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Message from the Chairman



As the Chairman of the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS), I am pleased to present our Annual Report, celebrating 30 years of significant achievements. This report reflects our journey and the invaluable guidance you have provided.

Under the leadership of our Executive Director and CEO, Shri Dharmendra Kumar, we are forging a path of growth through initiatives like community-based People's Organizations, Youth Forums, and Unorganized Workers Unions. These efforts are essential in fostering self-reliance and sustainable enterprises among marginalized communities.

This year, we have prioritized inclusivity by addressing key issues such as women's equality, mental health, child protection, and sustainable livelihoods. Notable achievements include promoting child marriage-free villages, eradicating malnutrition, enhancing access to quality education, and addressing climate change. Our outreach has directly impacted over 22,500 rural and urban poor, marking a significant milestone.

I take pride in continuing the legacy of our esteemed organization, supported by a dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and board members. Thank you for your unwavering support in 2023-24. Together, let's strive for a just and inclusive society, empowering all to build better lives.

Nawal Kishor Paswan
Chairperson

Message from the Executive Director



I am delighted to announce that the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) has proudly completed over 30 years of dedicated service to marginalized Dalit and Adivasi communities in Bihar. It is with great pride that I present the Annual Report for 2023-2024.

This year, we have made significant strides in bringing these communities into the mainstream through our commitment to sustainable development. Our focus on inclusive growth, gender equality, educational advancement, and the eradication of social evils has led to transformative changes. As a result, we have witnessed a notable increase in participation from marginalized groups in social activities.

We have directly reached over 22,500 rural and urban poor, a remarkable achievement that underscores our collective efforts. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our donors and partner agencies for their vital support, as well as to our board members, mentors, advisors, and the entire DVAS team.

Our partnerships with organizations like Jiv Daya Foundation, Give Foundation, Vitamin Angels, and others, along with strong ties to local communities, PRIs, CBOs, and NGOs, have been instrumental in our progress.

I look forward to your continued support in our mission to combat human suffering and inequality. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work alongside you.

Dharmendra Kumar
Executive Director

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ABOUT US:

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, established on June 18, 1992, has made significant strides over 30 years in empowering underprivileged communities in Bihar. The organization has evolved into a vital resource agency addressing the needs of marginalized groups, including Dalits, women, and children, who have faced social and educational isolation.

Through its dedicated efforts, DVAS has developed expertise in critical areas such as social and gender inequality, mental health, academic career development, malnutrition, and hunger. This extensive experience has enabled the organization to effectively tackle the challenges faced by the most vulnerable segments of society.

The impact of DVAS is evident in its direct empowerment of 650,000 families, significantly improving their quality of life. By employing enabling strategies and thematic programs, DVAS has successfully increased the participation of disadvantaged communities in various developmental initiatives.

The organization's commitment to promoting equality and addressing educational issues has fostered a culture of inclusion and resilience, paving the way for sustainable change in Bihar's socio-economic landscape. Through its comprehensive approach, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti continues to play a crucial role in building a more just and equitable society.

Our Vision:

We envision an inclusive society where disadvantaged and vulnerable groups are empowered to achieve their rights. They should have the freedom to live with dignity and the capacity to build a better future for socially discriminated groups.

Our Mission:

We empower disadvantaged children and marginalized communities by enhancing their socio-economic capacities. Focusing on children and women, we promote inclusive education, sustainable livelihoods, and a supportive environment that enables them to live with dignity, ultimately helping them become independent and self-reliant.

GOAL

We aim to build the capacities of discriminated groups, enabling them to raise their voices and tackle exclusion, socio-economic discrimination, and inequalities.

THEMATIC AREAS OF ORGANIZATION

- SOCIAL INCLUSION
- INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
- HEALTH INITIATIVES FOCUSING ON MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE, MATERNAL DEVELOPMENT, AND AIDS CONTROL
- GENDER EQUALITY
- SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS (SKILLS, CAREER & ENTREPRENEURSHIP)
- YOUTH INITIATIVE
- URBAN POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

1. CCFD TERRA SOLIDAIRE
2. JIV DAYA FOUNDATION
3. VITAMIN ANGELS
4. MANOBAL BIHAR
5. ALLIANCE DALIT FORUM BIHAR

HIGHLIGHTS

Social Initiative

- Empowered 350 women cadres through social justice and equality and leadership and mental personality development programmes.
- 10 transgender community members were assisted in obtaining identity cards under social security schemes.
- 100 youths were trained on Scheduled Castes and Prevention of Atrocities Act.
- 1200 unorganized labourers were registered under e-Shramik Yojana.
- 18,000 community members were involved in awareness campaigns on inequality, disparity and environmental sustainability.
- 509 workers were registered under BOCW scheme.
- 500 cadres were made proficient on leadership skills and community development through workshops.
- 22,500 families were made aware of welfare schemes by reaching out to people through inclusive development programmes.

Education Initiatives

- 20 teachers who showed excellent performance in inclusive education were felicitated.
- 120 students who had dropped out of school were linked to Ambedkar Learning Centre to awaken their mental and intellectual consciousness and ensured their return to school.
- 100 members of the School Education Committee were given orientation on the school development plan.
- 2800 marginalized students were linked to the mainstream of educational development through Ambedkar Prerna Shiksha Kendra.
- 35 marginalized adolescent girls were fully included in various matriculation/intermediate examinations, in which 89% passed.
- 565 malnourished children were provided nutrition and education through Ambedkar Poshan cum Shiksha Kendra.

Health Initiatives:

- 11,000 people were made aware about the Nutrition Month Campaign under the Malnutrition Free Village Campaign.
- 325 marginalized women were made aware about reproductive health and anemia through health camps, and anemia kit medicines were distributed.
- 12,500 Dalit and tribal communities and school children were made aware under the Mental Health Campaign.
- 1,825 people benefited from counseling for mental health issues.
- 350 women and youth were trained in mental health and climate justice.

Economic Justice Entrepreneurs:

- 100 marginalized women were linked to self-employment after entrepreneurship skill development training.
- 20 women were provided economic stability by linking them to organic vegetable farming and marua farming.
- 50 Dalit youths were given entrepreneurship development training and registered as entrepreneurs through the National SC / ST Hub under the MSME scheme and developed themselves as vendors.
- 35 women were given training in sewing, embroidery, and crafts

Gender Justice:

- The Child Marriage Free India campaign reached out to 25,000 stakeholders.
- 12 adolescent girls protested against child marriage.
- 100 marginalized Dalit and tribal women were trained on "Gender Equality, Rights, and Justice" and laws like the Domestic Violence Act and POCSO.
- Human chains were organized after dialogue sessions during International Women's Day celebrations.
- 15 women and adolescent girls were awarded the Savitribai Phule Champion Award

Youth Initiative

- 100 youths received training in educational career personality development skills.
- 50 Dalit youths were connected to higher education opportunities.
- "Sanitary Pad ATMs" were operated in 05 Ambedkar Kishori Clubs.
- 250 adolescent girls were trained on capacity building and safety.

UrbanPoor

- 625 workers were linked to social audits in 12 urban areas.
- 2,800 unorganized construction workers were registered.
- 300 people benefited from the Bihar Shatabdi Unorganized Work Area Workers Scheme and the Bihar Building and Construction Workers Welfare Scheme.
- 509 workers were registered under the BOCW Welfare Board.

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

• Registered under:	Society Registration Act XXI, 1860.
• Registration Number	91/96-97, Dated July 13, 1996
• FCRA Registration:	FCRA No 031170234
•	Validity up to 31March 2026
• PAN No.	AAATD4249E
• TAN No	PTND03232F
• Income Tax Registered under 12A	AAATD4249EE20214
• Income Tax 80G Number:	AAATD4249EF2024
• EPFO Registered No;	BRPAT1909389000
• ESI Registered No;	42001597720000999
• NGO DARPAN- Unique ID:	BR/2010/0031478

Networking related connections

- 1 BIHAR AMBEDKAR YOUTH FORUM,
2. MANOBAL BIHAR
3. ALLIANCE DALIT FORUM BIHAR
4. AND MY CITY ALLIANCE FOR URBAN POOR
- 5. Guide Star Organization, Mumbai Registration No.1349•
6. VANI MEMBERS NUMBERSHIP NO.4482

Details of the Executive Committee members 2024

Sr.No.	Name	Position	Appointment date	Adhar Number	PAN	Photographs
1	Mr. Nawal Kishor Paswan	Chairman	28 Furbury 2015	476209062042	BGVPP3263J	
2	Mr. Dharmendra Kumar	Executive Director	11 August 2011	962551322320	BJJPK1439G	
3	Smt. Madhuri kumari	Treasurer	20 June 2020	504036576040	EABPK9560G	
4	Smt. Babita kumari	Member	11 August 2011	485190793148	DNCPK9072E	
5	Smt. Sobha Devi	Member	28 Furbury2015	234763731383	BPDPD3201B	
6	Smt. Kanchan Devi	Member	31 March 2018	607275660322	DPZPD8232J	
7	Mr. Bindeshwar mandal	Member	31 March 2018	916593472893	DNBPM2685 E	

CORE VALUES

- **Empowerment:** To eliminate all forms of exclusion and inequalities, and discrimination existing in society. Empower the deprived communities. Bring the transgender community into the mainstream and provide them equal opportunities.
- **Inclusiveness:** To provide dignified and equal opportunities to every individual.
- **Gender Equality:** To eliminate atrocities and inequalities among women and ensure equality.
- **Sustainable Development:** To reduce economic disparities and promote inclusive education and mental health initiatives.
- **Collaboration:** We always work in partnership with all stakeholders to give more value to our efforts by expressing and sharing knowledge. Teamwork is the key to excellent results that bring change through community participation.
- **Youth Educational Career and Entrepreneurship Development:** To educate marginalized youth and provide opportunities for their career and entrepreneurship development.
- **Excellence:** We strive to achieve quality results by constantly implementing and sharing innovation to improve as individuals and as an organization.

PROGRAMS

Social Inclusion

Initiative for Change in Community Development: An Inclusive and Empowering Model

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) has become a driving force for social change in Bihar, supporting a model of community development that is inclusive, empowering, and based on the principles of social justice envisioned by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. This year, efforts have reached approximately 22,500 outreach families, focusing on the core values of "social equality, gender justice, and inclusive development," addressing long-standing issues of discrimination and exclusion.

Women's Empowerment: The central pillar of DVAS is women's empowerment. The organization focuses on combating gender and caste-based violence, economic inequality, and lack of access to resources. It provides women with the necessary tools, knowledge, and support to claim their rights and advocate for gender equality within their communities. This focus on women's safety and rights has been particularly transformative, enabling women to play active roles in decision-making processes both in their homes and in the broader community.

Rights of Marginalized Groups: DVAS has played a crucial role in protecting the social rights of marginalized groups. By educating communities about their rights under various laws, the committee has empowered individuals to demand their rights and take action against social injustices.

Caste-Based Discrimination: Caste-based discrimination is one of the biggest challenges in many parts of Bihar. DVAS tirelessly promotes social justice for Dalit and tribal communities who have historically faced severe oppression. Through grassroots initiatives, the committee raises awareness about caste-based inequalities and provides practical strategies for communities to challenge and overcome discrimination.

Cadre Development: Workshops on cadre self-development have focused on eliminating caste-based discrimination, promoting safety, and advocating for human rights. These workshops have empowered participants to develop personal leadership skills. Special training programs under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act have educated Dalit and tribal youth and women about their rights, increasing community awareness about discrimination.

Social Security and Welfare Schemes: DVAS has provided practical assistance to workers through social security schemes and the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) scheme. These schemes have promoted inclusive development and self-respect among marginalized communities, strengthening community-based organizations and inspiring people to step forward for their rights.

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Personality Development Training for LGBTQ+ Transgender Community:

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, in collaboration with the Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar Network, organized community personality development training aimed at empowering the LGBTQ+ transgender community and other marginalized groups. The training included participation from 35 LGBTQ+ transgender community members from districts such as Patna, Gaya, Banka, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, and Begusarai, focusing on raising awareness about internal abuse, inequality, social security, and human rights issues faced by these communities.

The training discussed topics such as mental health, sexuality, and the risks of unsafe sexual practices, particularly the dangers of infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS. Participants shared personal experiences of being excluded from government schemes and the challenges of living in a society that often marginalizes them. The session also focused on sexuality, emphasizing safe practices and promoting mental well-being within the community.

The training highlighted the urgent need for greater inclusion of transgender and LGBTQ+ individuals in government schemes and policies. A roadmap for 2024-25 was prepared, outlining strategies to improve the protection of the rights of LGBTQ+ transgender individuals, including mental health, sexual health education, access to social security schemes, and the prevention of unsafe sexual practices. Valuable information was provided about the legal rights of LGBTQ+ individuals and methods for self-empowerment.

The training helped promote a sense of unity and self-respect, inspiring individuals to live their lives with dignity and respect. This training has been significantly useful for the mental and social development of LGBTQ+ transgender and other marginalized communities.

Ensuring Social and Economic Participation of Dalits:

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti recently organized a significant meeting at Mahavidyalaya Niksapur Morwa, focusing on the social and economic participation of Dalits. Key stakeholders, including cadres of the Ambedkar Village Committee, community members, and youth, participated in the workshop. This initiative was part of a broader effort to facilitate social and economic empowerment through collective action and collaboration among Dalit cadres, community members, and organizations working towards change. The workshop was a crucial step in promoting the economic participation of Dalits. By focusing on mental and social change, collective action, and youth empowerment, it laid the foundation for a sustainable movement towards justice and equality.

Collective Action and Collaboration:

A key theme of the meeting was the need for collective action and strong collaboration between various groups within the Dalit community and allied organizations. Empowering Dalits requires solidarity between stakeholders. The meeting served as a platform for dialogue, where community activists and youth exchanged ideas and experiences on overcoming challenges faced by Dalits in fully participating in society. Discussions emphasized the importance of improving communication and collaboration between various Dalit organizations and activists to ensure their voices are heard in economic and social matters. The need for better representation of Dalits in economic spaces was highlighted, as well as the necessity to empower marginalized groups to be involved in local governance, economic decision-making, and leadership roles within their communities.

Empowerment of Dalit, Tribal, and Underprivileged Youth

According to the principles of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the empowerment of Dalit, tribal, and underprivileged youth is crucial. Through social capacity-building development training programs, these youths are not only provided with knowledge and skills but also motivated to combat discrimination and inequality. This training equips them with self-confidence, leadership qualities, and community participation. As a result, there is a growing awareness about positive societal change and equality within the community, enabling overall development.



Education Program

Teacher's Day Celebration - Honoring Teachers:

On Teacher's Day, teachers were honored for their excellent performance in inclusive education and for creating a positive educational environment in the community.

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, in collaboration with the Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar, organized a Teacher's Day celebration ceremony at the Community Hall, Jaganpur, Patna. The purpose of this event was to honor those teachers who have excelled in providing inclusive, quality education to marginalized children, adhering to the ideologies of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The focus was on inclusive quality education and combating malnutrition.

During the event, teachers shared their experiences and insights. Subsequently, 20 teachers were honored with certificates of appreciation. This initiative significantly boosted the confidence of the teachers in their work and reinforced the importance of including Dalit children in the educational process.

A total of 65 participants attended the program, including teachers, members of the school education committee, community members, and other stakeholders. Such events play a crucial role in promoting a positive attitude towards education and advancing the goal of a brighter future for children from marginalized communities.

Ambedkar Nutrition and Inspiration Education Center: An Innovative Initiative Report:

The "Ambedkar Nutrition and Inspiration Education Center," a commendable initiative by the Dalit Development Campaign Committee in partnership with the Jeev Daya Foundation, focuses on assisting marginalized, malnourished, and underprivileged children aged 6 months to 5 years who are deprived of early childhood education in the Mahadalit settlements of Morwa and Tajpur blocks in Samastipur district.

Currently, this center benefits 566 children by providing them with essential nutritional foods, including precious spray milk, Parle-G biscuits, fruits, and porridge. Beyond nutrition, the program emphasizes mental health development through various skill-building activities, contributing significantly to the overall growth and well-being of these children.

Another crucial aspect of this initiative is educating parents about hygiene and sanitation, fostering a healthy environment for families. Additionally, 200 children above the age of 5 have been successfully enrolled in local primary schools, marking a significant step toward integrating them into mainstream education.

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Empowering Education: Orientation Training for School Development Committees in Bihar

The two-day Orientation Training Programme for School Education Committee Members and Anganwadi Mata Samiti Members, organized by the Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar and Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, aimed to enhance awareness about the roles and responsibilities of 100 committee members from Fatuha Block, District Patna, and Morwa and Tajpur Blocks, District Samastipur, in the School Development Plan (SDP) to improve school standards through community participation and to address issues like dropouts, child marriage, and child abuse, fostering optimism for positive change in education.

Health Initiative Program

Poshan Maah Programme Campaign :

UNICEF, Vitamin Angel, and Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti jointly organized the Poshan Maah Programme campaign from 1-30 September, 2023, targeting Morwa & Tajpur Blocks in Samastipur District and Patepur Block in Vaishali District, Bihar. This transformational initiative aimed to combat malnutrition and promote healthy lifestyles and mental well-being.

Objective and Engagement: The programme's main objective was to fight malnutrition and promote healthy lifestyles and mental well-being. It engaged around 11,000 individuals through tola-level meetings and dialogue sessions where women, children, and local leaders discussed the impact of malnutrition and possible solutions.

Educational Sessions: Led by health professionals, these sessions educated participants about the importance of a balanced diet, inspiring many to adopt healthy habits. Visual aids, including nutrition-related posters and exhibitions, effectively conveyed the dangers of malnutrition and attracted significant interest from the community.

Highlight - Youth Involvement: The rally organized by the children of Ambedkar Poshan cum Shiksha Kendra was a highlight, inspiring collective action and emphasizing the involvement of youth in health advocacy.

Impact and Commitment: The event not only raised awareness but also fostered a commitment to nutrition education. Many participants pledged to improve their dietary practices and share their knowledge with their families. The initiative had a significant impact on community health, laid a strong foundation for ongoing efforts against malnutrition, and promoted a culture of health awareness for future generations.



From Catalyst to Savitribai Champion Didi:

The health camp organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, in collaboration with Jeev Diya Foundation and Vitamin Angel, in Morwa Dalit Tola, was a transformative experience for the marginalized community, especially women like Sunita. A mother of five, Sunita Devi was married off as a child, had children at an early age, and suffered from fatigue and weakness due to anemia caused by poor nutrition. Frequently falling sick and visiting doctors, Sunita was apathetic towards health issues.



Initially hesitant to attend the camp, Sunita was encouraged by a neighbor and arrived full of hope. First, she underwent a health check-up by experts. The warm atmosphere and informative sessions made her aware of important health topics, including safe motherhood and the prevention of infectious diseases. As Sunita learned about anemia and its symptoms, she recognized her own struggles in the discussions.

The highlight of the camp was the distribution of vitamin kits, especially for women suffering from anemia. This support empowered Sunita and inspired hundreds of women like her, who returned home determined to improve the health of their families by preparing balanced meals and adopting hygienic habits. Over time, Sunita saw significant improvements in her health and became an advocate for health awareness in her community. The camp not only educated her but also fostered a supportive network among women, demonstrating the profound impact of community involvement in enhancing health and wellness. Inspired by her experience, Sunita encouraged others to participate in future health initiatives, showing how such camps can lead to healthy, empowered communities. Today, Sunita is known as Savitribai Champion Didi, a proud name in itself.

Mental Health and Climate Justice Training Program

Mental health and climate justice are important topics in the global discussion. Climate disasters such as heat waves, floods, and storms severely impact marginalized communities in both developing and developed countries. These events not only cause physical destruction but also significant psychological distress.

Training Overview: Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, in collaboration with Manobal Bihar – the only network working on mental health, behaviour change, and personality development – trained 350 women and youth on the interconnected topics of mental health and climate justice. Climate disasters deeply impact mental health, leading to challenges such as stress, anxiety, and depression due to loss of life and property. Additionally, climate crises exacerbate issues like poverty, food insecurity, and access to education.

Focus and Impact: The pandemic highlighted the urgent need to address mental health, as its consequences are widely felt across communities. The training focused on activists from Ambedkar Gram Samiti and Bihar Ambedkar Yuva Manch. By raising awareness about mental health and climate justice among women and youth, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti aims to prevent discussions on these topics from becoming classist and casteist.

Outcomes: After their training, participants expressed new approaches to discussing mental health issues and developed the skills needed to recognize and respond to the impacts of climate change within their communities. Understanding the relationship between mental health and climate change is an essential step towards achieving social justice. This campaign not only provides knowledge and skills but also contributes to social change, promoting an inclusive and equitable society.

Climate Justice Program: The Climate Justice program addresses the mental health impacts of climate change and environmental issues within communities. In partnership with Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, Manobal Bihar, and Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar, the program focuses on Dalit, Adivasi, women, adolescents, children, and transgender communities in both rural and urban areas. A total of 2,400 communities were trained on the mental health impacts of climate change and environmental pollution.

Awareness Activities: Awareness activities took place in 100 villages in Patna, Samastipur, Vaishali, Banka, Gaya, and Begusarai. This has significantly increased awareness about climate change and environmental health, encouraging community members to recognize the importance of mental health and integrate it into their daily lives.

Child Marriage Free India Campaign:

The Child Marriage Free India Campaign, held from October 16-25, 2023, by Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation and Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti in Samastipur, Bihar, aimed to reduce child marriage from 23.3% to 10% by 2025. Covering 50 villages, the campaign engaged 2,500 stakeholders through awareness meetings, highlighting the harmful effects of child marriage and encouraging community action. Local leaders pledged to report cases, fostering solidarity against social evils. The initiative successfully promoted dialogue and cooperation, creating a safer environment for children and emphasizing the need for ongoing efforts to protect children's rights.



Gender Equality, Rights, and Justice Training Program

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti organized a three-day training on "Gender Equality, Rights, and Justice." The aim of the training was to empower marginalized Dalit and Adivasi adolescent girls and women by raising awareness about their rights, justice, and protection. Targeting those who have faced inhuman abuse and atrocities, the program focused on important legal topics including the Women's Domestic Violence Act, the POCSO Act, the Child Marriage Act, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

Program Details: The program emphasized eleven essential rights while promoting protection and equality for women. A total of 100 women attended, divided into two sessions. The first session introduced relevant laws, while the second discussed women's protection and justice in more depth.

Legal Topics Covered: Legal experts provided information on the Women's Domestic Violence Act, which outlines the rights and remedies of victims, and the POCSO Act, which focuses on protecting juveniles from sexual crimes. The training also addressed raising awareness against child marriage and the importance of protective measures under the Child Protection Act.

Training Environment: The training fostered a collaborative learning environment, encouraging participants to engage in discussions and express their concerns. Many attendees reported feeling empowered to advocate for their rights and educate others in their communities.

Outcomes: By the conclusion of the training, participants had developed a broader understanding of their rights and committed to helping other women claim their rights. The initiative underscored the importance of solidarity among women in the fight for justice and equality. The "Gender Equality, Rights, and Justice Training" proved to be an important step towards promoting an equitable society, demonstrating that aware women can make a difference not only for themselves but also for their communities.

Program for Equality on International Women's Day

On International Women's Day, the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti organized a transformative program emphasizing women's equality and rights, where 75 participants from diverse backgrounds came together to foster solidarity, share experiences, and advocate for justice. The event featured a powerful human chain that symbolized collective strength, reinforcing the importance of unity in driving change. It included a dialogue session that empowered women to voice their personal challenges and aspirations, creating a supportive community. A significant highlight was the recognition of courageous women who triumphed over adversity, serving as inspiration for fellow attendees. Additionally, a "Gender Equality, Rights and Justice Training" initiative empowered 100 marginalized Dalit and tribal women by deepening their understanding of vital laws like the Domestic Violence Act and POCSO. Overall, the program successfully underscored the collective responsibility to promote gender equality and left a lasting impact, encouraging proactive steps toward empowerment and advocacy for justice.



Har Ghar Tiranga Program

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti organized the "Har Ghar Tiranga" program to celebrate Independence Day and awaken national spirit among the community. The event commenced with a dialogue session highlighting the importance of the tricolor and its symbolism of freedom. Special emphasis was placed on involving children and women to instill pride and understanding of this national emblem.

Rallies were held in Morwa, Tajpur Samastipur, and Fatuha Patna on 14 and 15 August, attracting around 5,000 participants. Marching with the tricolor, attendees raised patriotic slogans and took a pledge to hoist the flag in every home. This event aimed not only to celebrate but also to foster unity and nationalism within the community.

The program successfully motivated families to display the tricolor, creating a collective spirit of patriotism. Participants vowed to carry this tradition forward to future generations, ensuring that awareness of rights and duties was ingrained in the youth. Overall, the "Har Ghar Tiranga" initiative served as a powerful reminder of unity and brotherhood, marking a significant step towards positive societal change.

Yuva Samvad Program: Empowering the Youth of Bihar

The Youth Dialogue Program, organized in collaboration with the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, the Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar, and the Mahesh Sarita Foundation, brought together 200 youth from 20 districts of Bihar. They shared their thoughts on serious issues related to educational career development and rural challenges, amplifying their voices through video presentations. The program featured discussions led by senior journalist Anil Chamadia, who provided insights on academic barriers and opportunities, with references to the thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

This initiative empowered the youth and developed a concrete roadmap to address community issues, preparing them for positive change in the future. Thus, it proved to be a significant step towards enhancing youth participation in Bihar.

Child Protection Rights:

A Campaign for the Development of Dalit and Tribal Children

This program is conducting a special awareness campaign in the districts of Vaishali, Samastipur, Begusarai, Banka, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, and West Champaran in collaboration with the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, Bihar, and the Ambedkar Youth Forum. The campaign aims to raise awareness about the protection, safety, and rights of children.

Focusing on the mental and intellectual development of 1,000 children aged 10 to 18, the initiative emphasizes principles of equality, preparedness for disasters, and the impacts of climate change.

An action plan has been developed in partnership with government officials, community members, and experts, ensuring the survival, development, protection, and participation of children. This plan prioritizes key areas such as health, education, nutrition, sexuality education, and adolescent empowerment, facilitating the holistic development of children.

Orientation Training of Ambedkar Kishori Club

The orientation training of the "Ambedkar Kishori Club," organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, is a significant initiative aimed at raising awareness among adolescent girls about health, nutrition, and safety. The training highlighted the importance of health safety and essential nutrients, guiding the girls towards understanding balanced diets.

The trainers discussed the health risks associated with unsafe and irregular periods, particularly focusing on the dangers of using dirty clothes. They introduced the concept of sanitary pad ATMs, explaining how this facility could improve hygiene and promote self-reliance among the girls.

Additionally, discussions on safe sex and hormonal issues educated the participants about their rights and health responsibilities. A key objective of the training was to empower adolescent girls, encouraging them to commit to spreading awareness within their families and communities.

The positive outcomes of this program are expected to enhance community health significantly. The knowledge gained by these adolescent girls is vital, not only for their personal development but also for fostering a healthier community overall.

Empowering Dalit and Adivasi Youth in Bihar

In Bihar, the Bihar Ambedkar Youth Forum has made significant progress in youth career development and empowerment by establishing Ambedkar Yuva Club and Ambedkar Kishori Club at the village level. These clubs enable youth to collectively take bold steps to claim, protect, and respect social justice-based rights, focusing on demands for security, educational development, and equality.

A total of 30 clubs were formed in the Morwa and Tajpur blocks of Samastipur district, as well as in the Patepur block of Vaishali district. Additionally, 350 adolescents have received training on livelihood opportunities, alternate careers, and skill proficiency for entrepreneurship. This initiative not only empowered the youth but also provided necessary skill development and livelihood support.

The campaign's impact has been remarkable, as it organized the youth and increased awareness about their rights, helping them become self-reliant and improve their social and economic conditions. By taking concrete steps towards social justice and equality, these activities ensure that youth have their rights respected and protected, leading to a more equitable society in Bihar.

Empowering Dalit and Adivasi Youth

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti has established block-level Ambedkar Prerana Shiksha Kendras in Morwa and Tajpur to support Dalit and Adivasi youth in academic and career development. The program targets those who have dropped out of school or struggle with mental health challenges, providing academic and emotional guidance to reintegrate them into society.

The primary objective is to reintegrate dropouts and assist them in completing their studies. To date, 200 children have successfully returned to the education system. The center also offers coaching for competitive exams like the Bihar SSC, helping 50 youth apply for government jobs, thus creating economic stability.

The program emphasizes social empowerment, educating youth about their rights and social justice, and raising awareness about caste-based discrimination. This initiative encourages them to challenge oppression and work towards social equality.

Ambedkar Prerana Shiksha Kendra is not just an educational center; it is a catalyst for breaking the cycle of poverty, ignorance, and social exclusion. By fostering pride, empowerment, and self-esteem, it inspires youth to seek better opportunities and become active contributors to social change, turning them into informed, self-reliant citizens capable of challenging social norms.

Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Growth for Marginalized Women

This document reviews initiatives aimed at connecting marginalized Dalit and tribal women to self-employment through skill development and entrepreneurship. A total of 100 women participated in training programs under the National SC/ST Hub, MSME, Government of India, aimed at promoting economic empowerment. These programs focused on guiding them through the processes of self-employment, planning, banking, and establishing local industries.

In the agricultural sector, the "Minor Millets Cultivation Promotion Program" encouraged women to cultivate minor millets on leased land, leading to 25 women being enrolled in the entrepreneurship scheme. They received training and bank linkages to help establish their own businesses.

In addition, 50 women were trained in sewing, appliqué work, and beauty skills, which enhanced their self-employment opportunities and increased their independence. This initiative not only provides significant economic opportunities but also fosters self-respect and self-reliance among marginalized women.



Urban Poor

Empowering Unorganized Workers Through Comprehensive Social Security

Social security remains a critical concern for unorganized workers, particularly in the construction sector. In response, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar, and the Bihar State Building Construction Union collaboratively launched an extensive social security campaign across urban Patna. This initiative aimed to educate unorganized workers on the benefits of the social security act and various schemes, and aid them in the registration process. The campaign involved social audits in several urban localities, gathering approximately 2,800 laborers. Through these audits, workers were informed about labor laws, minimum wage acts, and available social security schemes. Registration under several schemes, including the Bihar Shatabdi Unorganized Work Area Workers and Craftsmen Social Security Scheme, significantly boosted awareness and participation, culminating in 509 forms submitted to the BOCW Welfare Board. The campaign emphasized the importance of social security beyond mere registration, fostering understanding and empowerment among workers about their rights and entitlements. The initiative's success in promoting social security awareness underscored the necessity of continuous collaboration with local communities, effective communication, and personalized support to ensure unorganized workers benefit from these vital schemes.

Urban Homelessness: A Comprehensive Discussion on Challenges and Solutions

a meeting was conducted at the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti office in Patna, featuring the head of the organization and Professor Monica Prasad from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. The primary focus of the meeting was to address issues related to urban homelessness.

Key points discussed included the challenges faced by homeless populations in urban areas, potential policy interventions, and community engagement strategies to support these vulnerable groups. The conversation emphasized the need for collaborative efforts between academic institutions, NGOs, and government bodies to develop sustainable solutions.

Participants shared insights on data collection, resource allocation, and innovative programs that could be implemented to improve the living conditions of homeless individuals. The meeting concluded with a commitment to continue dialogue and explore further research opportunities to address urban homelessness effectively.

Organization of Various Programs

The program "Ek Shaam Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Ke Naam" was organized by the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar, and Bihar Ambedkar Youth Forum in Tajpur, Samastipur, with 45 young participants. Its primary objective was to raise awareness about Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts and principles, emphasizing his struggle for equality, justice, and freedom in Indian society.

The event began with a welcome speech highlighting Dr. Ambedkar's significant contribution, followed by a keynote address that recounted key events from his life. Born on April 14, 1891, Dr. Ambedkar faced numerous challenges but championed change through education, eventually becoming India's first Law Minister and the chief architect of the Constitution.

Discussions centered on his core principles: education, equality, social justice, and women's rights, which remain vital today. A dialogue session allowed participants to express their views, with many feelings inspired to implement Dr. Ambedkar's ideals in their lives and to oppose societal discrimination.

Overall, the program not only heightened awareness but also motivated the youth to take active steps toward positive societal change, illustrating the power of collective action for a common purpose. Future initiatives like this are essential for inspiring the younger generation.

State Level Symposium on Issues and Challenges of Dalit Voluntary Organisations:

The State Level Symposium on Issues and Challenges of Dalit Voluntary Organizations, organized by the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti and Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar, brought together representatives from 35 organizations. The symposium aimed to address key issues facing the Dalit community, focusing on educational development, intellectual growth, and entrepreneurship. Participants identified challenges such as lack of educational resources, economic opportunities, and social inequality. Emphasizing education as a cornerstone for empowerment, they proposed action steps including collaboration among organizations, awareness programs, and entrepreneurship initiatives. The event concluded with a commitment to a unified approach for the advancement of the Dalit community in Bihar.

BEMISAAL STORIES

Savitribai Champion Role Model

Raveena Kumari, a 15-year-old girl from Morwa village in Samastipur district, Bihar, is the daughter of Rajesh Ram and Phoolkumari Devi. From an economically disadvantaged Scheduled Caste family, she faced deprivation of education due to poverty and societal discrimination. Financial constraints forced her to work in the fields instead of attending school. Additionally,



casteism and societal pressures led her parents to fear that any association with higher castes or discrimination would tarnish their family name, pushing them to pressure her into marriage.

Determined to change her situation, Raveena actively participated in the Ambedkar Girls' Club, which raised awareness of girls' rights and education. Through this platform, she attended various training sessions that revolutionized her thinking and self-confidence. Raveena began to voice against the inhumane treatment of young girls, shared her experiences, and encouraged others to speak out. She also educated herself at the Ambedkar Inspiration Education Centre and connected other girls to the center.

Raveena's hard work paid off as ten girls from her village, under her inspirational leadership, passed the matriculation exam with first division marks and enrolled in intermediate courses. They became leaders in the fight for education, self-respect, and against child marriage.

Inspired by Savitribai Phule, Raveena emerged as a "Savitribai Champion Role Model." She became a beacon of inspiration, promoting education and strongly advocating against child marriage. Her dedication and leadership taught other girls that through education and self-reliance, they can transform their lives.

Raveena's story exemplifies how struggle and education can break social bondage and bring change, emerging as a "Champion Role Model" for young girls in her area.

"Savitribai Champion Role Model"

Suruchi Kumari, a 16-year-old girl from Mohanpur Rakhata village in Samastipur district, Bihar, is the daughter of Rajesh Paswan and belongs to a financially disadvantaged Scheduled Caste family. Her parents were deeply concerned about societal issues, especially casteism and discrimination based on social hierarchies.



.They feared that if anything unpleasant were to happen to their daughter, the village community would ostracize her, making it impossible for her to find a marriage proposal. Out of this fear, they decided to cease Suruchi's education and arrange for her marriage.

However, Suruchi did not lose hope. She was an active member of the Ambedkar Girls' Club, where she shared her challenges with the organization. In response, the club approached her parents for counseling, aiming to change their mindset. During a joint meeting between the Ambedkar Village Committee and the Ambedkar Girls' Club, a crucial decision was made to eradicate regressive practices like child marriage and to empower girls with respect and the right to live freely.

Following this, Suruchi began receiving her education from the Ambedkar Inspiration Education Centre. She successfully passed the matriculation examination with first division marks and subsequently enrolled in an intermediate course. Today, she serves as a volunteer at the Ambedkar Nutrition and Education Centre in Mohanpur, where she also operates a sanitary pad ATM to raise awareness about adolescent health.

Inspired by Savitribai Phule, Suruchi has courageously raised her voice against child marriage and developed into a "Savitribai Champion Role Model." Today, her story serves as an inspiration for young girls in her region, and her struggle has become a symbol of positive change in society.

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Action plan for the coming year

1. Develop 25000 youths into social, educational career developers, and entrepreneurs.
2. Integrate 20,000 marginalized children, who are deprived of early childhood education and nutrition, into the mainstream.
3. Enroll 25,000 children, who are excluded from education and those who drop out, into schools by connecting them with educational environments through Ambedkar Inspiration Study Centers.
4. Empower 10,000 women regarding gender equality by educating them about various rights and laws.
5. Provide leadership development training to 35,000 Dalit, Adivasi, and marginalized community cadres to integrate them into the mainstream of inclusive development.
6. Raise awareness about mental health, behavioral changes, and personality development in 25,000 families.
7. Provide mental health and behavioral change counseling to 10,000 people, making them healthy and inspiring them to live with self-respect.
8. Operate Pad ATMs in 50 Mahadalit localities under the maternal and adolescent health program to prevent infections caused by using dirty clothes during menstruation, and connect people by operating sanitary pad ATMs.
9. Establish Ambedkar Inspiration Study Centers in 10 blocks to prepare 1,000 Dalit children for their academic studies, career competitions, and personality development through study mediums.
10. Make 1,000 women self-reliant by connecting them with livelihood through advanced agricultural farming and millet farming for economic development.
11. Provide skill development and MSME training to 5,000 youths, facilitating their placement in various companies.
12. Strengthen CSOs, trade unions, and organizations associated with Bihar Ambedkar Youth Forum, Manobal Bihar, Alliance Dalit Forum Bihar, and My City Alliance for Urban Poor, and advocate through them.
13. Empower 10000 urban poor homeless people regarding social security schemes, cleanliness, and their rights through training, and connect the uninitiated with government schemes through interfaces with the government.
14. Raise awareness among 10,000 unorganized workers, domestic female workers, and the transgender community about their welfare schemes, rights, and policies through social audit programs.
15. Reach 50,000 families and connect them with social, economic justice, and equality-based issues by establishing Ambedkar Village Committees and Ambedkar Girls' Clubs at the village level, and linking them with organizational, creative, and developmental programs.

Photographs



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