

**INDIAN SOCIAL INSTITUTE, NEW DELHI
ACTIVITIES REPORT 2020-2021**

01. RESEARCH

A. INTRODUCTION

Indian Social Institute has been engaged in credible research for generating knowledge, promoting publications, imparting training and facilitating policy advocacy in partnership with academicians, policy makers, legal fraternity, social networks, and other civil society organisations nationally and internationally. The departments of Dalit Studies, Tribal Studies and Women’s Studies have been engaged in various kinds of research that focus on marginalized sections of society, namely Dalits, tribals, women, minorities and unorganized labour. The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the vulnerability of migrants and other marginalized sections of society. Studies on the livelihood of vulnerable sections of society, the stakeholders who reach out to these sections in times of need and the culture and identity of indigenous communities have been the focus of the studies conducted during the year 2020-21.

B. RESEARCH PROJECTS

B.1. Research Projects Completed

A. ‘Corona Crisis: Perceptions and Practices’

An online study on ‘Corona Crisis: Perceptions and Practices’ was undertaken to document how humanitarian organizations perceived, understood, and responded to the crisis emerging due to the coronavirus pandemic. The survey was conducted between May 3 to May 17, 2020, during the third phase of the lockdown.

The online survey followed the “restricted open access method” of collecting responses from the wider universe of the study. As many as 140 individual respondents representing 104 organizations in different capacities, covering nearly 20 states across India, from Kashmir to Kerala and from Assam to Gujarat, and a few having a pan-Indian presence participated in the survey. A few states were represented by a larger number, whereas a few other states were represented by a

single respondent providing the organizational perspective of their operational areas.

B. Policy Brief: Exclusion in Education

The policy paper based on the study, “Discrimination and Exclusion in Education” conducted in 12 states, workshops at each state, findings, and suggestions from the 2 national workshops, the 2 Experts Opinion Resource (EOR) workshops, and 6 interviews, was completed. It draws attention towards the emergence of new forms of untouchability and caveats in measures taken to address the existent socio-economic inequalities. This paper is seen as an attempt to draw attention to conceptualizing the problem of ‘untouchabilities’ in the present context, lack of quality infrastructure, and necessitates immediate intervention. The central emphasis lies on equitable and dignified access to education of children from communities engaged in unclean occupations. The paper presents an attempt to highlight spaces of education as sites of exploitation and oppression and their potential to empower children to end the debilitating effects of socio-economic hierarchies.

C. Women at Work in Handicraft (Chikancraft) Establishments in Uttar Pradesh

Chikancraft industry is passing through a crisis situation in the wake of an increasing trend of globalization and stiff competition posed by mechanised textile industry, which is backed by modern technology and automated production set up. The Chikancraft sector, with its vast work force of women is confronted with the challenge of competitive economic environment. An empirical study of the prevalence and extent of Chikancraft industry was conducted at Lucknow to gain information about the pockets of production and the cluster of the women workers engaged with Chikan handicraft works in the selected rural and urban locations in Lucknow district. The schemes haven’t really improved the socio-economic conditions of the workers which could be due to various factors such as lack of awareness. Thus, the qualitative study helped understand the gender relations in the context of work and helped to further knowledge creation.

B.2.On-going Projects

B.2.1 Exploring the Nature and Extent of Child Labour in Tea Gardens in Nagaon District of Assam

A study titled, “Exploring the Nature and Extent of Child Labour in Tea Gardens in Nagaon District of Assam” has been undertaken from January 2021 focussing on understanding the causes of child labour in the tea gardens of Nagaon district in Assam. After completion of the literature review, Data Collection Tools have been prepared.

The Study Team along with the Partner Agency and their friends from Austria had regular Exchange Meetings to monitor and evaluate the progress of the study. The first stage of the data collection from the tea gardens will bring a better understanding of the demography of the tea gardens and the extent of child labour in such communities. For this purpose, trained paralegal persons, labourers’ representatives and the community workers of tea gardens will be trained. The Field Assistant and Investigators have been identified and selected for the data collection. They have been trained for the data collection in Nagaon, Assam from March 5 to 6 2021. In-depth interviews and case studies will also enhance the quality of the study. However, the progress of the study has been hampered by the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic since end of March 2021.

B.2.2 Three projects have been awarded by Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Research Institute (TRI) Ranchi, Government of Jharkhand. They are-

(i) Customary Laws and Practices: A Comparative Study of Five Major Tribes of Jharkhand

The project is expected to do a comparative study of Ho, Santal, Munda, Kharia, and Oraon tribes in the area of Governance, and customary rights and practices. It will also explore the effect of political, economic, social, legal, environmental and technological impact on it and the factors that lead to change in them.

(ii) A Historical Study of Tribal Chiefdoms of Jharkhand: Kherwar of Ramgarh, Munda of Bundu, Bhumij of Jungle Mahal, Nagwansi of Ranchi, Santhal of Hazaribagh & Others.

Tribals have been projected as the marginalized and deprived section of society. But when we look into the history, then we find that tribals had a rich history of kingship and kingdoms. They were royal landlords and

occupants of vast lands and its resources. However, with the passage of time their glory faded. This study is aimed at exploring the reasons for decline of their glorious days and whether they could be relevant for our times as well.

(iii) Value Chain analysis of four Minor Forest Products (Tamarind, Sal seed, Lac, Chiraunji)

Minor Forest Products (MFP) is one of the major sources of tribal income and a strong pillar of the tribal economy. If proper value addition is done in MFP then it can become a profitable business and sustainable livelihoods for the tribals. This project will analyze the value chain of MFP and the drawbacks it has in achieving its full potential. The pandemic lockdown has caused interruptions and the time for completion of the study needs to be extended.

02. LEGAL AWARENESS & TRAINING PROGRAMME CONDUCTED

The Centre for Human Rights and Law (CHRL) continued to provide legal assistance and legal trainings to various social communities like the NGOs, social activists, legal practitioners, women, and children who are deprived of their basic rights and discriminated in multiple ways.

This year, despite of the Covid-19 pandemic, CHRL participated in various online webinars, seminars and workshops on various themes and issues. The CHRL also disseminated legal awareness and legal assistance through offline as well as online mode on the protection against sexual harassment at work place, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, family issues relating to return of Streedhan, counselling on Minority Rights, New Education Policy, Trust & Society. Senior Citizens and elderly were assisted and advised for legal action, in coordination with the police.

03. PEACE BUILDING

The Indian Social Institute has persistently been engaged in peace building efforts to promote peace and harmony among the people despite of national lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The programme, “Shanti Sadbhavna Manch” promoted peace and harmony, culture, consciousness, and healing through capacity building among the most marginalized and excluded in several States in India. Since the physical meetings and gatherings could not be organised due to the National lockdown, online meetings were constantly arranged and successfully conducted for state coordinators and also for the zonal trainers to keep track of the peace building project. The Institute has been in constant touch with Nagarik Manch members, coordinating and supervising their efforts as they were engaged in corona prevention campaign, dry ration distribution to the poor and helping migrants to get job in MGNREGA.

When the lockdown was relaxed by the end of the year, awareness programmes on prevention of human trafficking and child rights were conducted for peace club members in Odisha, from January to March, 2021. In addition, the Institute organised various peace activities and gatherings such as inter religious peace gatherings, Bal Mahotsav, in Jharkhand, Bihar, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

Date	Activity	Place	No. Of Participants
18-12-2020	Bal Mahotsav	Govt. High School, Semra, Gumla, Jharkhand	123
30-12-2020	Community Gathering	Officers building, Kawardha, Chhattisgarh	107
30-12-2020	Community Gathering	Dr. Bheemrao Ambedkar Hostel, Warisaliganj, Nawada, Bihar	89
05-01-2021	Community Gathering	Agricultural training center, Kota, Rajasthan	95
06-01-2021	Community Gathering	Tekua Chauraha, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh	63
13-01-2021	Community Gathering	Seelam Bartoli, Gumla Jharkhand	87
15-01-2021	Bal Mahotsav	Govt. High School, Dhidhawli, Gumla, Jharkhand	130
30-01-2021	Bal Mahotsav	Govt. High School, Patia, Gumla, Jharkhand	127

07-02-2021	Community Gathering	Community Hall, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh	77
19 to 21 Feb. 2021	Bal Mahotsav	Vill. Chhindidih, Pandaria Block, Kabeerdham, Chhattisgarh	378
25-02-2021	Bal Mahotsav	Karaondi, Bhalwani, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh	82
27-02-2021	Bal Mahotsav	Padri-Chhattarpati Inter College, Kekua, Deoria, Uttarparadesh	71
5 to 7 Mar. 2021	Training of community Leaders	JP Ashram, Sekhodeora, Kawakol, Nawada, Bihar	32
24-03-2021	Bal Mahotsav	Gov. High School, Kawakol, Nawada, Bihar	113

04. SEMINARS, CONSULTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMMES

The year 2020-21 was challenging because of the pandemic. Since physical movements were restricted therefore it became all the more difficult to conduct seminars, consultations, and workshops on site. However technology made life easy by connecting people from a distance through various platforms like Google meet, Whatsapp, Zoom, Webcast, Youtube, Facebook etc. Indian Social Institute also used technologies to conduct several webinars which are as follows:

26th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2020

A five-day virtual conference was held on 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, and 9th August 2020 on the occasion of the 26th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (IDWIP). The webinars were conducted through the zoom application which was relayed live through Facebook and Youtube channels. The themes of the webinars were (i) Indigenous Peoples: Global and Local, (ii) Indigenous Youths: Fusion of Traditions and Modernity, (iii) Role of Indigenous Women in Socio-Cultural

Development, (iv) Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Knowledge System, and (v) Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Languages.

Peace and Non-Violence from the Roots of Original People

An international cross-cultural exchange program was organized between the Indigenous Peoples of India and Mexico, by Jai Jagat 2020 and India Indigenous Peoples on 28th September 2020 over Zoom platform which was live telecast through Youtube and Facebook. The objective of the webinar was to engage in the sharing of cultures, traditions, struggles, accomplishments, lifestyles of indigenous communities of both the countries and to work towards peace and non-violent development. The speakers for the webinar from India were Dr. Vincent Ekka, HoD, Department of Tribal Studies Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, Dr. Harshit Sosan Lakra, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, Dr. Anabel Benjamin Bara, Social Scientist, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, Ms. Manju Dungdung, and Social Worker Jharkhand, and Mr. Ankush Vengurlekar, co-founder of Adivasi Lives Matter. From Mexico the indigenous speakers were Ms. Delfina Albanez Arballo a traditional singer and dancer, Ms. Paulina Garrido Bonilla, President of 'United We Will Win', Mr. Tomos Rojo Valencia, Technical Advisor of Traditional Authorities of Yakee Tribes, Mr. Gabriel Pacheco Salvador, President of Plus Award, Mr. Martin Elias Ortega Lopez, Researcher and documenter of indigenous languages, Mr. Ruben Albarran, composer, singer and music producer, and Mr. David Alejandro Rubio, Advocate on Land and Environmental Rights. The interaction helped the participants to understand the social and cultural life of indigenous peoples from India and Mexico. The participants also expressed their desire and interest to continue such interactions in the days and years to come.

Celebration of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

A five-day virtual celebration cum observation was kept from 9-13 September 2020 for UNDRIP. The program was jointly organized by the India Indigenous Peoples, Adivasi Ekta Parishad, Adivasi Samanway Manch Bharat, and Adivasi Manch in collaboration with several tribal NGOs from different states across the country. The Chief Guest on 13th September 2020 was Madam Anusuiya Uikey, the Governor of Chhattisgarh. Other guests of honour and resource persons were

Mr. Ravi Thakur, former Vice-Chairperson National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and MLA of Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Omkar Singh Markam, former Tribal Welfare Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Prof. Viginus Xaxa, Shomona Khanna, Advocate in Supreme Court, Mr. Mukesh Birua, and Porlal Kharte. The outcome of the webinar was that indigenous peoples got more united, sensitized, and informed about their rights adopted by the United Nations and provisions given in the Constitution of India. Members of indigenous organizations moved from village to village to plant trees to spread awareness about climate change and the protection of ecology. The webinar created awareness about the provisions of rights for indigenous peoples.

International Webinar on the Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda

A virtual webinar was kept on the eve of the birth anniversary of the tribal legendary and martyr 'Birsa Munda' by Indian Social Institute in collaboration with India Indigenous Peoples, and Adivasi Samanway Manch Bharat on 15th November 2020. The Chief Guest of the event was Honorable Governor of Chhattisgarh Ms. Anusuiya Uikey and the Guest of Honour was Mr. Phoolman Chaudhary, Member UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). The other speakers for this event were Mr. Ashok Chaudhary, Secretary-General, Adivasi Ekta Parishad, Mr. Walter Kandulna, Tribal Intellectual from Jharkhand, and Dr. Chetankumar Bhimrao Mesram, Central Organizer, All India Adivasi Employees Federation. Tribals from abroad and across India attended the webinar. The participants of the webinar got to know about the life and contribution of a tribal hero, who is not given a due place in history by the people in power.

National Webinar on the 131st Death Anniversary of Tantaya (Mama) Bhil

A national virtual webinar on the eve of the 131st death anniversary of the legendary tribal hero Tantaya Mama Bhil was organized by the Indian Social Institute and India Indigenous Peoples in collaboration Adivasi Samanway Manch Bharat, and Adivasi Ekta Parishad on 4th December 2020. The main speakers for the session were Mr. Gajanand Brahmane, Mr. Jaisingh Bariya, and Dr. Sumitra Vaskale. The purpose of the webinar was to commemorate the life and contribution of a tribal hero who relentlessly fought against the colonial rulers .

National Webinar on Jaipal Singh Munda's contribution in the Tribal Movement & Constituent Assembly

A national webinar was organized on Jaipal Singh Munda's contribution to the Tribal Movement and Constituent Assembly on 25th January 2020 by Indian Social Institute, India Indigenous Peoples, Adivasi Samanway Manch Bharat, Adivasi Ekta Parishad in collaboration with other tribal organizations. The main speakers for the event were Dr. Santosh Kiro, a tribal, and scholar teaching at St. Xavier's College Ranchi, Mr. Ashwin Kumar Pankaj, a freelance journalist, writer, and poet and Mr. Girdhari Ram Gaunjhu, a cultural activist, scholar, and former Director of Tribal and Regional languages, University of Ranchi, Jharkhand. Dr. Jaipal Singh Munda was a scholar with a Ph. D. from Oxford University. As a member of the Constituent Assembly, he always spoke on behalf of the Tribals of India. His contribution in the Constituent Assembly and tribal leadership is often downplayed by the dominant sections of society and people in authority. The webinar underlined many important contributions which Dr. Jaipal Singh Munda made in the formulation of the Indian Constitution and also in the development of identity politics.

National Webinar on Tribal Hero of Bastar, Gundadhur (Baga Dhurwa)

Indian Social Institute organized a national webinar on a Tribal hero 'Gundadhur' through Google Meet on 28th February 2021. The main speakers of the webinar were Mr. Mangal Kunjam and Mr. Makhan Lal Sori. Both the speakers spoke on a similar subject and said that the 'Bumkal Movement' of Gundadhur was about water, forest, land, and people. This webinar gave an understanding of the life of Gundadhur and his rebellion against the British who oppressed the tribals by alienating them from their forests and taxed them in their land. This rebellion was called Bhumkal rebellion of 1910.

National Webinar on Tilka Majhi

A national webinar on tribal hero Tilka Majhi was organized by Indian Social Institute on 27th March 2020. The main speakers of the event were Dr. Vishwanath Hansda, Dr. Ranjan Besra, and Dr. Avinash Hansda. They spoke about the character of Tilka Majhi and the manner he revolted against the British for freedom. Through this webinar, one came to know that Tilka Majhi was the first freedom fighter who fought against the British rulers long before Mangal Pandey and his colleagues took arms against them. Tilka Majhi along with like-minded Santal tribals formed a group and fought against injustice, exploitation and resource-grabbing by the British.

Celebration of Constitution Day

A National Vigil for the Constitution was organised in the premises of the Institute to celebrate Constitution Day on 26 November, 2020. Mr. Sanjay Hegde, Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India, and Adv. Tehmina Arora, Director of Alliance Defending Freedom, addressed the gathering virtually on the occasion.

Celebration of Human Rights Day

A webinar on “Human Rights and the Future of Indian Democracy” was organised on the occasion of International Human Rights Day on 10 December, 2020. Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director of People’s Watch, were the main speakers on the occasion.

Lecture on "*Food Security and Hunger Eradication*"

Indian Social Institute organised a special online lecture on “Food Security and Hunger Eradication” by Sushil Kumar, an independent journalist, on 16th February, 2021. On this occasion, the Hindi Book "*Khadya Suraksha*" by Archana Sinha and T.A. John, published by Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, was released.

Lecture on "*Closing Inequalities Gap to Realize Social Harmony and Justice*"

A special online lecture on "Closing Inequalities Gap to Realize Social Harmony and Justice" by Dr. Subhasis Bhadra, Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer, was organized by Indian Social Institute on 20th February, 2021, to commemorate World Day of Social Justice. On this occasion, there was the release of the book "*Social Harmony and Justice: Perspectives of Dalit Women*" edited by Archana Sinha and Denzil Fernandes and published by Indian Social Institute and Bharti Publications, New Delhi.

Lecture on "*Sustainable Development and Women’s Leadership*"

Indian Social Institute organised a special online lecture on "Sustainable Development And Women’s Leadership" by Prof. Hemlata Mahishwar, Ex-Head of Department of Hindi, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, on the occasion of International Women’s Day on 8th March, 2021. On this occasion, there was the release of the Hindi book “*Satat Vikas Aur Ashrut Naari – Sangarsh Va Chunautiyan*” edited by Archana Sinha and published by Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.

Lecture on "*Menstrual Health and Hygiene: Time for Action*"

A special online lecture on “Menstrual Health and Hygiene: Time for Action” by Dr. Mira Shiva, Director of Initiative for Health & Equity in Society, New

Delhi, was organized by Indian Social Institute on 16th March, 2021. On this occasion, there was the release of the book “*Menstrual Hygiene Among Urban Poor in Delhi*” by Lata Jayaraj and Archana Sinha and published by Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.

04. COVID RELIEF

The year 2020 was marked by the Covid-19 pandemic that spread rapidly throughout the world and affected the people of India as well. In order to contain the spread of the corona virus, the Government imposed a lockdown that resulted in a lot of hardships to migrants and other marginalized sections of society. In order to respond to this emergency situation, Indian Social Institute engaged in some relief work in order to help people in need. Some of the initiatives taken are as follows:

- Dr. Anabel Benjamin Bara worked in collaboration with several NGOs and individuals to provide food to stranded migrant workers in Delhi. ISI staff also helped stranded people to travel back to their homes.
- ISI supported JRRH efforts to raise funds and disburse it to the people affected by COVID-19 pandemic through NGO partners and Jesuit social centres in various parts of the country.
- ISI responded in the following ways to provide relief to the affected people of the country:
 - (1) Breakfast for 250 families at MBV Public School and Brightway Public School, Shiv Vihar, Delhi, on 14th April.
 - (2) Breakfast for 125 inmates of Quarantine Centre at Delhi Police Training School, Khajuri Pushta Road, Wazirabad, Delhi. 110 094.
 - (3) Financial aid of Rs. 2,500 each to 20 urban poor families in Janakpuri, Delhi
 - (4) Financial aid to 44 Musahar families as livelihood support in Madhubhani District, Bihar.
 - (5) Medical aid to one family of deceased COVID victim.
 - (6) Financial aid to 200 migrant families in Ernakulam District, Kerala.
 - (7) Financial and livelihood support for 150 tea garden migrant workers in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

05. CONSULTATION & PARTICIPATION

- **USAID/INDIA inclusive development assessment**
Indian Social Institute participated in the consultative process for USAID/India new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) to set as its goal for

countrywide Inclusive Development Assessment to identify the key social issues, inequalities, constraints, and opportunities for certain categories of highly marginalized populations in India. The Inclusive Development Assessment is to ascertain the most distinctive characteristics and determinants of exclusion (discrimination, bias, stigmatization, isolation, violence, and assaults to universal human dignity) affecting the marginalized groups [1) People with disabilities (PWD) and their caregivers 2) Religious minorities (RMs) 3) Scheduled Castes (SCs) 4) Scheduled Tribes (STs) 5) Other Backward Classes (OBCs) 6) At-risk youth (ARY) 7) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) individuals and groups].

The Inclusive Development Report that emerged from the consultations included six domains, namely (1) Laws, Policies, Regulations, and Institutional Practices; (2) Cultural Norms and Beliefs; (3) Roles, Responsibilities, and Time Used; (4) Access to and Control Over Assets and Resources; (5) Patterns of Power and Decision-making; and (6) Personal Safety and Security.

UN LNOB VNR 2020

Indian Social Institute was part of the consultation process for the United Nations – Leave No One Behind – Voluntary National Review 2020 (UN – LNOB VNR 2020), which was presented at the UN- High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2020 in July 2020. NITI Aayog is coordinating the preparation of the VNR. A 20-page process report was finalized and submitted to the UN Resident Commissioner’s office in April 2020. In addition, a 5-page report was finalized and submitted to the UN Resident Commissioner’s office in May 2020, which was sent to the UN Head Office for the HLPF, where NITI Aayog presented India’s VNR on 13th July, 2020.

06. PUBLICATIONS

A. Research Related

i. Books Published

Archana Sinha (Ed.) (2020) *Satat Vikas Aur Ashrut Naari*. New Delhi: Indian Social Institute.

Archana Sinha and TA John (2020) *Khadya Suraksha : Uttar Pradesh Mein Khadya Suraksha Ke Samajik Parivartan Avum Nirdharak Tatva*. New Delhi: Indian Social Institute.

Lata Jayaraj and Archana Sinha (2020) *Menstrual Hygiene Among Urban Poor in Delhi*. New Delhi: Indian Social Institute.

Paul D'Souza, (2020), *Corona Crisis: Perceptions and Practices – A Humanitarian Crisis and A Humanitarian Response*, July 2020, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.

ii. Papers in Journals

Anabel Benjamin Bara (2020). Adivasi Eco-Diakonia: A Way Towards Sustainable Development. *Adivasi Journal of Theology*. 2(2): 1-5.

Archana Sinha (2020) Facets of Urban Poverty and Discrimination Impacting Child Education Outcomes among Migrants: A Study of Two Cities. *IASSI Quarterly*. July-September. 39(3): 123-147.

(2021) Challenges of Maternal Health Care in Uttarakhand. *Women's Link*. January-March. 27(1): 2-6.

(2021) Empirical Evidence of Tribal Women participation in Local Economy. *National Productivity Council Quarterly Journal*. January-March. 61(4): 454-462.

iii. Papers in Magazines/Newspapers/Web Portals

Ravi Sagar (2020) Consumer: Know Your Rights, *MAGNET*, 4(3): 34-35.

_____(2020) Consumer Protection, *MAGNET*, 4(4): 6-7.

_____(2020) Consumer Commissions at Different Level, *MAGNET*, 4(5): 35-36.

_____(2020) Consumer Law in a Nutshell, *MAGNET*, 4(7): 27-28.

_____(2020) Law About Essential Commodities, *MAGNET*, 4(9): 5-6.

_____(2020) Maintenance of Essential Services, *MAGNET*, 4(11): 34-35.

_____(2020) Law Related to Disaster Management, *MAGNET*, 4(12): 26-27.

_____(2020) Interview with Dr. Alana Golmei, *Legal News & Views*, 34(12): 42-46.

_____(2021) Interview with Mr. Robin Hibu, *Legal News & Views*, 35(1): 38 – 46.

_____(2021) Disaster Management: Agencies, *MAGNET*, 5(1): 34-35.

_____(2021) Laws on Disaster Management: Offences, Complaints & Punishments, *MAGNET*, 5(2): 14-15.

_____(2021) Laws on Mental Health Care, *MAGNET*, 5(3): 34 & 35.

iv. Book Reviews

Anabel Benjamin Bara (2020). Corporate Ethics for Turbulent Markets: The Market Context of Corporate Ethical Decisions and Choices. *Journal of Business, Ethics, and Society*. 1(1). <https://journal-jbes.org/journal-files/Book-review-Corporate-Ethics-for-Turbulent-Markets.pdf>

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b. Knowledge Dissemination (Publication)

i. Books

In 2020-2021 the following new books were published:

1. “Corona Crisis: Perceptions and Practices” by Dr. Paul D’Souza
2. “Menstrual Hygiene Among Urban Poor in Delhi” by Dr. Lata Jayaraj and Dr. Archana Sinha.
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4. “Status of Tenancy and Child Well-Being in Bihar” by World Vision
5. “Satat Vikas aur Ashruti Nari: Sangharsh wo Chunauti” edited by Dr. Archana Sinha
6. “Khadya Surakhsha” by Dr. Archana Sinha and Mr. T.A. John

ii. Booklets

Centre for Human Rights & Law has revised and reprinted 13 booklets on Legal Education series in English. Four new booklets have been prepared and printed.

iii. Legal Education Series

New Booklets:

1. The Disaster Management Act 2005 (LES – 88)
2. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 (LES – 89)
3. The Mental Health Act 2017 (LES – 90)
4. What is FIR? (LES – 39)

Revised Booklets:

1. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 (LES: 24)
2. Criminal Procedure (LES-19)
3. The Right to Information Act (LES-74)

4. The Law Related to Human Trafficking (LES: 28)
5. Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013 (LES-81)
6. Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and Rules (LLS-4)
7. Your Right to Compensation in Motor Vehicle Accidents (LES-7)
8. Rights of Wife, Children and Parents (LES-3)
9. Your Rights if Arrested (LES-2)
10. How Should Police Investigate Crimes (LES-68)
11. Educational Rights of Minorities (LES – 77)
12. The Employee's Compensation Act 1923 (LLS-14)
13. The Free Legal Aid to the Poor (LES-10)
14. The Specific Relief Act, 1963 (LES-91)
15. What Criminal Actions are Exempted from Punishment? (LES – 52)
16. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012 (LES – 86)
17. Family Courts (PLS-02)
18. Special Marriage Act (PLS-04)
19. The Law on Atrocities against Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (LES-33)
20. Laws related to Land Acquisition (LES-61)
21. The Transfer of Property Act (LES-57)

Translated into Hindi:

1. The Bonus Act 1965 and Rules, (LLS No. 10)
2. Your Rights If Arrested (LES-02)
3. The Right to Information Act (LES-74)
4. Rights of Consumers (LES-29)
5. The Juvenile Justice Act (LES-64)
6. The National Food Security Act, 2013 (LES-84)
7. The Forest Rights Act, 2006 (LES-87)
8. Employees Provident Fund (LLS-13)

07. POLICY ENGAGEMENTS/LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

a. Lectures – Papers Presented

Ratnesh Kumar delivered a talk on the topic '*Rebirth a Critical Enquiry in Navayana Buddhism*' in Dr Ambedkar Caravan on Prabuddha Bharat Series on 17 October, 2021.

_____ delivered a talk in a web group of NNBY (National Network of Buddhist Youth) on ‘Dr Ambedkar as a Thinker’ on 14th April 2020.

_____ delivered two sessions on "*Issues and Challenges of Migrant Workers - from development perspective*", based on an empirical study, and in the Covid-19 context during an online Induction Training Programme for CLS Officers (December 07, 2020-January 15, 2021) conducted by V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida. This was attended by a group of 31 officers on December 30, 2020, 2.15 pm - 5.00 pm.

_____ delivered a talk on "*Gender Perspectives in Water Resource Management*" on International Water Day, organised by Gopal Kiran Samaj Sevi Sanstha, Gwalior on March 21, 2021.

_____ delivered a webinar talk to students on “Covid-19 and its Impact on Students” organized by the Diocese of Faridabad on 07 June 2020.

_____ presented a paper on “Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, involving 4 zones of the Society” in a webinar on 4 July 2020.

Ravi Sagar delivered a talk at the District Level Training Programme on Bonded Labour, held on 31 October 2020 at the Bandhua Mukti Morcha Office, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi in collaboration with the Human Rights Law Network along with Bandhua Mukti Morcha, CCBI, Commission for Migrants, Naya Samaj, ISI, Working Peoples' Charter and C4 Juggi Kalyan Samiti.

_____ moderated the meeting of the Delhi Lawyers Forum held on 12 December 2020.

Alana Golmei was one of the Panellists in a panel discussion on the topic “Access to Justice in the times of COVID-19 pandemic” organized by Manipur State Legal Services Authority in December 2020

b. Communications

CHRL highlighting social and human rights issues in India, CHRL protected and promoting human rights by stepped up its activities expanding its roles and responsibilities. The Institute vigorously works in the area of peace building and peace keeping, helps in the growth and development of socially weaker and minority groups of the society.

The Institute have also been publishing various magazines, journals and booklets such as the Legal Education Series in basic and simple language to impart legal knowledge.

7. Legal Aid

CHRL is actively engaged in giving legal aid and creating legal awareness, by spreading legal literacy through legal awareness seminars and webinars, trainings, publications, consultations and legal assistance to the poor, weaker sections and minority groups in the society in matters relating to civil or criminal nature, marriage, family, and property.

8. SERVICES PROVIDED

A. LIBRARY

The library Section:

The library named after Fidel Rosl Goetz is being developed with specialized resources catering to the needs of the marginalized groups (Dalits, Tribals, and Human Rights etc.). The library has a stock of computer bibliographic database of print books as well as a small collection of rare and reference books on social sciences. The library is computerized, and has evolved into a fully automated library environment with the support of Koha Online library software and a special URL.

Online Service:

The Library's online catalogue provides excellent services to search the different titles of development issues. During the period from April 2020 to March 2021, 16853 bibliographic records have been accessed from ISI database as well as from outside. The Library also has an online facility to access statistical data from CENSUS, articles from EPW & some SAGE journals.

Journal Section:

The journal section of the department received 166 periodicals both National and International. Of these 68 are subscribed journals, 20 are received on exchange basis, 43 are on gratis basis and 25 are received as complimentary copies. The library also subscribes 10 journals in Hindi. 290 Special articles were downloaded from various sources. 809 articles have been indexed from journals and magazines and distributed to stakeholders. The display of all the journals in the in-house reference section and reading room is an additional attraction for the users. The

relevant back –volumes of journals are bound and kept in the library for researchers and library users

b. Publications

The Department of Publication (DP) of the institute is a hub for information and knowledge dissemination. DP was envisaged to publish books, documents, compendiums etc. by various departments of the institute as well as to provide space to likeminded thinkers, academicians and activists to disseminate relevant information and knowledge pertaining to social issues in India and abroad highlighting the interests and concerns of the masses.

In 2020-2021 the following new books were published:

1. “Corona Crisis: Perceptions and Practices” by Dr. Paul D’Souza
2. “Menstrual Hygiene Among Urban Poor in Delhi” by Dr. Lata Jayaraj and Dr. Archana Sinha
3. “Status of Tenancy and Child Well-Being in Bihar” by World Vision
4. “Satat Vikas aur Ashrut Nari: Sangharsh wo Chunauti” edited by Dr. Archana Sinha
5. “Khadya Surakhsha” by Dr. Archana Sinha and T.A. John.
