

Bindrai Institute for Research Study & Action (BIRSA)

The Bindrai Institute for Research Study & Action (BIRSA.) claims its history from the Jharkhand Movement. BIRSA is planned as a Research, Training & Documentation Centre by a group of intellectuals and activists connected with people's movements of Jharkhand. BIRSA supports struggles for Human Rights, Labour Rights, Land Rights, Cultural Identity and other struggles. It maintains an independent knowledge base.

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Delhi Forum

Delhi Forum is an activist space and functions as a centre in Delhi for people's movements, mass organisations and action groups from various parts of the Indian sub-continent. Active from 1978, an outcome of resistance to the tyranny of 'emergency', Delhi Forum has upheld and supported marginalised peoples' struggles for justice, democracy, human rights, peace and participatory economic progress. It supports for struggles of Dalits and Adivasis. Delhi Forum activities include media advocacy, lobbying and campaigning with parliamentarians, ministries and the power centres, legal interventions at the Apex Court, petitioning with national autonomous commissions of Government, including SC/ST Commission, Women's Commission, and the Human Rights Commission.

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Centre for Education and Communication (CEC)

Centre for Education and Communication (CEC), founded in 1982, is a labour resource centre. CEC works towards contributing through its activities to enhance the dignity of labour and evolving appropriate strategies in collaborating with labour organisations, people's movements and labour support organisations across the country. While learning from Labour Movements, it contributes to the widening of their horizon. CEC focuses its activities for establishing labour rights, gender rights and right against social discrimination. CEC conducts action research, participatory fact finding studies, journalistic investigations and capacity building through workshops, conferences and training programmes.

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Foundation for Educational Innovations In Asia (FEDINA)

Foundation for Educational Innovations in Asia (FEDINA) was created with the objective of reaching the poorest of the poor, the oppressed, the marginalised in order to help them to help themselves and to improve their living conditions with a single objective empowerment of the marginalized. FEDINA made major strides in terms of developing agriculture as a sustainable livelihood system for tribals, in partnership with BORDA. FEDINA is active in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Northern Kerala as well as Maharashtra and Haryana.

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Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)

The Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) is a collective of lawyers and social activists dedicated to the use of legal system to advance human rights. HRLN collaborates with social movements, human rights organisations, and grass-root development groups to enforce the rights of children, dalits, people with disabilities, farmers, HIV positive people, the homeless, indigenous people, prisoners, refugees, religious and sexual minorities, women, and workers, among others.

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Indian Social Institute (ISI)

Indian Social Institute, New Delhi was established in 1951 in response to the emerging national scenario of post independent India. The ISI is committed to join and strengthen people's movements particularly among the tribals and dalits and more specifically, women among them. Their mission and goal is to change the processes, which discriminate against the marginalised into positive processes, which break their marginalisation and bring them to the core of development. For this, they have committed themselves as an Institute of research, training and action.

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LAYA

Laya is a social development organisation focusing on the tribal communities in North Andhra Region of India. It was established in 1989. It is involved in various initiatives relating to rights of tribal communities on natural resources and sustainable development initiatives. The programmes of Laya are implemented through six thematic units: Resource for Legal Action; Empowerment of Women and Youth; Natural Resource Management; Micro-credit and Micro-enterprise; Alternative Medicine in Health Care; Science and Technology; and Alternative Database, Networking and Advocacy for Policy Change.

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National Alliance on Fundamental Right to Education (NAFRE)

National Alliance on Fundamental Right to Education (NAFRE) is a movement, that has the capacity to influence education system and critique methodology of teaching. It believes that the current way of teaching neither attracts children nor provides proper education. The present shape and structure of NAFRE owes its origins to a campaign called 'Voice of India' (VoI), which collected mass signatures in favour of the 83rd amendment Bill on fundamental right to education which was presented to the then PM and the President of the country. Later on CRY, UNICEF, Bodh, VERS, SCF-UK, NFI, YUVA, Pratham, which were in the VoI campaign in 1997-98 formed NAFRE. Right to Work (for adults) and Right to Education for Masses (children), a mass scale initiative has already been started by NAFRE.

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National Campaign Committee for Unorganised Sector Workers (NCC-USW)

National Campaign Committee for Unorganised Sector Workers (NCC-USW) is a common platform of unorganised sector workers campaigning for a comprehensive central legislation which should include both the regulation of employment and social security. NCC-USW was constituted during the year 2001, out of the National Campaign Committee for Central Legislation on Construction Workers. It aims at utilizing its experience of advocacy at the grass-root level for the 37 crore unorganised sector workers. NCC-USW actively worked for evolving a petition, signed by one million unorganised workers, for seeking a comprehensive central legislation and submitted it to the Parliament on 5 May 2005.

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National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR)

The National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) is a platform for all Dalits and their supporters, from mass movements, SC/ST unions, grass-root activists, villagers and all those who are fighting for the protection and promotion of Dalit human rights across the identities of caste, class, religion, gender, etc. NCDHR with a common vision - 'a world without caste' - is part of a wider struggle to abolish 'untouchability' and 'cast out caste'. NCDHR actively pursues campaign to ensure parliamentarians raise Dalit issues in Government circles and sittings and that calls are made on key Dalit issues like strict enforcement of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989, implementation of reservations, land reforms, minimum wages and eradication of bonded labour. Its activities include strategic interventions with all national human rights institutions, to encourage widespread initiative to eradicate caste discrimination and practices of untouchability throughout the country.

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National Institute of Women, Child and Youth Development (NIWCYD)

National Institute of Women, Child and Youth Development (NIWCYD) was established in 1982 and registered under the Society Registration Act 1860 in the year 1985. NIWCYD is working in 650 villages of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State. NIWCYD revolves basically in the rural and remote tribal areas with the focus on: Ethnic groups, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, children and delinquent, neglected and street children, child labour working in the stone quarries in hazardous situation with special focus on girl child labour and Women. NIWCYD effectively works to protect livelihood of tribals, strengthen their capacity through skill development, prevent gender discrimination and child labour and to ensure socio-economic justice in the unorganised sector.

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Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (PWESCR)

Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (PWESCR) is a new international initiative in the area of gender and economic, social and cultural rights. PWESCR works to promote women's human rights, especially in the context of economic, social and cultural rights by bringing a gender framework to policy, law and practice at local, national, regional and international levels, through ever-evolving strategies and activities in both, conceptual and practical realms. The programme works to strengthen links between local and global initiatives, focusing on international advocacy with an emphasis on South Asian regional implementation and monitoring.

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Women's Voice (WV)

Women's Voice (WV), a movement of women from the slums and the informal sector of labour, was formed in 1981. The activities of Women's Voice reflect a broader vision and the values of freedom, self-determination, equality, democracy and justice. Women's Voice has taken up bold and concrete initiatives to help bring about changes in the deep rooted, unjust and exploitative social and cultural prejudices and practices against women. It has consistently influenced the state housing policy, programme activities and legislation on gender equality and sensitivity so that this perspective is reflected in all aspects of Government's vision.

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Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA)

YUVA was established in 1984. It is the founder member of Development Collaboration Foundation, a network of rural NGOs in Maharashtra. YUVA works with and for the interests of oppressed sections of society: the poor, Scheduled Castes and Tribes, minority communities; women and children. Its aim is to empower them to defend, restore, and create the civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights to which they are entitled.

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