organized on 12th May 2008, in front of Salem collector office, demanding the fundamental needs of the Kollapadi Village, in Yecaud Taluk.
11. An agitation is organized on 19th May 2008, to arrest the Illegal Arrack Sellers.
12. Demonstration at all District headquarters in Tamil Nadu, to protest of false case foisted on Human Rights Defenders, was conducted on the 10th of June, by CHRM and Human Rights Defenders Forum – Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry.
13. CHRM organized an agitation in Ramanthapuram on 28th July 2008, condemning the false case on Human Rights Defenders
14. An Agitation was organized by CHRM members on 28th July 2008 at Nagapattinam for the problems encountered by fishermen at the hands of the Sri Lankan navy.
15. A demonstration against the continuous power shutdowns, which affect the Small Scale industries, farmers, and students, was conducted and a demand was made to develop the Hogenekkal Integrated Drinking Water Project immediately.
16. A demonstration was organized in Nagapattinam condemning the custodial death of Duraisingh.
17. A demonstration was organized on T. Pachari Village in Virudhunagar District, for improper implementation of 100 days job scheme.
18. Demonstrations were organized for the Right to life of Srilankan Tamils in various locations.
 - ❖ Madurai - 9th October 2008
 - ❖ Virudhunagar - 7th October 2008
19. A demonstration was organized on 15th October 2008, at Karaikal, protesting the inaction of police in a case of violence against a woman by her lover. The CHRM members had collected Rs. 16000/- towards the treatment of the woman who was admitted in the hospital in a critical condition.

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- a. Demonstration organised at Salem on 14th October 2008, to condemn the police torture on Mr. Satyaraj
 - b. Demonstration organised at Kancheepuram, on 17th November 2008, on the Panchami Land issue
 - c. All the CHRM regional coordinators participated in the seminar on Tamil Nadu Police Bill 2008, held on 8th November 2008. As per the resolution, in the seminar, demonstrations were organized in the following 11 places on 13th November 2008, to demand amendment in the TN Police Bill before it could be passed.
20. Demonstration organised at Madurai, on 21.12.08, for the Srilankan Tamilians issue
 21. Demonstration organised at Madurai, to extend solidarity in the Srilankan Tamil issue with the Tamilar Nala Amaipu, on 3rd December 2008
 22. Agitation was organized at Tholaikadu, on 21st January 2009, to solve the water problem of the farmers
 23. Demonstration organised at Bathalagundu, on 28th January 2009, with regard to the corporal punishment case and negligence of school authorities at the district level
 24. A road roko was organized at Perambur Agraharam, Thanjavur, against the custodial death of Mr. Sivakumar.
 25. CHRM members & Regional Coordinators participated in the Hunger strike organised by Lawyers on 27th February 2009, for the black day of Lawyers.
 26. Mr. Thangam had hanged and died, and an agitation was organised on 17th March 2009, to have an RDO enquiry for this case.

Sudhanthra – Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture and Domestic Violence (RCTV) Madurai and Mettur - April 2008 – March 2009

1. **Sangamam 2008** – Summer Camp for Child Survivors of Human Rights Violations was held at Mahatma Residential School, Alagar Hills, in Madurai from 9-18 May 2008. Conducting Summer Camps for the Child Survivors of Human Rights Violations and Children of Victims of Violations is an annual activity here at People's Watch, as you know. Through these camps we have seen many young lives changed for the better. For the seventh consecutive year, the Summer Camp christened '**SANGAMAM**' (coming together), this year, was conducted at Mahatma Higher Secondary School, Alagar Koil, from the 9th to the 18th of May, 2008. In this camp, children in the age group 8-16 years, were given an opportunity to learn computers, yoga, games, arts and crafts, environmental science, folk dances and songs, and indulge in rural sports, eco - tours, trekking etc. The Chief Guest for the inaugural was Mr. Solomon Pappaiah. The camp this year was coordinated by Ms. Anita Tiphagne, on an honorary basis. Students interning with People's Watch, RCTV students, and youngsters from outside volunteered for the camp and led the groups. Among the resource persons were Mr. Kalaivanan, Ms. Radha Jeyalakshmi, Mr. Jeyaraman, Mr. Shiyam Sundar and others.
2. **Other programs**
 - Human Rights Orientation Program for College Students at CESCO, Madurai, was held on the 8th and 9th of June, 2008
 - Evaluation of Sangamam – 2008 – Summer Camp for Child Survivors of Human Rights Violations, held from 9-18 May 2008, was held at CESCO, Madurai on the 10th of June 2008
3. **Beneficiaries of the Temporary Shelter (RCTV) – Madurai**

Total number of victims and witness who benefited from the centre – 164
Male victims: 84, Female victims: 68, Children:12, **Total: 164**

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Month	Total number of victims benefited	Details of the victims and witnesses	Number of Cases
June 2008	Male – 3 Female – 10 Total - 13	1. Domestic violence cases referred by helpline 2.STF area victims 3.Victims referred by HRI unit 4.Police torture of victims and their family members 5.Sexual assault case 6.Bonded labor victims	1 2 4 2 2
July 2008	Male - 9 Female - 8 Total - 17	1.Dalit Atrocity victims from Udumalaipet -2 2.HRI- references: 2 3.Police torture of victims and their family members:4 4.STF area victims:3 5.Domestic violence cases referred from Help line:2 6.Sexual assault case victim and their family members:4	2 2 4 3 2 4
August 2008	Male - 8 Female - 12 Children – 3 Total - 23	1.Domestic violence cases-3 2.Police torture of victims and their family members: 3 3.Sexual assault case victims and their family members : 8 4.STF area victims :3 5.Adolescent problem victim : 2 6.HRM references : 4	3 3 8 3 2 4
September 2008	Male - 18 Female - 12 Children - 5 Total - 35	1. Police torture cases - 5 2.Domestic violence cases with their children.- 2 3.Sexual abuse victims and their family members – 10 4.Dalit issue victims - 2 from Kovai 5.STF affected area victims - 7 6.Kal otters – police torture cases – 8 with one child	5 2 10 2 7 8
October 2008	Male – 8 Female – 8 Total - 16	1.Domestic violence cases referred by helpline – 4 2.STF area victim - 1 3.Police torture of victims and their family members – 10 4.Sexual assault case - 1	4 1 10 1
November 2008	Male - 14 Female - 9 Children - 2 Total - 25	1. Police torture of victims and their family members: 14 2. Domestic violence cases referred from help line: 3 3. Sexual assault case and their family members:3 4. STF area victims:2 5. Bonded labour – 2 6. HRI reference – 2 Total – 25	14 3 3 2 2 2 =25
December 2008	Male - 5 Female - 4 Total - 9	1.Domestic violence cases- 1 2.Police torture victim and their family members: 3 3.Sexual assault victims and family members : 2 4.STF area victims :2 5. Police torture of victims and their family members – student - 1	1 3 2 2 1
January 2009	Male - 19 Female - 5 Children - 2 Total - 35	1. Police torture cases - 5 2. CHR reference – 3 3. Sexual abuse victims and their family members – 2 4. HRI – High court judgment case from various places of Tamilnadu – 15 5. Police torture of victims and their family members – victim student – 1	5 3 2 15 1

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February 2009	Male - 9 Female - 17 Total - 26	1. Police torture cases - 5 2. CHRM reference - 2 3. Sexual abuse victims and their family members - 1 4. STF area victims - 3 5. STF area students - 10 6. Domestic Violence - 5	5 2 1 3 10 5
March 2009	Male - 8 Female - 13 Total - 21	1. Police torture cases - 5 2. CHRM reference - 2 3. Sexual abuse victims and their family members - 2 4. STF area victim's children - 2 5. Domestic Violence Case victims and witness - 5 6. Corporal Punishment victim and witness - 2	5 2 2 2 5 2

Note: Line up the numbers, create a new column for the number of victims and witnesses

4. Medical assistance:-

Total number of victims benefited:

Month	No. of victims benefited	Details of the medical assistance	Number of cases
Jun 08	5	1. Police torture -2 2. Caste discrimination -2 3. STF affected victim -1	2 2 1
Jul 08	3	1. police torture victims-3	3
Aug 08	6	1. Sexually assault victim -2 2. police torture victims-3 3. STF victim -1 Surgery	2 3 1 surgery
Sep 08	3	1. police torture victims-2 2. RCTV student - 1	2 1
Oct 08	3	1. Police torture- 3	3
Nov 08	4	Police torture cases - 2 Medical follow up - 2	2 2
Dec 08	1	Police torture case-?	?
Jan 09	2	Police torture cases - 2	2
Feb 09	1	Police torture case - 1	1
Mar 09	6	Police torture case - 2 Corporal punishment - 3 Domestic Violence - 1	2 3 1

Same note: Create a new column for the medical assistance numbers (example above)

5. Counseling:

Rev. Dr. Vincent Paulraj a clinical psychologist appointed in the month of September visits the centre twice a week and attends new and follow-up cases of Helpline and RCTV. He counseled 47 cases in the month of September 2008. Negotiation cases were dealt with the help of Adv. Kala, the Headquarters Law Officer for Helpline.

Counseling:

Month	No. of victims benefited	Details of the medical assistance	Number of Cases
Oct 08	29	Police torture cases - 4 Domestic violence cases referred by help line - 18 RCTV students and victims - 6 Land dispute case - helpline - 1	4 18 6 1
Nov 08	13	Police torture cases - 2	2

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		Domestic violence cases referred by help line – 3 RCTV students and victims – 8	3 8
Dec 08	4	Domestic violence cases referred by help line – 4	4
Jan 09	15	Police torture cases – 4 Domestic violence cases – Helpline – 11	4 11
Feb 09	13	Police torture cases – 2 Domestic violence cases referred by help line – 7 RCTV students and victims – 4	2 7 4
Mar 09	66	Police torture cases – 2 Domestic violence cases referred by help line – 53 Out Reach program at Andipatti – 11	2 53 11

6. Counseling by Ms.Leslie's, Clinical Psychiatrist, AJWS:

A specialist in trauma counseling, visited the victim's house, conducted an interview, and did an assessment to analyse present condition of trauma among the victims of torture. She then identified a therapy based on Mindfulness. Based on the study it is decided to plan an activity, and decided to identify 2 groups, comprising of 8 members each; one adult group and one youth group. Leslie gives training to Ms. Anitha Princy and Mr. J. Pradeep, on Mindfulness Meditation, Mindfulness Yoga and the connection between trauma and Mindfulness.

7. Physiotherapy – Madurai

A Physiotherapist was appointed in the last week of August and physiotherapy was provided to torture victims and needy staff members of the organization. 4 police torture cases were treated in the month of September.

Physiotherapy:

Month	No. of victims benefited	Details of the beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries
Oct 08	25	Police torture cases – 2 Staff – 4	2 4
Nov 08	37	Police torture cases – 3 Staff - 2	3 2
Dec 08	15	Domestic violence case – 1 Staff – 2	1 2
Jan 09	18	Police torture cases – 2 Staff – 1	2 1
Feb 09	1	Police torture case – 1	1
Mar 09	5		5

8. Physiotherapy (Mettur)

The RCTV – Mettur has a special physiotherapy center, which is coordinated by professional physiotherapists; it is open to the victims of torture, in all the working days. About 492 affected and 334 public has been benefited out of it. The total beneficiaries are 826.

Month	Affected	General	Total
January	90	55	145
February	73	80	153
March	114	30	171
Total	277	165	469

Shelter: In these months 13 victims of bonded laborers, and 3 Kaloddar community people were given short term shelter.

9. Identification of Hospitals:

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For the treatment of the torture victims, 2 new hospitals were identified in Madurai; - Saravana hospital near B.B.Kulam, for general cases; and a Gynecologist's Clinic near the I.T. Office in Madurai, for female victims' treatment.

10. Other medical assistance:

- Court proceedings were started in the case of Ms. Dhanalakshmi, a victim of Sexual assault, who is also being provided educational assistance by the centre. With regard to this case, a DNA test had to be taken, and the centre did the arrangement for the victim and her son to appear in court, and also made it possible provided for them to get the DNA test done in Chennai.
- Police torture victim Sathyaraj, the case history was arranged the medical assistance with counseling.

11. Educational assistance:

- Educational assistance was provided to the victims' children, in the month of June 2008. Nearly 250 children, from different RMAs' areas, were benefited. 145 children from RCTV Mettur - STF area, victims' children also benefited this year. 19 College students study expenses were directly monitored by RCTV.

Helpline Unit April 2008 – March 2009

S. No	Receiving [by phone/post/mail/fax/in person] & Registering	Rendering Legal Consultations [In person]	Sending reply letters to the victims with suitable Legal Advice	Representing before the Officials [by sending complaints/ phone/in person]	Referring cases to RCTV for Shelter / Counseling	Forwarding cases to HRM/NPPT/HRI	Arranging for Family Negotiations
July 2008	Received-78 Registered- 53	14	39	13 cases	--	HRM-15 NPPT- 02	-
August 2008	Received-70 Registered-45	13	32	07 cases	04 cases	HRM-08 HRI-01 NPPT-01	03
September 2008	Received- 80 Registered- 62	17	44	15 cases	12 cases	HRM-05	07
October 08	Received-60 Registered- 60	32	36	28 cases	03 cases	HRM-10	03
November 08	Received-52 Registered-52	28	24	17 cases	02 cases	HRM-05	04
December 08	Received- 58 Registered- 58	29	29	10 cases	01 case	HRM-08	04
January 09	Received- 47 Registered- 47	47	29	20 cases	8 cases	HRM-05	03
February 09	Received- 76 Registered- 76	53	23	10 cases	01 case	HRM-01	05
March 09	Received- 58 Registered- 58	29	29	21 cases	21 cases	HRM-08	04

Major Events:

- **Ranjani's Case:** On our efforts, the victim was reunited with her family after six years; she had left her children and husband, and eloped with another man to Mumbai. Her family members were counseled to accept her back into the family.

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- **Famitha Nazreen's Case:** The victim left her house and lived elsewhere for 2 months. Her family members were called for negotiation, and the girl was sent with her mother, with the full consent of the victim.
- **Samuthravalli's Case:** After an intervention of the helpline, the police accepted the complaint given by the victim against the perpetrator who cheated her.
- **Rasheetha Begam's case:** Through further helpline efforts, the victim was rescued from a dangerous situation. On the request of the police, counseling and negotiation services were provided. The victim was convinced to go home with her family, after 15 days.
- **Sanjeevi Raja's case:** After the helpline's initiative, we got response from the other side in the case, where the Petitioner could not get communications from his lover, who was kept captive by her parents.
- **Azhagammal's case:** After our negotiation process, the victim's son, agreed for a common settlement in the property dispute, which resulted in domestic violence to the petitioner.
- **Sonia Sivakumar's Case:** At our efforts, the victim, who is studying in LDC, got help through the police from the critical situation caused by the parents, due to the love marriage. The parents were convinced after receiving our letter.
- **Jeeva Jothi's case:** At our efforts, parents were informed and convinced, in the inter-caste marriage of the victim.
- **Sheeba Inba Jothi's case:** After our intervention, we made the police ask for an apology to ask apology to the victim for taking her to the Police Station, in the middle of the night, without her willingness regarding her family matter.
- **Sivashankari's case:** The father of the victim was severely opposed for the love between the victim and a boy, who belonging to different community. At our efforts, the victim got back her certificates, which were refused by her father to give. Through our negotiation process, the two families came to an agreement, for a common settlement, resulted to an inter-caste marriage.
- **Sabeena Begam's case:** Due to our efforts with the help of AWPS, the clash due to the Inter-Religion Marriage of the Islamic victim girl has been solved. Victim was sent with her Hindu husband
- **Jeyalakshmi and Sivasami case:** Problem solved through negotiation process.
- **Vidhya's case:** Due to our efforts, the AWPS and the Protection Officer started an enquiry under DV Act, as well as under IPC.

Legal Aid

- Started activation of the Legal Aid program, by numbered 3 cases to get a remedy through the Lok Adalat

Special event

- Legal camp was conducted, at Theni District; registered 48 new petitions.

Documentation Centre

April 2008 – March 2009

- Collection, Documentation, and Classification of news, related to Human Rights, from the secondary sources, for the month of April 2008 to March 2009, was done.
- The library acquired 200 Reference Books, 75 Law Books, 10 reference CDs, and 2 Law CDs in the past year.
- DC subscribes to:
 - 10 Dailies every month
 - 25 Magazines every month
 - 9 Online Magazines every month
 - 8 online dailies every month
 - 2 Law websites

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- 10 Law journals
- A.I.R. of the Supreme Court on software from 1950 to 2008
- A.I.R. of All High Courts on software from 1965 to 2008
- Criminal Law Journal on software from 1960 to 2008
- Privy Council on software from 1930 to 1950
- News, essays, and information relevant to HR were provided to various units of PW
- More than 1565 users have benefited from the DC – They were NGOs, lecturers, college students, researchers, advocates, media persons, doctors, Law college students, the general public, and PW staff.
- 45000 news cuttings were scanned from Mar 15/2008 to Feb 28- 2009
- 130 new books, acquired by the DC, were displayed on the 25th of August 2008; 150 New Books on the 8th of December 2008; and 110 new books on the 02nd March 2009.

April 2008- March 2009

Publications

Manitha Urimai Kangani – Monthly issues were brought out in the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December of 2008; and January to March of 2009.

- (1) Binayak Sen
- (2) Angammal 5,000 copies
- (3) Bilkis Banu 5,000 copies
- (4) Child bonded labour in Indian Silk Industries (500 Copies, HRI unit)
- (5) Grama Sabha (5,000 Copies, Funded by FDVLR)
- (6) At the time of Arrest (1,500 Copies, PWIS)
- (7) RTI (Reprint, 5000 Copies, Funded by FDVLR)
- (8) Monographs on Peoples Movement Leaders - Ruth Manorama
- (9) NREGA – PWIS Booklet
- (10) Violence in the Classroom. (Fact finding report)
- (11) Untouchable. (Fact finding report)
- (12) One Book '**Maanbudan Vaazha**' – Articles of late Prof. Xavier Arokiasamy was published.
- (13) Sudhanthra (RCTV) Notices

Consultation meeting

Conducted a meeting with HRM, CHRM, PR, Intervention unit representatives, with regard to the discussion on the publication of Fact Finding reports; facilitated by Dr. Devasahayam

Tamilnadu Govt. Library order for our 2 publications

Tamilnadu Govt. has ordered 1000 copies each of 2 of our publications. These copies are distributed to 1,000 Govt. libraries across Tamilnadu.

Recognition for our publications

Review of the book (*Naan Vaazhntan Enbadharkana Saatshi*) was published in the leading Tamil magazines - *Aanandha Vikatan*, *Kalki*, *Kumudham* and *Theeraa Nadhi*.

Review of the book (*Kutra Muthirai*) was published in the Tamil Daily Paper *Thinakaran*.

(VI) New Subscriptions for *Kangani* in the reporting period

157 New Subscriptions

Other Activities

- Assisted in the preparation of articles for SAM conference, held in Dindigal, in February 2009

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- Mr. Panneerselvam, Publicaiton unit, wrote the Conference songs for the SAM Conference

Participation in the Book Fair

1. Participated in the Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI) 3rd Book Fair, held at Madurai from 27-11-2008 to 07-12-2008. People's Watch and other Publishers (SOCO Trust, SIDA, Karuthu Pattarai etc.,) books were sold in our Book Stall No. 164.
2. Participated in the 32nd Book Fair, held at Chennai from the 8th to 18th of January. People's Watch and other Publishers (SOCO Trust, SIDA, Karuthu Pattarai etc.,) books were sold in our Book Stall No. 390. Nearly 1000 copies of the book 'At the time of arrest' were sold.
3. Participated in SAM Conference Book Fair, held at Dindigal, from 17th to 19th February 2009.

Human Rights Defenders Desk, Capacity Building of Human Rights Defenders, and Observance of the 60th Anniversary of the UDHR Report for the period January to March 2009

Introduction:

A National Desk for Human Rights Defenders was the collective dream of the staff of People's Watch for the coming years, during the Strategic Planning meeting, held in Kanyakumari in February 2008. This has now become a reality, with a Program being funded by CORDAID and the Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE), which funds the Capacity Building of Human Rights Defenders and Observance of the 60th Anniversary of the UDHR.

Activities:

The CORDAID funded component is for the period Jul '08– Jun '09 has provisions for;

Advocacy and Lobbying efforts, and support costs.

The RNE funded component is for the Period Dec 08 – Nov 09 and involves the following activities:

- ☞ Preparation and dissemination of 25,000 posters and 3,00,00 booklets on UDHR
- ☞ Two Trainings of Trainers, with 25 participants per training– one for the North of India and the other for the South
- ☞ Thirty Regional Training Programs, for a total of 1200 Human Rights Defenders
- ☞ Preparation of Training Manuals, for TOTs and Regional Training Programs, and their translation into regional languages

Functioning in the reporting period:

Except for the Advocacy and Lobbying efforts, and proposal related work for the RNE funded component, the actual functioning of the program began in the month of January 2009.

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- Both the posters and booklets are being brought out with the help of the Institute of Human Rights Education.
- Prospective members have been identified for the joint Advisory Board for the Human Rights Defenders Program, and the 'Monitoring of National Human Rights Institutions'. Members are Mr. Babu Mathew, Ms. Maja Daruwala, Ms. Vrinda Grover, Mr. Virendra Dayal, Ms. Ruth Manorama, Mr. Miloon Kothari, and Mr. Fernandez.

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- Sending of urgent appeals, to concerned authorities in cases concerning Human Rights Defenders, and victims of human rights violations, is the major activity of the National Desk for HRDs. This activity was taken up only in the very end of January, and appeals have been sent to concerned authorities in 74 cases in the reporting period.

Impact:

- In an urgent appeal, sent to the planning commission, demanding that the Integrated Child Protection Scheme be approved as part of the 11th Five Year Plan, we received a reply from Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia of the Planning Commission, informing us that the scheme had been approved in the Internal Planning Commission meeting held on February 16, 2009
- In the case involving custodial death of a street dweller, where we sent an appeal, we received a call from the WB Minorities Commission enquiring us on particulars of a case for which urgent appeal was sent - during the conversation, the staff of the commission assured the ED of taking due actions in cases forwarded to them – the clarification that was sought by the commission was reaffirmed through MASUM, and they were asked to do the needful.
- In an urgent appeal, sent to the National Human Rights Commission, in the case of human rights activists facing threats in Shillong, Meghalaya, and the NHRC sent us a letter informing us that it is taking the case on file. The case, is now being followed up by the Human Rights Intervention Unit of People's Watch

Monitoring the National/State Human Rights Institutions July 2008 – March 2009

Introduction

The program is Monitoring State/National Human Rights institutions, through the physical observation of their actions, programs, and secondary sources such as websites and publications, to exert pressure for policy changes, using RTI as a tool of monitoring. The specific objective of the program is that the status of the functioning of nine National level Institutions and other State Level Institutions will be known to PW and other HR activists; and a strategy to work / lobby for their activation will have been drawn up.

Activities performed

- Online secondary data research had been done by the interns
- RTIs filed to the 129 N/SHRIs, to get details about the institutions with regards to the allocation of funds, staff, and no of cases handled, disposed, etc. The response of the RTIs are as follows:
 - Full response – 57
 - Returned/response- 29
 - No reaction – 38
 - Response in other lang – 6
 - Responses to translate – 6
 - **Total – 130**
- Visit to the SHRIs in Karnataka, by Ms. Anita Princy, NPPT staff, to assist in getting the status of the RTIs filed
- Collation of information, received from the NHRIs through interns, towards the publishing of annual report named 'Human Rights institution in India - A citizens Handbook'.
- Online monitoring of NHRIs, through interns, towards the preparation of the ANNI (Asian NGOs Network on National Human Rights Institutions) report.

**Public Relations Unit
June 2008 – March 2009**

1. District level Press Meet on a very important HR issue

S. No	Event	Date
1	Tirunelveli Advocacy & Lobbying	1- 2 Oct 08
2.	Releasing NPPT public Hearing Jury Verdict Book at Kanyakumari	2 Oct 08
3.	Nagercoil – Livelihood Conference of Fisher People	2 Nov 08
4.	Police Bill Advocacy Lobbying	8 Nov 08
5.	Virudhunagar Public Hearing	14 Nov 08
6.	Salem - Encounter Death	27 Nov 08
7.	Salem - Advocacy & Lobbying	6 – 8 Dec 08
8.	Tsunami Public Hearing State Level Public Hearing	19 Dec 08
9.	Response to the media reports on Vellore CHRM false case at Madurai press meet	21 Jan 09
10.	Vellore Advocacy & Lobbying	28-29Jan 09
11.	Visit of Mr. Srihanga Jeyasuriya, the leader of Sri Lankan opposition party.	12 Feb 09
12.	Sivagangai Advocacy and Lobbying	28 Feb 09
13.	Issue of Afford – Charitable Institution - Madurai	17 Mar 09
14.	Corporal Punishment case – 8 year old girl	24 Mar 09

2. Material Preparation

- Information provided to 'Tamil Osai' about Encounter Deaths, on which an essay of nearly ½ a page, was published on 20/07/08
- Prepared the notice for Conference "Livelihood of Fisher People" held on 21st November 2008, at Nagercoil.
- Prepared notice for the demonstration on the Srilankan Tamilian's issue on 9.10.08. News was given for the Press, and arranged reporters for coverage of Demonstration.
- Preparation of reports of the Advocacy and Lobbying program at Vellore, Salem, and Nellai districts.
- Prepared and published the CHRM newsletter, 'Suvadugal,' for the months of October, November, and December 2008
- Preparation of a 110-page report, on human rights violations, in Vilupuram and Nagapattinam districts.
- Preparation of a 10-page notice, about "Human Rights Violations?-Contact Regional Monitoring Associates".

3. Programs / Interviews Organised

- Organized a agitation on behalf of Human Rights Defenders, condemning the arrest of Mr. Henri Tiphagne, and others on 10/06/08, throughout the State. Listed the News paper clippings of the press release.
- Gave an interview to the press, about the Human Rights Violations at the program conducted in observance of the UN Day in Solidarity with Torture Victims programme by TTS, on 26th June 2008.
- Arranged for an interview of Mr. G. Ganesan, Coordinator, Human Rights Monitoring Unit, in 'Kumudham Reporter'.
- Assisted in the conduct and publishing, of the interview of Ms. Kalpana Kanabiran, in 'The Hindu' dated 03/08/08.

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- Organised the Press Solidarity March, on 21/10/08, from Kottaram to Gandhi Mandapam, Kanyakumari, for the purpose of condemning the killing of Tamilnadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy.
- Organized CCC meetings at the Head Quarters on:
 - 10th August 2008
 - 5th October 2008
 - 3rd November 2008
 - 1st December 2008
 - 5th January 2009
 - 23rd March 2009
- Press mobilization, during the fact finding mission of the case of ill treatment of Mentally Challenged people at the Home for the mentally ill, at Tiruvaedaham, on 9th October 2008. Press news is prepared and published in Janasakthi and Telecast in Makkal TV.
- Organized an interview with the ED, regarding his visit to Denmark, the article was published in the daily 'The Hindu, on October 18, 2008.
- Organized an interview of Mr. Venkata Subramanian, with Junior Vikatan reporter; the article was published on 5th December 2008
- Arranged for the interview to release an article of the Uhtapuram issue, on 25 October 2008
- Arranged a Special Interview, in Kumutham Reporter, for the Deivendran encounter death.
- Arranged to publish Our organization News in 75 weekly, monthly, and Dailies
- An interview was arranged for our Executive Director, with a N.G.O. from Mumbai, on Public Accountability.
- Arranged to give an interview by Mr. C.J.Rajan, on 10-02-2009, about the upsurge of fake human rights organizations, and the concern of People's Watch on their growth with the weekly, "Tamilan Express".

4. Providing support in other activities

- Recording of audio cassette and photography of discussion forum on 13th November 2008 on the Tamilnadu Police Bill
- Assisted the documentation unit, in visiting the important libraries at Madurai and Chennai in November 2008
- Prof. Arivarasan's speech in the debate, held on 05-02-2009, was sent to the news papers, and it was included in "Today's Event". His speech was recorded and submitted to Document Centre.
- Production of a documentary film, with a running time of 7 minutes, on the subject of the Summer Camp.
- Went to Malaiyur, a village situated in the hills within the limits of Lingavadi Panchayat, Natham Assembly Constituency, Dindigul District, on 29-03-2009, to assess the pathetic conditions of the people suffering without any basic amenities in the village

5. Participation in the following meetings

- Took part in the meeting against the death penalty, held at SOCO, on 10th October 2008
- Participated in seminar with Mr. Satish Rajkumar, at the TTS, regarding the exclusion of Dalit children
- Took part in the gender equality training program, organized by EKTA, on 15th October 2008

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- Participated in the procession held in support of the Sri Lankan Tamils, on 07-02-2009, and took photographs.
- Meeting of advocates in Manamadurai, Sivagangai and Ilayangudi, to extend support to the Black Day observed by advocates on 27-02-2009.

6. Articles written to other papers

- Article on 'Encounter Death' was published in 'Janasakthi'.
- Article about Advocate Mr. Malaisamy, was published in 'The New Indian Express'.
- New publications of People's Watch were sent to "Dinamalar", "Puthiya Puthagam Pesuthu", "Semmalar", "Dinakaran", "Theekathir", "Makkal T.V.", "Zee T.V.", "Theera Nathi", "Janasakthi", "Daily Thanthi", "Ananda Vikatan," and arrangements were made to publish in "Book Review".
- The events of 2008 (25 pages), were compiled and given in the conference of "Children's Rights-Class Room," held in Chennai, on 14-02-2009.
- The debate on the present situation in Sri Lanka, was participated by Srithunga Jeyasuriya, the leader of the Sri Lankan opposition party, held on 12-02-2009, was circulated to all newspapers and it was arranged to be included in "Today's Event," and a press meet was arranged.
- The essay, about "The Social Boycott of Dalit Children in Tamil Nadu," written by Mr. M.J. Prabakar, was published, in "Theekathir", on 13-02-2009.
- Converting the report of Justice Krishnaiyer as a pamphlet and given for printing.
- A 15-page essay, was given to "Kankani", for publication on the support of advocacy in Sivagangai district. It was sad to note that it appeared in a minute size.
- A 20-page essay, was given to "Kankani", on the hardships faced by the people of Malaiyur.

7. Article to Kankani on the following:

- Tirunelveli advocacy lobbying
- Kanyakumari long march
- Tsunami Public hearing held on 17th and 18th December 2008 at Chennai
- Lecture on Human Rights by Adv. Ajitha's, at LDC, on December 10th 2008
- Manual scavengers
- Social Exclusion of Dalit Students
- Salem District Advocacy and lobbying
- Vellore and Sivagangai District Advocacy and lobbying in Jan and Feb 2009

8. Details of SMS data/ information (intimations) on important HR violations

- Above 33000 SMS news for 56 issues
- 311 News items, were send as SMS, of about 12300

9. Compilation of HR violation news

- The HR violations in the news, compiled every week, and send mails to CM, all District collectors, all District SP's , all political parties, all dallies, all Weeklies & all Monthlies, on a regular basis from June 2008 to March 2009

10. Press Release

1. A press release was given for the Bangalore Police torture case, on 12th January 2009
2. A press release was given for Prof. Arivarasan's debate, on 05-02-2009.
3. A press release was given for Srithunga Jeyasurya's debate, on 12-02-2009.

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4. A press release was given on the inauguration of Human Rights Student Club, in Adi Dravidar Welfare School, Ilamanur, Madurai District.
5. A press release was given to condemn the police attack on advocates of Madras High Court, on 19-02-2009.
6. A press release was given on Justice Krishnaiyer's report of condemnation.
7. Press release on RCTV Summer Camp – Sangamam 2009
8. Press release for Women's Day Program of Women's Committee of People's Watch
9. Press release on the Election Statement of Dr. Vasanthi Devi, Institute of Human Rights Education.

11. News on People's Watch

- o In February 2009 – 25 papers
- o In March 2009 – 23 papers

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April 2008 – December 2008.

Partners' Meeting

1. DCA partners' consultation was held at the Mamalla beach resort, during 7th and 8th of April 2008, organized by People's Watch.
2. Mr. Thirunavukarrasu and Mr. Jyoti, Vice President of FDVLR, participated in the Action Aid partners meeting, held during 17th and 18th month at Chennai

Educational assistance

1. Six children were admitted in schools, during the course of the School Drop out Admission Drive, from the 16th to the 30th of June
2. Provided educational assistance amounting to Rs 20,000, for a student in Anna Nagar Village, to pursue her teacher training course, in October 2008
3. Educational assistance amounting to Rs 24,700, was disbursed to 5 students, to pursue their higher education, in November 2008

Campaigns and Meetings

1. The community members participated in the Gramba Sabha meetings, held at their villages, to influence their mandate and agendas in the meetings, on 1st May 2008.
2. Involvement of FDVLR members, in 14 Grama Saba meetings, in the villages of Cuddalore and Nagapattinam, in August 2008
3. **Gram Sabha meetings:** Campaign was carried out for Grama Sabha meetings; the communities dynamically participated in the Grama Sabha meeting, held on the 2nd of October 2008.
4. **NREGA awareness campaigns:** The awareness Campaign on NREGA, was carried out between the 2nd of October to the 6th of October 2008. The campaign covered 86 villages in the district of Nagapattinam, and 42 villages in the district of Cuddalore. 2,400 pamphlets on NREGA, were distributed to the community members. It served as an effective outreach mechanism, and drew the attention of several villages, in specific the villages occupied by fishermen communities and the public officials.

Trainings

1. Mr. Jerome D'Souza donor representative from DCA, visited villages of the Federation in July
2. Members of the Federation, participated in the DCA Training at Pondicherry, on the 15th and 16th of July, 2008

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3. Community members, participated in Dalit Women Conference at Arakkonam, in August
4. Three training programs, were conducted for the community members at Nagapattinam and Cuddalore, on Human rights in October 2008
5. Five Village Level cluster meetings were conducted in Nagapattinam; and 4, in Cuddalore in September. One camp, is yet to be conducted
6. Livelihood working committee members, trained community members in accounting procedures
7. Meetings, of the Working committee and Executive committee of FDVLW, were held every month

Surveys and studies

1. Household Surveys, were done in 42 villages, from the 16th to the 30th of June
2. Household survey resulted in application for Patta and Ration cards, in the month of September. In Nagai, applications for 190 Pattas and 06 Ration cards were submitted; and in Cuddalore applications for 220 pattas, have been submitted and follow up has been done.
3. HSC and S.S.LC. dropout survey, was conducted in all working villages, in the month of September
4. Research study, on housing, was carried out by students, in the month of November 2008.

Access to community fund

1. Provided seed capital to 13 new villages, in the districts of Cuddalore and Nagapattinam, in December 2008

Local & Legal Interventions

1. 05 RTI petitions, were filed under the RTI regarding land issues, in July; and 16 for NREGA Social Audit related information, in August 2008
2. Four petitions, were filed under RTI, in September; 3 were regarding NREGA Social Audit; and 1 an appeal to the CEO
3. Four RTI petitions were filed to cull out details with regard to the Special Component Plan. The petitions were forwarded from the Collectorate to the social welfare officer, requiring the submission of details asked for in the petitions, in the month of November 2008.

Selection of New villages

4. Thirteen new villages were identified in the month of November 2008. Selection of new villages was a challenging task, as it required a careful process of selection, based on the criteria for the selection of villages.

Working Committee and General Body Meeting of FDVLR

5. Working Committee's meeting of FDVLR, was held on 26th April 2008, to discuss and decide the agendas for the working committees. Village profile and family profile questionnaires were designed and distributed to the committee members to collect data and consolidate them.
6. FDVLR General Body Meeting, was held at Tharangambadi, in the month of August 2008
7. The general body meeting of FDVLR, was organized at Tharangambadi

Youth development centers and Youth Clubs

8. FDVLR youth consultation, comprising of youngsters, was held at Tharangambadi, on 25th May 2008. The meeting was organized, to learn from them their expectations to vivify their career and thereby promote for the overall growth of the villages. The consultation, focused on identifying of youngsters bringing out the requirements of the youngsters for their development within their reach in the villages.
9. 35 Youth Clubs were formed, in the Districts of Cuddalore and Nagapattinam, in June and July 2008
10. Two meetings, of the members of 20 Youth clubs, were held, at Cuddalore and Nagapattinam, in August

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11. Preliminary preparations were carried out, to establish the youth development centers, at Cuddalore and Nagapattinam, in the month of November 2008. It was difficult to decide the places for the youth development centers. Several factors were to be looked into.
12. Assets worth above Rs. 5 lakhs had been purchased, for the 2 youth Development centres.

Emergency assistance

13. Assistance of Rs.20,870/-, was provided to Aanikovil village, for registration of land purchased by the community
14. Sum of Rs.34, 700 ,was extended to three families, that suffered the loss of their houses, owing to fire accident, in November 2008
15. Provided flood relief assistance to 9 villages, in the districts in Cuddlore and Nagapattinam, in December 2008.

NREGA and Campaign on Special component Plan.

16. NREGA Enrolment, was accomplished in 06 villages, in September
17. Campaign, was carried on Special component plan, in December 2008. The campaign, included the cross checking of the measurement of commodities, supplied in the ration shops. The campaign was the first of its kind, in the districts of Nagapattinam and Cuddalore. It provided ample information and details pertaining to the Special component plan.

Production and dissemination of reports

18. Brought out publications on RTI, Grama Sabha, and D.K. Basu guidelines; and they were disseminated to the communities

Annual Conference

19. Conducted the FDVLR annual conference, on the 18th of December 2008, at Cuddalore. The annual conference was a spectacular event that provided the opportunity to the community members to relish their achievements, and reveal to the external world that they are rights oriented communities. FDVLR, gained recognition and support amongst people, from different walks of life. The participation of members, from the villages, was more intense than anticipated, leading to few trivial inconveniences.

Institute of Human Rights Education – National Program

April 2008 – March 2009

Introduction

Human Rights Education program (HRE), that was introduced as part of the National Programme for HRE during UN World Programme for HRE, in 2005, in 60 schools in the state of Karnataka, and 56 schools in Odisha, had completed its 1st phase of 3 years, by April 2008.

Advocacy efforts:

Bihar	<p>Orientation Programme for Literacy Functionaries in Bihar Two orientation programmes, each in the district of Bhojpur and Jehanabad, were organized to make the literacy functionaries aware and sensitive towards human rights issues, and HRE programmes being implemented in their locality. The purpose of these orientation programmes, was to mobilize the literacy functionaries in support of the human rights education programme. The first programme, was held on 10th April 2008, at Koilwar in the district of Bhojpur; 48 literacy functionaries participated. The 2nd programme, was held on 12th April 2008, at Jehanabad; 54 literacy functionaries participated.</p> <p>HRE Teachers Meeting in Bihar</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="392 528 940 633"> <tr> <td>April 7, 2008</td> <td>Koilwar, Bhojpur</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 8, 2008</td> <td>Jehanabad & Dhanarua</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 9, 2008</td> <td>Patna</td> </tr> </table> <p>Meeting with Political leaders: The State Coordinator, met with the political leaders (MLAs & MPs), in March 2009. During the visit he, interacted with 6 MLAs and one MP, shared about the ongoing programmes and the overall objectives, as well requested them to provide their advocacy and political support to strengthen the program.</p>	April 7, 2008	Koilwar, Bhojpur	April 8, 2008	Jehanabad & Dhanarua	April 9, 2008	Patna
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Odisha	<p>Meeting with District Collector, Sambalpur: The State Coordinator of Odisha, met Mr.Pradipta Kumar Pattanayak, IAS; District Collector, Sambalpur; regarding permission for the introduction of human rights education in all schools of the district, on 13.06.08, at Sambalpur. The District Collector assured that granting of permission after discussions with concerned officials.</p>						
	<p>Meeting with SSA Director: Dr.D.P. Pattanayak; Dr. Vasanthi Devi; Dr. Anna Durai; Mr. Pradipta Nayak; and Mr. Pradeep Mohanty, met Mr. D. K. Singh, Director of SSA, at his office, on 03.07.08. A Detailed report of National Program for HRE, and developments in the Odisha program, was submitted to the Director. Dr. Vasanthi Devi, shared the developments of the program in Odisha, and thanked the Odisha Govt for its cooperation. Mr. D. K. Singh assured that he would convene a meeting within a week to discuss about the syllabus and HRE module.</p>						
	<p>Discussions with UNICEF, Odisha for printing of Modules: Based upon our earlier proposal to UNICEF – Odisha, both soft copy & hard copy of the Module-I was submitted for printing, on 08.07.08. The module has been revised and submitted to UNICEF. As per the discussion with Ms. Amrita, Education officer of UNICEF, 21,000 modules will be printed for class-VI children, from all SC/ST Residential schools in Odisha, and supplied on time.</p>						
	<p>Government Permission for HRE in Sambalpur: The Odisha state coordinator, applied to Mass Education Department, Govt. of Odisha, to get official permission for all the schools of Sambalpur district. The SAC members, Chairperson of IHRE and State Coordinator, have discussed the project with the Departmental officers and Minister. After 3 months, the Govt. of Odisha gave the Govt. Order for 50 schools, on 1.12.08, in first phase. After getting good results from the given schools, the Govt. will give the permission for the project to be implemented in more schools, and possibly think about the HRE curriculum. Director initially recommended for the project to begin in only 20 schools. Secretary strongly recommended that the project be in file for 200 schools, but the Minister approved only 50 schools in the first phase.</p> <p>Meeting with Education Departmental officers of Sambalpur: The meeting was conducted at office of the collector of Sambalpur, on 3.12.08, with the chairmanship of Mr.P.K.Pattanaik, Collector, Sambalpur, to introduce Human Rights Education program in 50 schools of the district, as per the Govt. Order, given by the School & Mass Education Department, Govt. of Odisha.</p> <p>Meeting with Dr. Mona Singh, IAS: The State coordinator submitted a letter with all documents to Dr. Mona Singh, Secretary of WCD department, seeking permission for introducing HRE in visually impaired schools, on 17.2.09, at her office. She accepted our</p>						

	<p>proposal with lot of interest, and said the department has more than 100 special schools, for different types of disabled students. She felt that it will be a good step to include this program in all special schools.</p> <p>Meeting with Secretary of SC/ST: An official meeting was conducted with Mr.Ashok Tripathy, IAS, Principal Secretary (new), and Director of SC/ST dept, on 4.2.09. Dr.D.P.Pattanayak and myself, attended the meeting.</p> <p>Election manifesto: A draft was prepared by Ajit Das, in the guidance of State Coordinator on "right to education," and given to Dr.D.P.Pattanayak, for his remarks. Dr.Pattanayak has had a discussed with the State Coordinator, about the draft after a detailed study. The State Coordinator will redraft his suggestions. Then it will go to an expert team for final approval and then printing.</p>
Chhattisgarh	<p>Meeting with Education Secretary: The State Coordinator Ms. Neelanjana Ganguly, met the School Education Secretary, for permission, in the name of IHRE, to continue the program in the state. A formal letter was also submitted. A response was received from the Department, in the month of September 2008.</p> <p>The State Coordinators Ms. Neelanjana, met Mr. Manish Sharma (PRO in SHRC), and discussed about the programme on 29th Jan. He said regarding Value Based Education in the meeting held at SCERT. He wanted to know about the HRE project, because they want to run similar project for the overall development of children.</p> <p>Meeting with DIET Principal: The State Coordinator had a discussion with DIET principal, Ms. Sharma, on 5th Feb 2009. The result of this meeting was, the Principal agreed to conduct 2 days workshop for block Heads</p> <p>The Workshop on Corporal Punishment at DIET campus, on 11th Feb 2009, conducted by DIET, the State Coordinator, has been taken a session on "Kinds of corporal punishment", "what are the necessary points to stop corporal punishment?", and also "available laws to stop CP," then participated in the discussion on whether a separate act is required or not, to stop CP</p> <p>Meeting with Mr. Manish Mishra (PRO in SHRC): The State Coordinator, had a discussion on further step on the way for Separate Act is required or not The SHRC, wants to send specific recommendations to education department. He gave the list of activities done by SHRC in last year.</p> <p>Meeting with SSA Director: The State Coordinator, met the SSA Director (Mrs. Maninder Kaur Diwedi), along with the appreciation letter & bouquet sent by Dr. Vasanthi Devi. Mrs. Maninder Kaur Diwedi, transferred to some other department & the new name proposed for the SSA Director post & the proposed name is Madam Nidhi Chabber.</p> <p>Meeting with parents: Parents met with the State coordinator, they said that Corporal Punishment is very much essential for the proper development of a Child, and then he discussed about his own childs case The State coordinator, is trying to solve their problem by consulting & sharing the case with the Councilor Madam Pragati Dubey but still not came up with any result.</p>
West Bengal	<p>Networking with the Govt: The State Coordinator Ms. Christine, met with Mr. Prabhat Kumar Mishra the State Project Director of Sarva Shiksha Mission, for implementing HRE in schools of North 24 Parganas district. As a result the State Coordinator obtained an oral permission, from the Project Director of SSM, for introducing HRE in 100 more new schools, from all 4 districts, from the Project Director of SSM. SSM will support the cost of the modules.</p>
	<p>The State Coordinator met the State Project Director, for the purpose of introducing HRE in all the upper primary schools under the Sarva Shikha Mission, and got the go ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met the DM and Pedagogy Coordinator of Howrah, for 514 schools

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will meet the DM and Gender officer of North 24 Pgs, as requested by State Project Director <p>The State Coordinator met with the State Project Director of SSM, on the 29th – 5 copies of Module 1 and 2 have been submitted to SSM curriculum board. A formal letter has been submitted, according to requests made by the SPD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Written Proposal, for 512 schools for Howrah district, has been submitted to District Project Director-Howrah <p>Written Proposal for 965 schools for North 24 Pgs district has been submitted to District Project Director-of North 24 pgs</p> <p>Meeting with DPO and Pedagogy officer: The North 24 Parganas DPO and Pedagogy officer attended a meeting, held at Loreto, on Friday 20th Feb at 9.30 a.m., for implementation of the HRE program.</p> <p>Meeting with DPO and Chairman of SSM: The State Coordinator met the Kolkata DPO and Chairman of SSM to Discuss the implementation of HRE program, in Kolkata schools.</p>
Tamilnadu	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, UNICEF, and ILO organized the State Consultation on "Right to Education and Abolition of Child Labour" that was held at Chennai, on Oct 30-31, 2008. Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, Chairperson of IHRE, delivered a special address and participated in the Consultation, along with Dr. Annadurai, Associate Director of IHRE.
Rajasthan	On 11.11.2008, the state coordinator visited Jaipur, to meet Justice S. N. Bhargava, as he is the member of SAC, and wanted to meet to discuss the IHRE programme in Government Schools.
Andhra Pradesh	The state coordinator met Mr. Gollapali Surya Rao, Minister for Small Scale Industries, to invite him to UDHR celebrations, on 9 th at PARA.
Karnataka:	<p>Adult Literacy Programme:</p> <p>There was a discussion in the Adult education office to introduce HRE for neo literates. This is age group is between 15 and 35. There are 62 types of programmes for them in that they wanted to include HRE also In Bangalore urban dist, there are 488 centers and 976 pre-raks.</p> <p>Advocacy with Social Welfare Office:</p> <p>The State Coordinator met with the Social welfare officer, to know the number of SC/ST residential schools, in Karnataka, where it may be possible to introduce a HRE programme. But SC/ST residential schools are there only up to 5th standard. Therefore, we dropped the idea of selecting these schools.</p> <p>Meeting with Fr. Stanny: The State Coordinator visited Shimoga, on 10th February 2009, and met Fr. Stanny, to discuss the HRE schools in Shimoga, Davngere, and Chithradurga.</p> <p>Meeting with World vision personnel: The State Coordinator met with the World Vision personnel at SICHREM, to discuss about implementing HRE in 20 schools, where they are working. The Trainings will be in April and May 2009.</p>
Kerala	<p>Meeting with Justice Krishna Ayer: As part of the IHRE Advocacy work, in the state of Kerala, there was a follow up on the Coordinators meeting held at Bangalore. It was decided to approach Justice Krishna Ayer, for recommending to M.A.Baby Education Minister, Kerala for getting government permission for implementing the HRE programme in the Schools in Kerala.</p> <p>Team Members: Dr. Vasanthi Devi, Henri Tiphagne, Dr.N.A.Kareem, Ashok Mathew Phillip,</p>

Ashifa.k.m , and Renjith .A. Jose

A short and precise narration of the purpose of the meeting was done by Dr. Vasanthidevi, Chairperson, IHRE. The highlight of the discussion was asking him to spoke to the M.A.Baby regarding the programme and recommending for implementing this programme in at least one of the districts in Kerala. Justice Krishna Ayer, immediately spoken to the Minister M.A.Baby, and impressed upon him the need for extending the full support of the state government to this programme. An appointment was scheduled with the Minister, took an appointment with the Minister on 16th Feb 2009. The Justice agreed to be the Chairperson of Kerala State advisory committee of HRE, and also agreed to be the member of the National Advisory committee. Copy of Three modules, newsletters, Audio CD, and Write up of the national Scenario; was also given to the Justice. With this, the meeting came to an end.

Meeting with Kerala - Education Minister: As part of the IHRE Advocacy work in the state of Kerala, a follow up was organized, to discuss the meeting with Justice Krishna Ayer, held on 13th Feb 2009. It was decided to approach the Education Minister, for seeking permission from the Education Department in order to carry on with the National Programme for Human Rights Education in Schools.

As a result a team, including Dr.Vasanthi Devi, met with Shri.M.A.Baby Hon'ble Education Minister, on the **16thFeb 2009** in (at) Trivandrum. Team members for the Meeting were; Dr.Vassanthi Devi, Dr. N. A. Kareem, Dr.Balaraman, Mr. Ashok Mathews Philip, Mr.P.J.Josey, and Ms.Ashifa.K.M

A short and precise narration of the purpose of the meeting was done by Dr.Vasanthidevi, Chairperson, IHRE. The highlight of the discussion was asking for implementing the HRE programme, PER Justice Krishna Ayer's Suggestion and also said on the pilot project already implemented in 55 schools of Kerala. A copy of the three modules, news letters, Audio CD, report on activities of Kerala, and a write up on the National scenario of IHRE was also given to the minister. The minister, on going through the documents and asked his personal secretary to go through it.

Major Suggestions from the Minister is that:

- Make corrections on the module and give two to three sets of modules to each of the schools of Kerala, approximately 8000 schools in Kerala.
- Societal consentization is needed for implementing this kind of programme, especially in Kerala.
- After getting the governments permission, all the trainings Programmes should be conducted by the SSA.
- The materials in the modules can be inculcated in to the state syllabus with SCERT.
- Official launching of the programme is needed in Eranakulum with Justice V.R.Krishna Iyer.

Then Mr. P.J.Josey, who is the implementing partner of the programme, was asked to get touch with the minister for necessary feed back and follow up. With this the meeting came to an end.

Meeting with Prof. K.N. Panikker: On 16.02.2009, Dr. Vasathidevi met Dr. K.N. Panikker and requested him to be a member of State advisory committee in Kerala. He has agreed to be a member of SAC Kerala.

Meeting with N.S.S. Liaison Officer: On 16.02.2009, the team met the N.S.S. Liaison Officer Ms. Anitha Sankar, and explained about the HRE program. The Result of the meeting was she has given her interest to join with us for the giving HRE to the N.S.S programme Officers in School level

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First National Advisory Committee Meeting:

The first meeting of the National Advisory Committee, took place at the Conference Hall, Council for Social Development, in New Delhi on 15th October 2008, from 10.00 am till 1.30 pm. The following eminent persons; renowned educationists bureaucrats; activists; and others, accepted the request to become members of the National Advisory Committee:

The following members participated in its first meeting at Delhi:

1. Mr. Justice Shivaraj V. Patil, Former Supreme Court Judge and Former Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission of India (Bangalore)
2. Mr. Justice A.D. Sadashiva, Former Judge, Karnataka High Court (Bangalore)
3. Prof. Krishnakumar, Director, National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi
4. Prof. K. N. Panikkar, Vice-Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Trivandrum
5. Prof. Muchkund Dubey, President, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
6. Mr. K.R. Venugopal IAS, Former Personal Secretary to the Prime Minister and Former Special Rapporteur, National Human Rights Commission (Hyderabad)
7. Mr. P.S. Krishnan IAS, Former Secretary to Government of India and Honorary Advisor to Union Minister for Human Resource Development, New Delhi
8. Prof. D.P. Pattanaik, Renowned Linguist and Former Founder Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages (Bhubaneswar)
9. Fr. Raymond Ambrose, Director, National Education Group, Hyderabad
10. Prof. Vijayakumar, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore
11. Prof. Vina Mazumdar, National Research Professor of Social Sciences (GOI), Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi

In addition, Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, Chairperson of the IHRE; Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director of PW; Dr. I. Devasahayam, Director of IHRE; and all the state partners took part in the meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was: 1. Mainstreaming of HRE at the state & national level; 2. State funding of the HRE program at state and national level; 3. Funding of Indian Foundations for the HRE program

National Event "Towards HRE in all Schools in India":

Following National Advisory Committee meeting on the 15th Oct 2008 in the morning, a national level event "Towards HRE in all schools" was held in the afternoon, on the same day at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi. There were about 40 HRE children and 20 HRE teachers from the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Children and teachers could not participate, from the states of Gujarat and Tripura due to examinations. Few of the National Advisory Committee members participated in the meeting.

National Level State Coordinators Meeting:

The meeting was held at United Theological College, Bangalore, on 8th & 9th of January 2009. 13 coordinators from 11 states attended this meeting. The main objective of this meeting was to review the performances of each state in the last 6 months (July 2008 to December 2008) and plan for the next six months (January 2009 to June 2009). (Dr. Vasanthidevi - the Chairperson-IHRE; Mr. Henri Tiphagne-Executive Director-People's Watch; Dr. Annadurai-Associate Director-IHRE; and Mr. Ashok Mathews Philip-Executive Director of SICHREM, also participated in this review/ cum planning meeting.

Staff Capacity Building Program:

16 of our Coordinators have joined the PG Diploma Course on Child Rights Law, offered by National Law School of India University, Bangalore, which is a one year course beginning in Jan 2009, and get over in Oct 2009. All

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the coordinators have attended the first contact classes, held at the university campus, from the 10th to 12th of January 2009.

Summer Programs – May 2008

Odisha	<p>Regional Summer Training Program at PURI Regional Summer Training Program, on the theme of "Right to Development & ESC Rights" was conducted at Puri in Odisha, from 17th – 21st May, at Hotel International. 53 teachers, from five states, participated in the 5 day program. The program was inaugurated by Dr.D.P.Pattanayak, SAC member of IHRE and eminent linguist of the country. Out of 52 participants, 10 were teachers and one official of ADRI of Bihar, 5 teachers and one Coordinator of IHRE from Rajasthan, 8 teachers and one Coordinator from IHRE of Chhatisgarh, 9 teachers and one staff of CSJ of Gujarat, and 14 teachers, 2 were Coordinators from Odisha.</p>
Gujarat	<p>Regional Summer Training At Ahmedabad (7th To 11th May 2008): There were 43 teachers both from Government and private schools, from five states, namely; Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar, Chattisgarh and Orrisa. It was organized to strengthen the understanding of teachers in human rights and factors which contribute to building a human rights culture; to strengthen the skills of human rights educators in methodologies for human rights education; to build capacities of teachers in designing and facilitating small group processes in their states, and; to facilitate teachers in designing a frame work on HRE curriculum for all ages.</p>
Bihar	<p>Regional Summer Training Programme for HRE Teachers in Ranchi: Third Regional Summer Training programme, for HRE Teachers, on "Right to Development" and Economic, Cultural & Social Rights (ECSR), was organized at BSNL Regional Telecom Training Centre (ARTTC), Ranchi, Jharkhand, on May 26-31, 2007. It was organized by Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna, and Institute of Human Rights Education, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. A total of 46 persons, including 4 state coordinators from the states of; Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Bihar, participated in the training Program.</p>
Karnataka	<p>Summer Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The third summer training programme, for the state of Karnataka, was held from 27th -31st May 2008, at Vardashree, Sagar. The total number of participants for the programme was 47, from the HRE schools. Participants were from five districts. The major objective of the programme is to upgrade the knowledge, skills and attitude of teachers in human rights, and to promote human rights education. • Karnataka State Summer Training Program, for HRE Teachers, was held from 27th to 31st May 2008, at Saagar (Near Jog Falls), Shimoga.
Tamilnadu	<p>Summer Training for Human Rights Education Teachers and Students, on formation of Children's Human Rights Clubs, in Tamil Nadu Institute of Human rights Education, has been conducting summer training programs for Human Rights Education teachers from the year 2000 onwards. For the first time, it conducted a summer camp for Human Rights Education students. Both these programs were meant for teachers and children, from Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Welfare and Tribal Residential Schools. Teachers' program was held at CESC; and students' camp, was held at Mahatma School, Alagarcoil. A Total of 91 students participated in the summer camp, in which there were 39 boys and 52 girls. In teachers training, 32 of them had participated from ADW and Diocese schools.</p> <p>Summer Training programs for Human Right Education Teachers in Tamil Nadu: Two summer programs were conducted, in Don Bosco Centre, Kothagiri in Tamil Nadu, during this annual vacation. These programs were meant for new human rights education teachers, from Chennai Corporation, Erode and Sivagangai districts. First program, was conducted from May 21 – 25, and the 2nd program from May 26 – 30, 2008. Totally, 93 teachers (Batch 1- 48 teachers and Batch 2 – 45 teachers) had participated in both the programs. These programs were conducted with the main objective of deepening the teachers' knowledge on human rights.</p>

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Kerala	<p>Summer Training Program for Teachers in Kerala The second summer training programme, for human rights education teachers, from the state of Kerala, was held from April 24-29, 2008, at Asha Sadan, Vagamon in Kerala. The total number of participants for the programme was 14 from the HRE schools. The number of participants was too low due to other government training programs' duties in evaluating answer sheets and publishing results. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. Kureepuzha Sreekumar, the famous poet in Malayalam.</p>
West Bengal	<p>Summer Training Programme in Gangtok: This program was conducted at Gangtok in Sikkim, from 27th to 30th May 2008. The total number of Participants was 30 teachers nominated by the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, which will start HRE in their 20 schools, from 2 districts of West Bengal. Regional Summer Training Program, for HRE Teachers, from West Bengal was held from 27th to 31st May 2008, at Gangtok-West Bengal</p>

General Orientation cum Syllabus Training Program for HRE teachers for 3 days:

13 (3 in Andhra Pradesh, 9 in Odisha and 1 in Karnataka)

1 Orientation Program to Heads of schools in Sambalpur

Syllabus training program: 6 (1 each in Odisha, Chattisgarh and Rajasthan, 2 in Kerala and 1 in Gujarat)

State advisory committee meeting: 2 (Odisha and Rajasthan)

State	Date & Venue	Total Programs
Andhra Pradesh	9 th to 13 th July 2008, Ravulapalem	3
	7 th to 9 th August 2008, Vizagapattinam	
	19 th to 21 st November 2008,	
Odisha	25 th to 27 th August 2008, BBSR	9
	29 th to 31 st August 2008, Rayakada Dist	
	09 th to 11 th Sep 2008, Balangir Dist	
	15 th to 17 th Sep 2008, Sundargarh Dist	
	20 th to 22 nd Sep 2008, Keonjhar Dist	
	26 th to 28 th Sep 2008, Koraput	
	20 th to 22 nd Oct'08	
	12 th to 14 th December 2008	
	20 th to 22 nd December 2008	
Karnataka	12 th and 13 th December 2008	1

Odisha:

Orientation Program for Heads of Schools in Odisha

Four orientation programs, for the heads of SC/ST residential schools of Odisha, were conducted as follows:

Date	Place	Number of HMs
15 th April 2008	Baripada	30
18 th April 2008	Koraput	82
20 th April 2008	Balangir	26
23 rd April 2008	Sambalpur	78
	Total	216

Orientation Program to Heads of schools in Sambalpur:

60 Head Masters, 92 teachers, 12 BRC, 27 School Inspectors, and more than 50 Cluster Resource Coordinators of SSA attended the first day of the program. The State Coordinator addressed the house packed gathering on the topics of "Why Human Rights Education?"; "What are Human Rights and its violation", and "U.N. World program on HRE".

One day Headmasters' Meeting:

In **Rajasthan**, the Headmasters' / School Principals' meeting was held at Ajmer, on 13.09.2008. 22 Principals from the schools of Ajmer, Bheelwaara, and Mount Abu, participated in the meeting. The thrust area of the

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meeting was strengthening the HRE program in their respective schools, ensuring active participation of students, teachers and schools, and all the activities of Human Rights.

Syllabus Training Program on Child Rights Module

State	Date & Venue	Total Programs
Odisha	27 th & 28 th June, 2008, BBSR	1
Chhattisgarh	29 th and 30 th August 2008, Raipur	1
Rajasthan	30 th & 31 st August 2008	1
Kerala	12 th August 2008 at Ernakulam	2
	13 th August 2008 at Calicut	
Gujarat	26, 27, 28 November 2008	1

State Advisory Committee Meeting:

State	Date & Venue	Purpose of the Meeting
Andhra Pradesh	12 th of May 2008 at CHAI, Secunderabad	The first State Advisory Committee meeting, in Andhra Pradesh, was held at CHAI, Secunderabad, on 12 th of May 2008. The committee was very much appreciative of this new initiative, in Andhra Pradesh schools, and has given valuable suggestions for the better implementation of the program. Mr. Venugopal IAS, has sought an appointment, with the Education Secretary, for the members to meet and brief the Government about the program and seek its permission for the same.
Tripura	25 th May 2008 Tripura Govt. Law College, Agartala	The 2 nd State Advisory Committee meeting was held on 25 th May 2008, in Tripura Govt. Law College, Agartala. The meeting was presided over by one of the SAC members, namely Mr. Samarendra Mukerjee, Retd. Judge. 11 members participated in the meeting. All the members are satisfied with the program. The new Bengali draft Module on Child Rights, was placed before the committee for its comments and approval. The committee members suggested the incorporation of a new chapter on environment issues and deforestation. The module prepared, in Tripura was approved by the committee.
Odisha	3 rd July 2008, BBSR	<p>The 8th State Advisory Committee meeting was held at Bhubaneswar Hotel Presidency. The meeting was convened by Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, Chairperson of IHRE, to find ways of management of the expanded HRE program, in Odisha. The SAC was in favour of forming a Managing Committee, to oversee the program, and IHRE directly implementing the program. As a result, new members were added to the SAC, a Managing Committee was formed, and IHRE is directly implementing the program beginning on July 4, 2008.</p> <p>Meeting with Principal secretary of Mass Education: Principal secretary of School & Mass Education, called the state coordinator to discuss about ongoing HRE program before attending NHRC meeting in New Delhi for HRE. The State Coordinator submitted a detailed report of the activities with all the TLM to the Govt.</p> <p>Meeting with Principal secretary of Mass Education: Dr. Vasanthi Devi, Chairperson of IHRE, Dr. Deva Sahayam</p>

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		Director IHRE, Mr. Kalyan Roy, and the State Coordinator met with Vandana Kumari Jena, Principal Secretary of Mass Education, on 27 th March 2009, to discuss the ongoing program of Human Rights Education in Odisha.
	26 th March 2009, BBSR	The Odisha state Advisory Committee meeting was held on 26/3/09, at Hotel Presidency, with the chairmanship of Dr.V. Vasanthidevi, Dr. Devasahayam-Director-IHRE, Dr. D.P. Pattanayak, Dr. Bibhuti Pattanayak, Mr. Kalyan Ray, Dr. Pradeep Sarkar, Dr. Mahendra Mishra, Sri Prados Pattanaik, Sri Nageswar, Sri K.C. Sarangi, Dr. Bedabati Mohanty, and all SAC members attended the meeting.
Rajasthan	18 th Sep 2008, Ajmer	The thrust area of the meeting was the strengthening and expanding the HRE Program in schools of the Rajasthan. The program is being implemented in 30 schools of Rajasthan since July 2007 and the real impact of the program can be seen when the Human Rights Education program will be shifted to the Government schools and to the villages of Rajasthan.
Kerala	13 Feb 2009, Eranakulum	5th State Advisory Committee Meeting: The fifth State Advisory committee of Human rights education programme, in the schools in Kerala, was held at Eranakulum, on 13 Feb 2009. It was time for the advisory council meet along with the Implementing Committee Members once again, listen to the experiences of the teachers and students so that strategies could be explored for strengthening the programme. The main focus of meeting was to work out the new strategies for the implementation of the next phase of the programme with the support of the state government.
Bihar		Consultation with political leaders: In view of the parliamentary election campaign, the state coordinator has met with 4 sitting MPs of NDA and UPA, in order to get the support for implementing HRE, in the state of Bihar.
Chhattisgarh		Meeting with Assist. Director SSA: The State Coordinator met with the Assistant Director of SSA Mr. M. Sudheesh, on 4 th March 2009, in order to discuss the ongoing HRE program in schools. HRE State office visit by PRO SHRC: Mr. Manish Mishra, the PRO SHRC, came to see the State HRE office, on 5 th March 2009, and asked about the research work, he was interested to know about the research and survey done by HRE.
West Bengal		Advocacy and Networking: The State Coordinator met with the District Project Officer - Mr. Madhusudan Chatterjee of Purba Medinipur district in Tamluk division. He assured us that he will involve the girls' school first for HRE, then the co-ed and then boys' schools. This is an SSM undertaking. It was made possible through an NGO partnership with- Jay Prakash Institute of Social Change.

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Review Meetings

<p>Teachers Review meeting</p>	<p>Gujarat: In the expanded program of 53 schools in Anand district, a teacher's review meeting was organized, on the 4th of April. 43 teachers participated in this meeting, which was attended by BRC and 2 CRC officers.</p> <p>Another teachers' review meeting was held on 20th August 2008. In this meeting, 35 teachers were present.</p> <p>The next teachers' review meeting was held on November 26, 2008, at Government Middle school Untta, Jehanabad. 18 HRE teachers of Jehanabad district attended the meeting</p>
<p>Regional review meeting in Odisha:</p>	<p>North zone review meeting of the HRE program was held at Sambalpur, in the office of the Inspector of Schools on 23.12.08. Sri Ramchandra Mallick, Inspector of schools, SC/ST dept., chaired the meeting. Sri K.C.Sarangi, Management committee member of IHRE; State coordinator of IHRE; DWO of Sambalpur; D I of Sambalpur; and 22 Head masters from Dhenkanal, Angul, Sambalpur and Jharsuguda districts participated in the meeting.</p>
<p>Staff Review meeting: Odisha:</p>	<p>The staff members; Pradipta Nayak, Pradip Mohanty, Ajit Das and Namita Mohapatra participated in the monthly review meeting, on 31.10.08.</p>
<p>Staff Review meeting in Odisha:</p>	<p>Staff review meeting was conducted on 26.12.08, at the IHRE office. State Coordinator, Pradip Mohanty; Sudhir Dubey; Ajit Ku Das; Snehamayee Padhy; and Namita Mohapatra, were present in the meeting. Mr.K.C.Sarangi, Management committee member, and R.N.Panda, Resource team member, also participated in the meeting as observers.</p> <p>The staff review meeting was held on 16.3.09, at BBSR HRE office. All the coordinators, 5 in total, were present (5 nos) in this meeting. The primary agenda of the meeting was Reporting, review of the previous activities, School visit, Documentation, Evaluation, Planning for the next fort night, and other activities.</p> <p>The 2nd Staff review meeting of March was held on 28.3.09, at BBSR office; in the presence of Mr. K.C Sarangi, member SAC. All present (5nos.) staffs have attended the meeting. The main topics on the agenda discussed in the meeting i.e., Reporting and review of the previous activities, DCA Evaluation, School visit, Report System, Account Settlement, and Future plan of activities.</p> <p>Mr. Louis, the Director HRD, participated in the staff meeting and shared the organogram, staff rules, staff appraisal and promotion. He has appreciated the involvement of whole team in the planning and development of the programme, and the big successes of the HRE programme outside of Tamilnadu in general, and Odisha in particular.</p>
<p>Odisha</p>	<p>1st fortnight staff review meeting held at IHRE office on 15.2.09. All staff members attended the meeting.</p> <p>2nd staff review meeting was conducted on 31.1.09. Ajit was in school visit. Sudhir Dubey, and did not participate because of ill health. Others participated in the review and planning. Dr. D.P. Pattanayak, Managing Committee member, and SAC member also participated as observers</p>
<p>Odisha-Regional Review</p>	<p>The Central zone review meeting was held at Bhubaneswar at the office of</p>

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<p>Meeting:</p>	<p>the Inspector of schools, on 6.2.09 at 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, with the Chairmanship of Smt. Puspanjali Sethi, I/S, Central Zone. 7 Headmasters, 2 HRE teachers, 4 officers, and other educational staff attended the meeting.</p> <p>2nd phase Teachers Review Meeting: The 2nd phase Teachers Review meeting was conducted on 13.2.09, in Bhubaneswar under the Chairmanship of Dr. D.P. Pattanayak. 43 teachers participated in this review. The additional Secretary of SC/ST dept. Mr. Biswajeet Mishra, IAS, and Dr. Bibhuti Pattanayak were addressed in the inaugural. Mr. K.C. Sarangi and State coordinator have facilitated the review meeting.</p> <p>Odisha-Staff Review Meeting: The monthly staff meeting was held at HRE state office at BBSR on 28.2.09. All staff were presented, except for Pradip Mohanty. The last month activity, particularly the school visit was reviewed in the meeting.</p>
<p>Teachers review meeting in Karnataka:</p>	<p>On 23rd January 2009, a teacher's review meeting was fixed but due to non availability of funds, it is postponed. Regardless of this, on the 23rd, 6 teachers came to the venue; therefore, the state coordinator took feedback from them.</p> <p>The teachers review meeting was conducted on 13th March 2009, at the BRC office at Sira. 42 teachers participated in the meeting, including Mr. Eshwarappa,</p>
<p>West Bengal</p>	<p>The Teachers Review Meeting was held at Loreto Sealdah on 21st Feb 2009. 58 teachers participated in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to; review the programme in its present state, its on-going classes, and its impact on students and teachers. A sharing of practical lessons on Human Rights Education based on Amnesty International Education Programme was also the agenda. This was followed by the sharing by Miss Emily Park from Northern Ireland. She gave the training session in participatory approach method, and shared some lessons on:-'Being Human, 'Importance of Individual Identity', 'Needs and wants', and 'Rights and Responsibilities' .This training enriched the teachers knowledge on values and rights.</p>
<p>Teachers Review meeting</p>	<p>Gujarat: The Teachers review meeting was held at BRC Anand, on the 4th of March 2009. 38 teachers from 53 schools participated in this meeting.</p>

School Visit:

State	Number of Schools visited in the reporting period
Rajasthan	10 schools
Gujarat	44 schools
West Bengal	44 schools
Karnataka	73 schools
Andhra Pradesh	86 schools

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Bihar	32 schools
Odisha	282 schools
Tripura	45 schools
Kerala	59 schools
Gujarat	53 schools
Chhattisgarh	33 schools

Children's Workshop:

Children's workshop was held on 29th of September 2008. In this workshop, 49 schools out of 53 participated. More than 120 children and 50 teachers participated in the workshop. The theme of the workshop was 'My identity, diversity and Citizenship'.

HRE Modules

1. **Rajasthan:** A three days workshop on Curriculum Development on Child Rights, was organized at Sophia Girls Collage, in Ajmer from 24th to 26th April 08. 13. Participants who participated in the workshop, especially all the curriculum committee members, Sr. Serena, and Dr. I. Devesahayam. It was a fruitful workshop in which members of curriculum committee were able to decide the overall framework of the module on Child Rights.
2. **TRIPURA:** The preparation of Child Rights Module-II for Tripura State in Bengali was started in the month of June 2008, and 7000 copies of the module have printed in the month of September 2008.
3. **ODISHA:** The second module on Child Rights, in Oriya, was revised for the first time, to suit the situation of SC/ST Residential schools children in the state of Odisha. 5000 copies of the revised module on Child Rights Module-II were printed, for 64 SC/ST schools in Odisha.
4. **Andhra Pradesh**
 - The Andhra Pradesh State HRE Curriculum Committee meeting was held at CHAI, Secunderabad on 12th & 13th of May 2008. Dr. Devasahayam, Director IHRE facilitated the meeting. The following seven members participated in this meeting: Mr. Jose Chinthalapudi, Mrs. Syamal Devi (JJB coordinator), Mr. Deva Kumar (Sakshi), Prof. Sudha Rani (Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad), Fr. T.D. John (BIRDY), Dr. Sridhar (NALSAR), and Fr. Thomas Pallithanam. The committees agreed upon the overall framework of its 2nd module, namely Child Rights; the module was will be ready within a couple of months.
 - Andhra Pradesh: The Second Module on "Child Rights" was prepared both in English and Telugu, and 7500 copies were printed and distributed. Along with the children's module, a teachers' training manual was also prepared and printed.
 - The third module "Discrimination" adaptation work has started. It is on process in March 2009)
5. "Schooling for Justice and Rights-Human Rights Education in Schools in India: A Model", a report of our experiences of HRE program in Tamil Nadu from 1997 till 2005, that was sponsored by Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva. A pocket size Handbook for teachers on the 60th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR);
6. A simple concise Capsule for HRE children on the 60th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR);
7. Release of Child Rights modules in Telugu, Bengali, Oriya, English and Tamil;
8. Release of Discrimination module in Malayalam; Release of Benagli HRE newsletter from Tripura

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9. In Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal, Child rights modules were printed and distributed.
10. The preparation of audio CD of HRE songs was completed – 5 songs have been composed – all in Bengali and narration in English.
11. **Kerala:** The adaptation of third module has started in March 2009. It is on process.
12. **Rajasthan:** The adaptation and translation of Child Rights module has done in March 2009. It is ready for printing
13. **Preparation Braille Module: Odisha:** Braille Module preparation meeting has been conducted on 7.3.08, at B B School for the blind campus. Mr. R K Sharma, Mr. Mahendra Mohanty, Mr. Prafulla Rout, Mr. Tapas Mohanty and Pradipta Nayak attended the meeting. The narration was discussed in the meeting with emphasizing suitable portion. The chapters has prepared on the basis of our original module, one highlighting the rights of the disabled; specifically the visually handicapped. The matters will be finalized in the IHRE curriculum meeting. Then with the approval of Dr. Bibhuti Pattanayak, it will go to Braille press in Kolkatta for printing. It will be sent within the month of March and the press will take 3 months to supply us with the books. After getting the completed module, we will go for teachers training in the month of July

Printing of Posters:

In Odisha, 3 types of new posters were designed and developed on child rights in Oriya.

3000 posters were printed.

A poster on the 60th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) ; and 10th anniversary of Paulo Freire focusing on the quotes of Paulo Freire on education;

Observation of Important Days

Andhra Pradesh:	60th anniversary of UDHR: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On 9th Dec 2008, the UDHR 60th anniversary was observed at Ravulapalem, Mr. P.S.N Murthy I.A.S from Hyderabad, Mr. Malleswarao Public Prosecutor from Narsapuram, Mr. Venkata Rao Lecturer, Mr. Basu Engineer, and Fr. Thomas Pallithanam were the guests of honor for the day. On 10th Dec 2008, the UDHR handbooks were released, and the UDHR day observed in Don Bosco Ravulapalem.• On 11th Dec 2008, the UDHR day was observed at Ubalanka High School: Ublanka High school conducted drawing and essay writing competitions on Human Rights on the 9th, and they had a special school assembly on 11th of December. International women's day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Women's day celebration was organized at Ravulapalem on 10.03.2009. Mr. P. S. N. Murthy IAS officer was the chief guest, and Mrs. Hemalalitha Advocate presided over the meeting. There were 500 women attended this meeting.• Women's day observed in Kpthapeta. It was organized by Jhony Laxmibai, from Mutually Aided Cooperative Society. There were around 200 women in attendance for the meeting.
Kerala:	60th anniversary of UDHR: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HR day was observed in Kerala state in different forms. Justice K.K. Narendren Inaugurated the function. Group Song and Choreography competitions were organized. Around 120 participants attended the programme. .
Karnataka:	60th anniversary of UDHR: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Competition programme on HRE Songs and Dance was conducted on December 6th 2008, at United mission School. 17 teams participated in the program, from; Ramnagar dist, Chickballapur dist, Tumkur dist, Kolar dist, Bangalore Urban, and Bangalore rural.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights Day was celebrated at St. Joseph's college. On that day winners of the 6th programme were invited and distributed the prizes
Odisha:	<p>60th anniversary of UDHR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60th Anniversary of UDHR was observed by IHRE – Odisha on 10.12.08, in Bhubaneswar, in a massive way. Nearly 800 students and teachers, and others participated in a long Human Chain and Open Seminar. The participants queued with Banners, placards, and posters on both sides of the road for about half an hour. All the participants taken oath given by OSHRC member Mr.Mohapatra, to protect and promote Human Rights in the society. UDHR study materials and the 8th issue of the newsletter were released by the SAC members. Eminent personalities like; Mr.Himadri Mohapatra, Member State Human Rights Commission; Dr.D.P.Pattanayak; Dr.Bibhuti Pattanayak; Mr.Kalyan Ray; Mr.B.K.Tripathy; and Mr.Ajit Das (all are SAC members) participated in the program. <p>International women's day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International women's day has been observed by IHRE –Odisha jointly, with "NARI SANGHA" Balasore at Balasore on 8.3.09. More than 200 HRE students, HRE teachers, women, social activists, journalists, and etc, participated the day long program. A seminar was organized on the topic of "Protection of Girl Children and development" in the society.
Tripura:	<p>60th anniversary of UDHR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 60th anniversary of UDHR was observed at Samaprashad J.B.School at Anandanagar. The program was inaugurated by the principal of Tripura Govt. Law College, and the Deputy Chairperson of that village, by way of lighting the candle. After the inauguration all the people of that function remembered the victims who were killed by the terrorist in the Mumbai blast. After that a rally was organized by the students and the teachers. Every dignitaries has given their valuable speeches regarding the importance of Human Rights and UDHR. In this program, Mr. Ranjit Dasgupta, was also present. <p>International women's day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The women's day celebration was observed at school level on 8th March 2009, at Agartala
Bihar	<p>International women's day</p> <p>On March 8, 2008, a discussion on Women's Rights was organized, in collaboration with Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), Patna at ADRI premise. Different socioeconomic, cultural aspects, and rights relating to women, were discussed by the participants. A no. of 41 students of JSS and colleges participated in the discussion.</p>

Curriculum Team meeting:

- Odisha:** A Curriculum Team Meeting was held on 14.1.09, at IHRE office, to revise the module-III. Mr. K.C. Sarangi, P. Mohanty, R.N. Panda, and the State coordinator attended the meeting.
- West Bengal:** 2 meetings were held in the school premises for the adaptation of Module 3, designing the future plans for the 20 member resource team
- Rajasthan:** The Child Rights Module preparation is on process.

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- **West Bengal:** The Discrimination Module translation and adaptation process is going on.

Chhattisgarh:

- The HRE curriculum committee meeting was held at Raipur, on 3rd of March 2009, in order to prepare the third module.

Tripura: The Curriculum meeting was conducted at Tripura Govt. Law College, on 28th & 29th May 2009, in order to prepare the 'Discrimination-3rd module'. 14 members participated in this meeting. Dr. I Devasahayam motivated all those members and distributed the required numbers of English Module to our members and teachers etc.

Celebration of Children's Day: The children's day was observed in all the states in different forms.

Printing of News Letter:

In Odisha, The 7th issue of News Letter had printed on 15th August 2008. 1500 copies have printed and had sent to all the schools. 1000 copies of 9th issue of MANAVIK ADHIKAR the HRE, multi color newsletter, containing 20 pages inner and 4 pages cover has printed.

Gujarat: HRE Newsletter 3000 copies of Manthan vol.4, have been printed in the month of Feb 2009, and posted to NGOs working in the area of education in Gujarat.

Andhra Pradesh: On 10.03.2009, the HRE newsletter was released by Mrs. Hemalalitha and Mr. Mallikarjunarao Public Prosecutor, and other guests.

DCA-Donor Visit:

1. Karnataka:

- The Curriculum committee meeting was held on 25th Nov'08. 16 members participated in this meeting. This meeting also focused on Human Rights Celebrations in different forms in the state.
- The state coordinator delivered a speech on HRE at St. Joseph's college, for students. These students visited HRE schools in Bangalore urban district, on 3rd December, to talk about UDHR
- The state coordinator was interviewed by the local radio channel about women's day. It has telecasted on 8th March 2009.

2. Odisha:

- Resource team meeting was held on 7.11.08. All resource team members attended the meeting. The details discussed, over the phone, with Dr. Deva Sahayam, before preparing the program schedule for residential training program for Sambalpur schools. Sri K.C.Saranghi proposed some new methodologies for conducting the training.
- New Office for IHRE Odisha will open in Bhubaneswar at plot no. M – 26, SAMANTA BIHAR, CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR -17 on November 3, 2008.
- Preparation of Election Manifesto: Preparation for IHRE election manifesto "Right to education" work has started. Materials were collected and a manuscript drafted. It will be discussed with SAC members and finalized.
- Meeting with SHRC Chairperson: Chairperson SHRC called the state coordinator for a discussion on HR literature on 22.1.09. After the discussion, Hon'ble Chairperson, required our UDHR handbooks and handbook on Torture, prepared by NPPT. 50 copies of each handbook were given to SHRC, to distribute to participants of HR training program, being conducted by SHRC at Koraput. They also invited 15 HRE teachers to the said program. The teachers' names are given to SHRC.
- Citizen's meeting on "Education in the context of Odisha": The State Coordinator participated in the Citizen's meeting on "Education in the context of Odisha," organized by "Loksamukhya" a citizen's forum in Bhubaneswar.

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- **Meeting on "Climate Change":** The State Coordinator attended the meeting organized by CYSD, and "Genetically Modified Seeds" organized by Living Farms; both the subjects relating to 3rd. generation of rights have been attended and actively participated by the State coordinator.
- **Guest Lecture on Human Rights & Youth":** The State Coordinator has been invited as guest speaker to "AMITY" Management Institute (Bhubaneswar Campus), to deliver a lecture on "Human Rights & Youth," on 19.2.09.
- **DCA Evaluation: Odisha** Mr. Khilesh and Ms. Bente Topsee – Jensen both are consultants of DCA have come to BBSR office, on 28.3.09, for a discussion on relationship the between People's Watch and DCA. Mr.Louis, Director, HRD, PW, and Pradipta Nayak, State Coordinator, IHRE – Odisha participated in the discussion.
- **IHRE Chairperson & Director Visit to Odisha: Odisha:** The meeting was conducted at Bhubaneswar Club, on 26/3/09, at 9 am. All the IHRE staff members in Odisha interacted with Dr. Vasanthi Devi, Chairperson of IHRE & Dr. Devasahayam Director IHRE about their performance. All the staff are felt pleasure to discuss with chairperson and Director of IHRE.
- **Distribution of 'Right to Education' Memorandum:** 1000 copies of "Right to Education" memorandum have printed after getting a little correction by Chairperson of IHRE. The coordinators distributed the copies to the 5/6 political parties of the state. Also have discussed with the election manifesto drafting committee members, of the respective parties, and our memorandum was submitted. Many of them appreciated our position on right to education, and assured us to try to place this issue in their election manifesto.
- **Coordinators participation in the rally and dharna:** The State Coordinator and 3 other staff members participated in rally and dharna against Genetically Modified seeds and food, organized by a group of NGOs with IHRE in BBSR, on 17.3.09
- **Workshop on RTI:** The zonal coordinator Mr. Ajit Das participated in the workshop on the implementation of RTI, on 21.3.09, in BBSR, organized by The Humanity.
- **Workshop on "Classroom curriculum and Pluralism":** Consultation workshop on "Classroom curriculum and Pluralism" was organized by Dehkal Society, New Delhi on 21st, and 22nd, in BBSR. The State Coordinator, Pradipta Nayak, was invited by them to make presentation on HRE.

3. North East:

Exposure Visit by Fr. Davis and Fr. Joy from Bosco Reach Out, Guwahati:

Both of them came on an exposure visit to IHRE, Madurai from Nov 17-21, 2008, for introduction of HRE in the North Eastern States. It was a follow-up to our earlier visit to Guwahati, in Oct 2008. They spent quality time with IHRE team here at Madurai, participated in a training program at Thanjavur, and also visited a ADW-GTR school in the same place. At the end, they fixed their Curriculum Development Workshop on Dec 15-17, 2008, at Guwahati. An action plan was also prepared at the end of the exposure visit.

4. Andhra Pradesh:

- **Cultural meet in Children's home in Hyderabad:** the state coordinator Mr. Venkat attended the cultural meeting in the Children's home Hyderabad, and also Interacted with Children Home, Observation and Special Home children. He got permission to start HRE in Children, Observation and Special Homes by Mr. Ashok Director of Juvenile Homes.
- The State Coordinator participated in the NHRF training Programme at Bangalore, from 18th to 20th Dec 2009.
- As part of Wadana Todo Abhiyan programme, they have requested that PARA anchor the programme called People's Manifesto, in 10 Parliament Constituencies in AP, which means preparing people to

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come with their own manifesto and demand political party leaders to take up these issues as their party manifesto. We have called 20 NGOs for an orientation on 27th of this month, at PARA.

- Following that, the orientation programme, was held at PARA. There were 14 participants from different NGO's. Fr. Thomas explained People's Manifesto aims and objectives to the participants and discussed with members how it could be taken forward to the people. He also suggested to the participants, that it should be completed before 26th of January 09.
- **Godavari Child Rights Forum (GCRF):** The state coordinator Mr. Venkat, attended the inaugural function of GCRF, in **Andhra Pradesh**
- **Godavari Child Rights Forum (GCRF) meeting:** The State Coordinator attended Godavari Child Rights Forum meeting, at Korukonda. There were 25 representatives from different NGOs in attendance.
- **Global Call Again at Poverty Eradication –GCAP Program:** The program was organized in 6 HRE Schools, on 16th and 17th of October 2008, at Ravulapaleyem. All the children actively took part in the programme. All the schools collected signatures against poverty and they demanded that Local leaders to keep their promises.
- **Workshop on Domestic Violation Act:** The state Coordinator of AP, participated in the one day workshop for Village Human Rights Monitoring team, conducted by PARA at Ekalavya training Centre, Ravulapalem on 27th Oct'08. Around 75 participants participated, from three mandals of the PARA project area.
- **Training Program on JJ Act:** The State coordinator attended a one day training programme on JJ Act, which was conducted by JJ Desk Vijayawada, in Navajeevan Bala Bhavan, on 31.10.08.
- **People's Manifesto:** The State Coordinator attended the review meeting on People's Manifesto, at PARA, on 16.01.09. It was already in process in 6 parliamentary constituencies in AP. They have shared their experiences, and still have to start in four more constituencies. It was planned to involve HRE Teachers in this process. Mr. Martin Sudhakar from Lutheran High school, and Mr. Machi Raju from PRGBHS, agreed to join in Peoples Manifesto process.
- On 20.01.09, conducted a meeting on People's Manifesto, at Kakinada PRGHS.
- **Protest on Steel Plant Management:** 84 workers in Vizag Steel Limited were dismissed from their duties without prior notice; they approached PARA, on 26th of Jan. Since Fr. Thomas is not in the office, the HRE desk responded to them and organized a protest in front of their gate. All the 84 workers and 5 other NGOs attended the protest. Management came down for the discussions and agreed to pay 15 days salary per year, per person.
- **Election Watch District meeting:** The State Coordinator participated in the District level Election Watch meeting, in Kakinada PR Govt. Degree College. It was organized by, AP Election Watch. There were 40 representatives from various sectors; especially more from NGO sector. They have formed a district Election Watch team, with 15 members; Mr. Venkat, the state coordinator of HRE-AP from PARA, is also selected to be a member. There was a discussion on the tasks before the team, and supportive mechanism from the state team.
- **Election watch meeting in PARA:** Fr. Thomas Pallithanam the Director of PARA, called for a staff meeting, on election watch, in PARA. The team explained the minutes of the previous days' meeting with AP election watch. Fr. Thomas was interested to take up an Election Campaign, at least in PARA project areas. We also discussed other activities carried out before elections.
- **Child Rights Forum Meeting:** The State Coordinator attended the District Forum Inauguration at TTDC Seminar Hall, Khammam. There are 35 NGO s, around 30 Women and Child Department staff, and 5 HRE school representatives; which participated in this function. Mrs. Anuradha PD, Women and Child Department; District Judge and CWC chairperson, Mr. Ramarao, were the guests of honor for the event.

5. **Chhattisgarh:** The IHRE new office was opened on 2.10.2008

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- The State Coordinator met with Adv. Kanak Tiwari (renowned high court practitioner with politically influence and influence among the officials & academic counsel member of HNLU); Mr. Pradip Tiwari (IPS officer); and Mr. Vishwadeep Shukla (writer & Principal of kanger valley School), at their respective offices, on 20th & 21st Jan 2009. She briefed them about the project, and invited them to be part of the SAC in Chhattisgarh.
- Workshop on laws available to stop corporal punishment: The state coordinator participated in a two day Workshop on “whether a separate Act is required or are laws available to stop corporal punishment?” held at Raipur, on 27th & 28th Jan 2009. Participants from different sectors like teachers, lecturers, DIET principals, Students, Parents, Children, SHRC personnel, and Advocates participated.
- The state Coordinator participated in the Discussion meeting conducted by the state Literacy mission on “How recession affect the common people’s life,” on 23rd March 2009.
- **Interview taken by the news paper generalist of Haribhoomi:** Interviewed the State coordinator on for banning the corporal punishment, State needs separate Act.
- Mr. Rohit mishra, H.M. Khokhopara School, had a complaint against some of the teachers cruel behavior towards the students of Navodaya Schools, and so he requested to start HRE in Navodaya residential schools. The state coordinator requested him to send this complaint to the education department.

Rajasthan:

- **One Day Meeting Between State Partner- Rajasthan and Associate Director (IHRE):**
Dr. Anna Durai , Associate Director , IHRE, Madurai had a meeting with Sister Serena; Principal Sophia Girls College; Ajmer and Ms. Archana Sharma; State Coordinator; IHRE Rajasthan. Mr. Pradeepa Nayak, State Coordinator, IHRE Orrisa, accompanied the Associate Director.
- Mr. Jerome and Ms. Kalyani of Dan Church Aid, and Dr. Annadurai, Associate Director of IHRE, visited the schools in Rajasthan, from 7th to 9th July 2008
- The State Coordinator has attended the 2 days HRE orientation program, held at newly identified Sophia Senior Sec. School – Hindi Medium at Ajmer, on 31.01.2009. She has spoken about the HRE for all the 25 teachers from the school.

Bihar

- Department of Mass Education, Govt of Bihar organised a 10 day Teaching Learning Camp, for illiterate representatives of Panchayat Raj institutions in the districts. Govt. officials requested us to provide facilitation on human rights issues in those camps. In this regard I attended 7 camps, one day in each camp, to facilitate the participants.
- State Resource Centre, ADRI Ranchi, invited me to facilitate a 2 day orientation programme on ‘Continuing Education and Human Rights,’ during February 3-4, 2009.
- **Identification of Resource persons:** 20 persons were identified from the different districts of Bihar to participate in TOT, proposed to be held for the resource person in the month of March 2009.

Kerala:

World women’s day celebration of YWCA Kottayam: The state coordinator attended the world women’s day celebration of YWCA Kottayam - Public tribunal Named “Women Court”. It was organized by YWCA Kottayam, Kerala women protection forum, Archana Sahaya Samiti. Etc.

Preparation of HRE Modules:

Gujarat:

Meeting with Implementing Partners in Gujarat:

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A meeting with the implementing partner SAATH was held on, 16th of April. Chinmeyiben, Belaben from Saath and Jyoti; and Paresh from AVARE, participated in the meeting. Major points for discussion, were feedback received during internal and external evaluation, deciding on the third module of the program.

Meeting with Implementing Partner "Saath" in Gujarat:

On 17th of May 2008, there was a meeting organized between SAATH a partner in AVARE. In this meeting state coordinator and chief functionaries, of both organizations remained present. Before starting the new academic year they wanted to make some to clarify on the working relationships and the issues of communication problem, etc.

Teachers Workshop in Gujarat:

Teachers from 14 schools came for this workshop, in May 22-23, 2008. At the end of the workshop participants came up with eight small projects for the year ahead. In this workshop teachers from Sayla and Anand districts participated.

Karnataka: preparation of Module -1 is continuing or ongoing, based on the changes made in the modules developed in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

Tripura:

In Tripura, the module-III translation and adaptation work has started.

Production of Audio CD:

Odisha:

The audio CD preparation has started, and the cover design of CD has completed. Mr. Ajit Dash with the help of State Coordinator prepared the cover design of Audio CD.

Tripura: The Bengali version HRE audio CD, has been reproduced for the Tripura State.

Kerala: The State Coordinator met with the Director of Alaigal Midia at Trichy-TN, on 17.02.2008, and making Aravam video CD. It is on process.

Human Rights Violation on one SC Teacher:

Mrs. Beera Prasanna Kumari is a Telugu Pandit in ZPHS, Merlapalem. The HM, of the same school, used to torture her orally by using her caste and giving her ill treatment. Not only that, on Friday, the Head Master did not allow 28 SC students to attend their unit test. It was a big issue then HRE, PARA, UTF; Dalit Rights Organizations approached the village and studied the issue. We filed a complaint, against the Head Master, in the Local Police Station, at Atreyapuram.

Meeting for Developing Braille Module in Odisha:

A meeting was conducted, to develop HRE module in Braille, with experts, on 28.1.08, at WCVH office, BBSR-Odisha. All selected experts attended the meeting and shared their views, to develop an 80 page Braille module. Everybody will prepare writing of their part within February. Then it will be finalized by the curriculum team. The next meeting will be held on March 1st week.

IHRE – TN

April 2008 – March 2009

Summer Training for Human Rights Education Teachers and Students, on the formation of Children's Human Rights Clubs in Tamil Nadu

Institute of Human Rights Education has been conducting summer training programs for Human Rights Education teachers from the year 2000. For the first time, it conducted a summer camp for Human Rights Education students. Both these programs were meant for teachers and children, from Tamil Nadu, Adi Dravidar Welfare and Tribal Residential Schools. The Teachers' program was held at CESCO, and the Students' Camp

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was held at Mahatma School, Alagarcoil. A Total of 91 students participated in the summer camp; there were 39 boys and 52 girls. In the Teachers Training program, 32 of them had participated from ADW and Diocese schools.

Summer Training programs for Human Right Education Teachers in Tamil Nadu:

Two summer programs were conducted in Don Bosco Centre, Kothagiri in Tamil Nadu, during this annual vacation. These programs were meant for new human rights education teachers; from Chennai Corporation and Erode & Sivagangai districts. First program was conducted from May 21 – 25, and the 2nd program from May 26 – 30, 2008. A total of 93 teachers participated in both programs, (Batch 1- 48 teachers and Batch 2 – 45 teachers). These programs were conducted with the main objective of deepening the teachers' knowledge on human rights.

Human Rights Orientation Program for HRE teachers of Lady Doak College, Madurai, was conducted on the 6th and 7th of June 2008

General cum Syllabus Training Program for Teachers

Dindigul District:

Block	No. of Schools	Total No. Of Participants
Vedasandur	44	64
Gujiliampari, Vadamadurai	40	40
Natham, Sanarpatti	24	59
Nilakottai, Attur	46	57
Oddanchtram, Reddiarchatram	64	73
DGL- Rural and Urban	53	64
Vathalagundu	18	31
Kodaikanal,	36	40
Palani-Rural and Urban.	69	93
Overall District	94	120
Total	488	641

ADW/GTR Schools:

Venue	No. of Schools participated	No. of Participants
Thirukoilour	38	43
Chengapattu	31	38
Coimbatore	35	35
Tanjore	20	29
Vellore	29	38
Pondicherry	21	31
Salem	34	39
Trichy	38	47
Madurai	33	41
Total	279	341

General Orientation Training Program for Upgraded School Teachers

Sivagangai District:

Two programs were conducted for upgraded schools' teachers in Sivagangai district. 127 teachers from 115 Schools participated in these 2 programs.

District	Date	Venue	No of Participating	No of Participating
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			Schools	Teachers
Sivagangai	Aug 31 – Sep 1, 2008	Oxford matric School, Sivagangai	54	57
		Alagappa Model School, Karaikudi	61	70
Erode	05,06-08.08	Thindal	41	55
	08,09-08.08	Thindal	48	52
	12,13-08.08	Gobi	27	38
Dindigul	5 th to 7 th Jan 2009	Dindigul	94	120

Review –cum-Syllabus Training Programs for HRE teachers on Child Rights

Sivagangai District:

District	Date	Venue	No of Participating Schools	No of Participating Teachers
Sivagangai	Aug 18-19, 2008	Karaikudi	37	47
	Aug 20- 21, 2008	Karaikudi	33	34
	Aug 22-23, 2008	Thirupathur	50	56
	Aug 25-26, 2008	Sivagangai	44	47
	Aug 27-28, 2008	Kalayarkoil	49	52
	Aug 27-28, 2008	Thirupuvannam	49	49
Erode	Aug 18-19, 2008	Thindal	52	91
	Aug 18-19, 2008	Darapuram	71	71
	Aug 20-21, 2008	Perundurai	31	47
	Aug 20-21, 2008	Vellakoil	38	41
	Aug 22-23 2008	Modakuruchi	48	56
	Aug 22-23 2008	Gangeyam	16	21
	Aug 25-26 2008	Gobi	69	96
	Aug 25-26 2008	Vellakoil	39	54
	Aug 27-28, 2008	Anthiyur	48	50
	Aug 27-28, 2008	Sathy	29	38
Chennai Corporation:	24 & 25.7.08	Washermanpet	28	45
	28 & 29.7.08	Choolai	27	35
	1 & 2.8.08	Aminjikarai	26	42
	4 & 5.8.08	Nungampakkam	26	38
	7 & 8.8.08	Saidapet	35	47
	12 & 13.08.08	Saidapet	15	25

Syllabus Training Program for Untrained Teachers from Sivagangai Schools

Date	Venue	Guest	Total No of Schools	No. of Participating Schools	No. of Schools not participated	No. of Participants
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Dec 02 nd and 03 rd 2008	Sivagangai	-	50	26	24	26
Dec 02 nd and 03 rd 2008	Karikudi	-	58	50	08	52
	02		108	76	32	78

Schools Visits: Totally during the reporting period 622 schools had been reported to be visited.

Zonal/District Coordinators meetings

IHRE –TN conducted coordinators' meetings, every month, from July to December 2008 for:

- Planning the Syllabus Training Programs in ADW/GTR, Dindigul.
- Planning module distribution & School Visits.
- For evaluating the training programs completed
- Preparing for UDHR celebrations

IHRE-TN Coordinators meeting with the Chairperson

The Chairperson of IHRE individually met with all the IHRE coordinators, on 15th and 16th December 2008, at Chennai, personal sharing of staff and the experience sharing, with regard to the school visits which had taken place. After this sharing session, the Chairperson gave her suggestions and recommendations to the CC.

Zonal Coordinators meeting- IHRE - TN coordinators from Madurai, Chennai, Villupuram, Dindugal, Sivagangai, Chennai corporation, Erode and Covai zone, and district coordinators; participated in this coordinators meeting.

IHRE-TN Core Committee Meeting

IHRE conducted its Core Committee meeting, held on 03.11.2008 and 3.01.09 at PW Office, Chennai. Chairperson, Director, Associate Director, and State Coordinator; participated in the meeting.

Women's day celebration

- Regarding the women's day celebration was informed through letters.
- Totally 90 schools were celebrated the women's day
- The Schools received the Letter sent from the Head Office, all the Middle Schools celebrated this by announcing in the prayer, and a few schools; have gone for Rally, conducted Competitions, and few schools celebrated in their Annual Day.

UDHR Celebration in Schools

In various HRE schools in TN, the UDHR celebrations were undertaken in which IHRE – TN staff members were also invited as resource persons.

- * DGL - Dindigul Rural and Urban Schools were given posters and the UDHR books through AEO's in Dindigul.
- * DGL - 40 posters and 900 books were given to the children through AEO's.
- * DGL - 19 Departments were given 21 posters and 316 UDHR books in the Dindigul collector office.
- * ERD - Mr. Ananth, Thamaraiselvan and Bhuvana went to Govt Girls Hr Sec School, Erode to distributing the UDHR hand books and posters to all high and Hr. Sec schools, in Erode; nearly 30000 were distributed.

Advocacy and Lobbying, at State and District level:

- IHRE Team met with the Director of School Education Dr. Perumalsamy, regarding overall State Permission for HRE Programs.

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- IHRE met with the State Secretary of Sports development, and state coordinator of NSS program, and had a discussed about the plan of HR program through National Service Scheme.
- Mr. Manimaran and Mr. Chokku has to met CEO and other officials; they were got permission for Training Programs, in Sivagangai district.
- Visit of Mr. Shiyam, to Aid India, to see the possibilities of their contribution towards the HRE program
- Discussion on the formation of Childrens' HR club and cultural aspects, with the ED and Dr. Madasamy, was held at Madurai.
- For Advocacy & Lobbying work, Election mandate was given to MP candidates and press
- In the month of March, all coordinators totally met 28 government officials

HRE through Community

- IHRE Team met with Mr. Karuppusamy and READS Staff, at Sathy, and had discussed about Human Rights, Human Rights Violations, and HR Education.

Facilitators' consultation meetings

IHRE –TN conducted 2 consultation programs for facilitators, mainly focusing on Dindigul & ADW/GTR Schools Teachers Training Programs. Totally 16 members participated. The involvement of facilitators in the training programs is necessitated because of the huge number of training programs that have to be completed within a short span of time.

National Advisory Committee Meeting

National Advisory Committee and National Level Advocacy Program, was held at Delhi, on 15th of Oct 2008. 2 HRE teachers, 2 HRE Coordinators, and 4 HRE Students, from Tamil Nadu, participated in this meeting.

District / Zonal Committee meeting.

- Mr. Ananth, Coimbatore zone, conducted Nilgiris Dist Committee Meeting, at Ooty Collectrate. Twenty HRE teachers participated in this meeting..
- Zonal supervisor meeting was held, at Chennai Corporation 3rd zone. Ms. Janaki, participated in January 2009
- Chennai Corporation -6, Sivagangai-3, Erode -6, ADW-5, Dindugal-4. Totally -24 meetings had taken place
- In Chennai corporation, 5 Zonal level committee meetings had been completed; with 2 in Dindugal and 1 in Sivagangai

Two days training program for teachers regarding HR Club

- * IHRE –TN conducted a two day training program, for teachers from ADW Schools, for forming Human rights clubs in ADW Schools, in TN. 38 teachers participated from 25 schools. The Program was held at Pillar House, in Madurai from the 24th to 25th, Jan 2009. Dr. Devasahayam, Director; Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director; Prof Madasamy; and Mr. Kalaivanan,-were the resource persons in the program.

Human Rights club Inaugurated

- * In ADW School the clubs had been inaugurated

District/ Zonal Review Meetings

- As per the planned activities Chennai Corporation -6; Sivagangai-2; Erode -6; ADW-Nil, Dindugal-2. Totally -20 meeting were done.
- In all middles schools teachers only maximum participated in the meetings.

Annual Status of Education Report (ASER-2008)

This is a national level survey, organized by Pratham-implemented in TN, by "Kalvi", an alliance project. This year we have conducted the survey in 3 districts namely; Madurai, Dindigul, and Erode. 8 IHRE Coordinators, 3

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CHRM members, and 04 local NGO workers, are involved in the study. We spent 15 days for completing this survey, in 90 villages.

Consultation meeting on Right to Education Bill-2008

Mr. Soosai, Mr. Bernat, and Mr. Shiyam, attended the Right to Education Bill conference/ meeting, as part of the Right to Education Campaign, on 27th Jan 2009, at ICSA, Chennai.

CHRM UNITS EORMATION

- IHRE –TN has been involved in the CHRM units formation, and the coordinators have undertaken 34 unit visits.

e-knowledge resource on Panchayat Raj Institutions"

(A pilot project of People's Watch in partnership with The Hunger Project)

Report on the activities from December 2008 - March 2009

The project commenced had taken off, with preliminary preparations, right from October 2008 itself. The Project Coordinator, Social Researcher, and the Sr. Data Processing Officer, were identified within the organisation, and already in place. Advertisements were made for 2 programmers, a web designer, and 3 data entry associates. The advertisement was made in 'Dhinakaran' (a local daily) on 04/01/09 and 'The Hindu', 07.01.'09. Following this, the project, took off at all levels, beginning from identification and selection of researchers, recruitment of programmers, consultations with experts on PRI to conducting training for researchers, designing and printing of a training material kit, and finalization of sampling formats for unions and village Panchayats. The trainings were conducted across all the 13 states; Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Uttarpradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, Megalaya, Assam, and Arunachal Pradesh, provided us with a golden opportunity to gain an overall understanding about the functioning of PRI across different states. The questionnaires were finalized, and the printing will happen in a very short period of time. The intricacy in getting the sampling formats across the states on time, delayed the printing of the questionnaires. Although we were disturbed owing to the anxiety about the time line and the scope for producing the intended output by July 2009, the performance on our part as per the plans is a convincing factor providing us confidence for a successful accomplishment.

Major activities carried out

1. Finalization of research contents

Activity	Outcome
The consultation with the experts on PRI; like Mr. Palani durai, Mr. Ossie, Ms. Kalpana, and Ms. Sheelu, enabled us to finalize the content, based on our learning, and as advised by the experts, we have finalized the contents of the research to be around the following aspects, (broadly-at large); <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Powers (Functions, Functionaries & Finance)2. Finance3. Election (Fair & Just)4. Discrimination (Caste, Gender & Religion)5. Schemes & Programs6. Best Practices & Challenges7. Details of the elected representatives of PRI.	The consultation enabled us to get in contact with experts on PRI, and draw their valuable input. It gave us a better understanding in designing the framework of research and carrying forward the research, thereby restructuring its content and focus. The research has now turned out to be a qualitative one. In the initial stage, we had the idea of including and working on the database aspects; but during the process of finalizing the content we were able to realize that there is need to get into the qualitative aspects if we needed to highlight the drawbacks, and thereafter strengthen and empower the PRI. We felt that the need and the scope, of making a critical analysis at the state level, is a crucial aspect, and by limiting the research to the district level it will not serve the

	purpose of the study. Considering the amount of work to be undertaken at the state level, we required a 'State researcher' in each of the project state for a period of 2 months and the requirement was approved by THP.
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2. Finalization of states, partners, districts, and researchers:

Activity	Outcome
<p>Finalization of states, partners, districts, and researchers:</p> <p>.A series of negotiations and preparatory work were performed to identify, select, and finalize the coverage of the project. The list of states, the respective partners, the name of the districts, and the number of the researchers were finalized for; Tamil Nadu, Kerela, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Assam, Megalaya ,Arunachal Pradesh ,MP, and Chattisgarh. Although, we have made committed only for 60 districts as per the agreement, we targeted at 80 districts to ensure that we do not fall short of the actual target. In the end Eventually we succeeded in finalizing 77 districts in all the 13 states within the approved budget.</p>	<p>The networking with different partners provided us with, an opportunity to refresh our relations with the existing partners and to have a direct linkage with nationwide powerful organizations like EKTA Parishads. The appended table below gives about the matters relating to the finalized states, partner, districts, and the number of the researchers.</p>

Table 1

S. No	State	Name of the Partner	No. of districts	Names of districts finalized	No. of researchers
1	Tamil Nadu	PW	04	Kanyakumari Thirunelveli Cuddalore Nagapattinam	4
		Tamil Nadu Women's Collective	03	Thoothukudi Vellore Kancheepuram	3
2	Kerala	CIAPA	03	Trivendrum Kottayam Palakad	3
3	Karnataka	SICHREM	06	Kodagu Kolar Haveri Hassan Mysore Mandya	6
4	Andhra Pradesh	Independent Human Rights Activist	07	West Godavari, East Godavari, Khammam, Kurnool, Kadapa	7

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				Krishna, Warangal	
5	Rajasthan	SASVIKA	05	Ajmer Jodhpur Tonk Barmer Nagaur	05
6	Bihar	DASARA	08	Bhojpur Chapra Gaya Nalanda Nawada Patna Supuol Vaisali	08
7	Utter Pradesh	Dept. of Sociology, University of Lucknow	08	Barabanki Sahjapur Siddarth Nagar Jaumpur Sulthanpur Lucknow	08 (The number of the districts are finalized but yet to receive the names of the other two finalized districts)
8	Assam	PRAHARE	07	Nagaon Morigaon Jorhat Sibsagar Dibrugarh Sunitput Cacher	7
9	Arunachal Pradesh	Global Human Rights Organization	08	Papum Pare West Siang East Siang Upper Subansiri Lower Subansiri West Kameng East Kameng Tirap	8
10	Megalaya		06	East Khasi Hills Ri Bhoi Jaintia Hills West Khasi Hills East Garo Hills West Garo Hills	6
11	Orissa	RARE	04	Sonepur Boudh Sambalpur Bolangir	4
12	MP	EKTA Parishad	04		04 (number of districts are finalized but the names of the finalized districts are yet to arrive

13	Chattisgarh	EKTA Parishad	04		04 (number of districts are finalized but the names of the finalized districts are yet to arrive)
	Total		77		77

3. Preparation of training materials & Training for researchers

Activity	Outcome
<p>The training materials for all 13 states, were prepared by collecting data from secondary sources. The training programs were organized for 77 researchers, covering the north, north east, and southern zones. The training for the South zone researchers, were organized at Madurai, from 2nd to 6th of February 2009; the training for the North East zone, was organized at Gawhati in Assam, from 12th to 16th of February 2009; and for the North zone researchers, from 24th to 28th of February 2009, at Katni in M.P.</p>	<p>The training program provided us with the opportunity, to learn more about the Panchayat Raj Institutions across the states, and make an analysis about it. In the course of preparing the training materials we were able to comprehend the salient features of the Panchayat Raj Institutions, across the 13 states, which enabled us to prepare a questionnaire in a quick span of time.</p> <p>The training materials for all the 13 states were prepared collecting information from secondary sources. The researchers expressed that the training materials were rich in content and they had a valuable documents for them for reference. The training materials had a uniform model and systematic framework covering the following contents, in order;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution & 73rd amendment Act 1992 • PESA Act • Respective State Act with amendments • State profile of the respective states. • Elections • State Finance Commission • Schemes & programs • Important websites for reference • Comparative analysis across states <p>The training program was an eye opener for all the researchers. They expressed that the training was very effective and useful for them. The methodology adopted in the training program was welcomed and appreciated by the researchers, as it was very interactive and participatory, rather than a monotonous input session. The outcome of the methodology is that it enabled the researchers to own the questionnaires, as it was developed through a collective endeavour involving the</p>

	researchers directly in to it
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4. Finalization of Questionnaires for research

Activity	Outcome
<p>Initially we thought of only two respondents for the research study, at the union level, but as the focus became qualitative we thought of involving multiple respondents. Eventually we settled down for 5 respondents namely the elected representatives at three levels, B.D.Os and the general public. The training program was very systematic. It ensured that the researchers gained a good command over the subject The understanding over the 73rd Amendment Act, and its comparison with their respective Panchayat Raj state Acts, enabled them to draw comparisons between the constitutional provisions and the respective State Act. They involved in group discussions to learn and discuss on the five components of study namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers & Functions • Finance • Election • Discrimination • Schemes and programs <p>The researchers were asked to develop qualitative questionnaires for five respondents, namely the elected representatives at three tiers, B.D.Os, and the general public on the above mentioned 5 components of the study. Although the researchers had their own limitations, but immense amount of effort was put in by them, to bring out the expected results. The questionnaires were finalized by us, during the meetings itself, and circulated to the researchers, to enable them to have a clear understanding on it. The researchers made a few good suggestions, which taken note of it and it were incorporated in the final questionnaires.</p>	<p>We were able to finalize five crucial respondents, to serve best for the purpose of the research. This in turn, means added responsibility and multiplication of work load. The process of involving the researchers in developing the questionnaires gave a better understanding on the purpose of the study to the researchers so that they will be able to fetch the desired output. Eventually the process facilitated the researchers to own the questionnaire.</p>

5. Systematising & consolidation of sampling formats

Activity	Outcome
<p>Designing of sampling formats is an activity that did not fall under the purview of the proposal. The systematising of sampling formats ensured a uniform and systematic selection of Panchayats and unions. The sampling format for the selection of village Panchayats and unions, were designed taking into consideration the reservation and key</p>	<p>The proposal confines the research at the union level, but in the process of learning about PRI and becoming influenced by the content, we discovered the need to touch the Panchayats. The proposal spells of 10 percentage of sampling only for the unions but this percentage is impossible to be maintained for Panchayats because the focus</p>

<p>factors such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communal clash • Social and economic backwardness • Law and order problems • Poor access to public services • Established contacts to the <p>These sampling formats were circulated during the training program, and a session was held on it, to give a clear understanding of the formats and the purpose of the selection. We have received 70 percent of the sampling formats, across the 13 states, and simultaneously consolidated it. The printing of the questionnaires will commence once we arrive at an approximate number of Panchayats and unions.</p>	<p>is on the issue and getting the ground realities on the five major components. The design of the sampling formats provided uniform criteria for the selection of Panchayats and villages across the 13 states. Moreover, the selection, based on these criteria, will bring out the expected outcome of the study based on the 5 components of research, and enrich the quality of the outcome thereby serving the purpose of the research. It will also ensure that the focus of the research doesn't get diluted.</p>
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6. Testing of the Questionnaires

Activity	Outcome
<p>In order to test the usability and effectiveness of the questionnaire we attempted to perform a trial test of the questionnaire with the Gram Panchayat president. The researchers of the south zone were asked to choose any three Panchayat's villagers that fall within the purview of the sampling formats filled in by them for selection of Panchayats. The researchers were then asked to test the questionnaires with three gram Panchayat presidents. The exercise was accomplished and we received the questionnaires by the middle of February.</p>	<p>The questionnaire exercise performed and the results we gained out of this test made us realize that the research, being a qualitative one, the scope of deriving vague responses would be relatively high, hence there is a need to work on it to mitigate such intricacies. Moreover, given the distance and language constraints, we felt that the process of monitoring and reviewing the work in the North and North east will turn out to be an inevitable one, that made us consider (think of) creating a new position for a nodal coordinator for North and North east zones. Fortunately, Mr. Pradeep of EKTA Parishad, consented to act as the nodal coordinator for the North and North east zones. Taking into consideration the density of the work, and to ensure the expected output, there is a wide scope to undertake travel at regular respites by the coordinator and researchers.</p>

7. Collection of case studies by district researchers and data from respective institutions by state researchers

Activity	Outcome
<p>The focus of the study has shifted to qualitative aspects, the focus is on issues and getting ground realities, hence the emphasis has to be laid on case studies. The printing of questionnaires will commence only on receiving the sampling formats from all the 13 states. We are yet to receive the sampling formats from all the states, we thought that we could initiate and step into the process of</p>	<p>Bridging the relationship of the researchers, with the NGOs working on PRI, through case studies, will enable the researchers to get linked with the elected representatives of Panchayats, thereby making their assignment easy and effective. As Case studies forms a part of the research, commencing to collect them at the initial level as a distinct task, will ensure collection of the best case</p>

<p>research, by requiring the researchers to collect case studies from different NGOs working on PRI, and the respective elected representatives at three levels. Hence, we have dedicated the month of March for the collection of case studies. The district researchers were requested to identify and visit NGOs working on PRI in their chosen district and to collect as many case studies as possible on the following thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers and functions • Elections • Finance • Schemes and programs • Discrimination. <p>In addition to collecting existing case studies from NGOs, the district researchers were given the option to look for real time/live case studies, stories directly from the elected representatives. The state researchers were requested to collect the required data for research from respective institutions, based on the framework that was designed for data collection at the state level.</p>	<p>studies. Moreover it will provide a better focus and enhance the concentration of researchers towards case studies, so that they do not perform a haphazard task in relation to case studies. This process will enable the researcher to build a cordial rapport with the elected representatives, so that they will be able to fetch the appropriate responses for the study. In addition, this process, will also aid in saving time and accomplishing the task on time.</p>
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8. Recruitment

Activity	Outcome
<p>Following the advertisements given in the newspapers for recruitment of programmers, an interview was carried out jointly, by Mr. Louis and Mr. Leo, over Skype. The short list of candidates that had been short listed by Mr. Leo was called for an interview to the headquarters at Madurai. A general assessment was made by Mr. Louis, and Mr. Leo determined the technical skills of the candidates over Skype. After the final screening process, two candidates were selected as programmers, for the project and they joined the services in the month of March. Mr. Leo has arranged for a web designer and a programmer based in Delhi to additional support.</p> <p>At present the technical team is carrying out the task of structuring all the questionnaires, in order to achieve greater compatibility to the web based data base. Such structuring will also have a summary designed by them for each of the responses.</p>	<p>At this stage, it is too early to assess the outcome at this stage as the programmers are new to the project. As the technical requirement of the project has changed, owing to the shift in the focus of the study, necessity for data entry operators has been ruled out. Hence, it becomes necessary to keep the composition of the technical team flexible, relaxing the provisions with respect to the technicalities in the project. The qualitative questionnaires have attained the capability of getting it into the website.</p>

The training programs given us a very good experience; the program has given this organization a better understating about PRI. Although the project period, as per the contract, is from October 2008 to June 2009, the contract was formally signed, and came into effect in the month of December. We started our work, in the month of January; however we were able to accomplish the major activities as

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per our plan. The preparatory phase of the project progressed without hurdles, and all the activities were carried out in time, and in quality as planned, and the groundwork is well set for the implementing phase, where the field level research is the core agenda. However, we are afraid that the field level research might encounter problems of non-cooperation by the government official and the elected representatives of the LSG, on a simple excuse that the researchers do not carry an authorization letter from the department/ministry concerned. Such a problem was already experienced by many of the researchers, during the testing of the questionnaire, in the southern states. Researchers from the North and North Eastern regions also expressed the same kind of apprehensions, during the training programs. Now that we have stepping into the field level research, in a full swing and initial reporting by the researchers indicate the problem to be persistent.

Therefore, towards concluding this report, we request THP to kindly view this matter seriously and arrange to get us the authorization letter from the ministry of PR, immediately, so that we are able to move forward as planned, as though this has been delayed already.

NATIONAL PROJECT ON PREVENTING TORTURE IN INDIA
From Public Awareness to State Accountability
April 2008 to March 2009

INTRODUCTION

The National Project on Preventing Torture in India (NPPTI), undertaken in 47 districts across 9 States in the country. In the first two years – namely, 2006 and 2007 – the Project has engaged itself in capacity building, staff engaged in monitoring police brutality cases from across the country, legal intervention; awareness programmes, development of model taluks, and work with media fellows.

In its final year, the Project's focus shifted to using the skills, networks, and data collected in the first two years for advocacy and lobbying activities. These activities culminated in the People's Tribunals on Torture—public tribunals held in each state that heard testimony from torture victims and generated recommendations for action. People's Watch has extended the legal interventions to continue for another year as many cases are still in progress and it would defeat the purpose of the Project if they were dropped.

MONITORING AND FACT FINDING

Fact Findings and collection intimations on Police Torture continued till August 2008. Out of the total number of the intimations received 2637 are the intimations on the Police Torture. Thus, 1180 – or slightly over half – of the torture intimations had generated a complete fact finding report by August. A high profile fact-finding mission was carried out by the Project in the Matter of ***Communal Violence in Kandhamal, Orissa***. The fact-finding team visited Kandhamal district on 7th October 2008 and gathered information relating to the communal violence. The report notes that the violence was not merely a religious conflict, but was rooted in land disputes and ethnic identity.



LEGAL INTERVENTIONS

846 cases were taken for intervention of which 146 are the cases of court intervention. These interventions consist of filing writs, petitions, or appeals, as well as seeking compensation. They may be directed at state officials, Human Rights Institutions, or courts. Thus, though the number of cases generating interventions may be lower than the total number of fact findings, the total number of interventions may be significantly higher. States undertook fewer legal interventions during the months in which they were holding or preparing for PTTs. Staff who would typically be involved in preparing or filing interventions was engaged in planning, implementing, or otherwise assisting with the Tribunals.

AWARENESS / TRAINING PROGRAMMES

In February, 2008, however, the State Directors unanimously agreed that the remaining awareness programmes should be dropped, based on the previous year's experience. Later decided to carry on refresher programs, 21 refresher programs were organised for the participants of the awareness training programs and based on the preparation of the forthcoming Peoples Tribunal on Torture.

TRAINING & STAFF MEETINGS: ASSESSMENT, REVIEW, & PLANNING

Meeting with EU Monitors and Staff of the Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung: in the month of May 2008 at New Delhi & National Coordination and Assessment Meeting: August 2008 at New Delhi were the major meetings held during this period.

On 24 April 2008, several Project staff attended a training programme in New Delhi regarding the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders organised by Front Line.

PEOPLE'S TRIBUNALS ON TORTURE

All nine of the state-level People's Tribunals on Torture (PTTs) and one national PTT have now been completed. At these events, victims in cases selected from amongst the hundreds collected by State Team fact finders are invited to depose before a jury composed of prominent judges, activists, lawyers, and doctors. The goal of the PTTs is to promote openness, both as a rejection of the culture of silence that surrounds torture cases, and to seek an end to the culture of impunity amongst law-enforcement and security personnel.



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S.No	State	Date of the PTT	District where the PTT held
1.	Kerala	2-3 April 2008	Trivandrum
2.	Uttar Pradesh	28-29 April 2008	Varanasi

3.	Tamilnadu	29-31 May 2008	Madurai
4.	West Bengal	9-10 June 2008	Kolkata
5.	Bihar	9-10 July 2008	Patna
6.	Karnataka	12-13 July 2008	Bangalore
7.	Rajasthan	15-16 July 2008	Ajmer
8.	Orissa	5-6 August 2008	Bubaneswar
9.	Andhra Pradesh	30-31 August 2008	Hyderabad

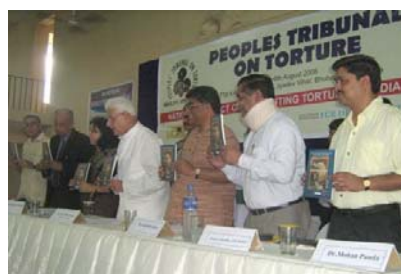
National PTT: 17 October 2008, Delhi



The National Peoples Tribunal on Torture, held in Delhi on 17th October, was the culmination of all the nine state level PTTs was inaugurated by Justice Krishna Iyer. Justice Shivraj Patil, former Supreme Court judge and former acting chair of the NHRC, India was the jury chairperson. Over 21 cases were heard by the panel, illustrating various categories of police torture.

PUBLICATIONS (2008)

The Annual Report on Torture 2007 & Annual Report on Torture 2008 - compilation of the Fact findings reports were edited and published in the respective state PTT. Publications includes, Jury Final verdict of the state PTTs, Impunity in India a torture data. In addition, two documentary films *Godless Justice & Voices of Despair* produced by the NPPT were released in 2008.



NATIONAL CONSULTATION OF EXPERTS: DOMESTIC LAW ON TORTURE FOR INDIA



Although India is a signatory to the UN Convention Against Torture, it has not ratified the convention. Nor does India have a domestic torture law. On 19th and 20th August, 2008, a meeting of experts, including staff of the NPPT, was held at the International Centre in New Delhi. This two-day consultation focused on drafting a domestic law on torture. The results of the meeting included formation of guiding principles on the definition of torture, right of access to justice, command responsibility, special groups, rights of victims and witnesses and remedies.

CONCLUSION

As the end of the three years of the Project, we are extremely happy with the achievements the Project has made. Each of the PTTs was a resounding success, and the culmination of many months of hard work. The testimony collected at these tribunals was a

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powerful condemnation of the system. The publication of the state Annual Reports complements this testimony, with a tangible record of the wrongs committed by those entrusted with protecting the public. The continuation on the follow up of the cases on Legal Intervention is a continuous process.