



Annual Report

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About the Organization

Samata is a social justice organization working for the rights of the tribal “Adivasi” people of Andhra Pradesh, India and for the protection of the natural resources and ecology of the Eastern Ghats (hills). Samata started working in a small tribal hamlet in 1987 with a group of tribal and rural youth, to mobilize tribal communities against exploitation by outsiders and by government. Samata was formally registered as a non-government organization in 1990.

Our vision is to help build an India in which tribal and scheduled castes, Adivasi groups, the poor and other disadvantaged minorities can fully participate in a healthy Indian democracy, enjoy the benefits of economic development and retain their rights, their culture, and their history. Our mission is to advocate for the voiceless, to hold government accountable to its promises, to enable minorities to fully achieve and exert their rights, to promote sustainable development while defending against environmental abuses and to aid the human development of the disadvantaged. We believe the best way to achieve our mission is through adherence to nonviolence, community empowerment and adherence to the democratic process. We believe in the possibility for development that advances the cause of social justice instead of undercutting it; in the ability of communities to develop and interact with the environment sustainably instead of exhausting natural resources and destroying ecological systems; in the capacity of tribal communities for self- government and their right to control their own land and resources; in the power of an organized and informed community; in the wisdom and the necessity of pursuing our mission through peaceful and democratic means.

Support to mm&P

Executive Committee Meeting

Three EC meetings were held from April' 2018 to March' 2019. Discussions were held on Illegal Mining Issues of the respective states, Children and Mining, Environmental Issues and Pollution, Vth & VIth Schedule areas, Thermal Power, Flagship programs of mm&P held throughout the year, Action Plan for the upcoming year etc.

- 1) 4th January 2019-New Delhi
- 2) 2nd March 2019- Dabbanda, Visakhapatnam



Children and Mining Workshops

4 State Level and 4 District Level Workshops on Children and Mining were conducted in 7 states and 1 union territory. The purpose of these workshops has been to bring to the notice the various issues faced by children working in the mines and affected by mining.

Children are the most affected in the mining areas. Those who work as mine laborers are the victims of child labor. Their health, education and wellbeing are adversely affected. For the children living close to the mining areas the situation is equally worse. Lack of clean drinking water, pollution, lack of basic education forces the children into menial jobs either in the mines or elsewhere. The workshops were addressing some of the legal aspects of how child labor can be curbed in mining areas and how child rights can be protected. The workshops saw participation from grassroots activists and mining affected people. The Consultations had discussions on District Mineral Fund (DMF), its formation and implementation in all the states. It was highlighted that despite the Mines Minerals Development and Regulation (MMDR) Act of 2015 giving instructions to the respective state governments to form DMF Trust, it took almost 3 years for most of the states to set up the Trust and frame the rules but its

implementation is still lagging. Most of the people still do not have any clue about what is DMF and that it exists.

State Level consultations:

1	8/4/2018	Haldwani, Uttarakhand	64
2	11/4/2018	Balichowki, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh	94
3	26/9/2018	Boisar, Palghar, Maharashtra	50
4	16/12/2018	Bellary, Karnataka	45

District Level Consultations:

1	27/5/2018	Ramagundam, Telengana	50
2	19/9/2018	Markapuram, Prakasam, AP	60
3	27/9/2018	Khanvel, Dadra & Nagar Haveli	65
4	22/12/2018	Sattari, Honda, Goa	62





ಡಿಎಂಎಫ್ ಬಳಕೆಗೆ ಸಹಭಾಗಿತ್ವ ಅಗತ್ಯ

ಎಂಎಂಪಿ ಪ್ರ.ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಅಶೋಕ್ ಶ್ರೀಮಾಲಿ ಆಶಯ | ಗಣಿಬಾಧಿತರ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸಮಾವೇಶ

■ ವಿಜಯವಾಣಿ ಸುದ್ದಿಜಾಲ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖನಿಜ ನಿಧಿ (ಡಿಎಂಎಫ್) ಗಣಿ ಭಾದಿತ ಜನರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಇದ್ದು, ಇದರ ಬಳಕೆಗೆ ಜನರ ಸಹಭಾಗಿತ್ವ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಎಂದು ಮೈನ್, ಮಿನರಲ್ಸ್ ಆಂಡ್ ಪೀಪಲ್ ಸಂಘಟನೆಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಅಶೋಕ್ ಶ್ರೀಮಾಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾನುವಾರ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದ ಅಕ್ರಮ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖನಿಜ ನಿಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಗಣಿಬಾಧಿತರ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸಮಾವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

ಡಿಎಂಎಫ್ ಅನುದಾನದಿಂದಾಗುವ ಅನುಕೂಲತೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜನರಿಗೆ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಪರದಾಡುವಂತಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಗಣಿಬಾಧಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಿದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದಿದ್ದು, ಅವರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಾಗಬೇಕು ಎಂದು.

ಗಣಿಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಡಿಎಂಎಫ್, ಕೆಎಂಇಆರ್‌ಸಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಿಎಸ್‌ಆರ್ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಕೋಟ್ಯಂತರ ರೂ. ಇದೆ. ಈ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ಸ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಷನ್, ರಸ್ತೆ, ಶಾಲೆ, ಆಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಅಗತ್ಯವೇನಿದೆ. ಮೂಲ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ಗಣಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹಣ ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಏನು ಎಂದು ಅಶೋಕ್ ಶ್ರೀಮಾಲಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿದರು. ಡಿಎಂಎಫ್ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 1022 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಸಂಗ್ರಹವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಪೈಕಿ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ 748 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಸಂಗ್ರಹವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಕೇವಲ 24 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ವೆಚ್ಚ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೋಟ್ಯಂತರ ರೂ ಅನುದಾನವಿದ್ದರೂ ಗಣಿಬಾಧಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಜನರು ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿಗೆ, ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪರದಾಡುವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇದೆ. ಕೆಎಂಇಆರ್‌ಸಿ ಅನುದಾನ ಬಳಕೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಗಣಿಬಾಧಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಇರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಿದೆ. ಉತ್ತಮ

16th December, 2018
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ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈನ್, ಮಿನರಲ್ಸ್ ಆಂಡ್ ಪೀಪಲ್ ಸಂಘಟನೆ ಭಾನುವಾರ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಅಕ್ರಮ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖನಿಜ ನಿಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಗಣಿಬಾಧಿತರ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸಮಾವೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈನ್, ಮಿನರಲ್ಸ್ ಆಂಡ್ ಪೀಪಲ್ ಸಂಘಟನೆಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಅಶೋಕ್ ಶ್ರೀಮಾಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

2015ರ ಎಂಎಂಪಿಆರ್ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಗೆ 2016 ಹಾಗೂ 2018ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೂ, ಗಣಿಬಾಧಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ನಿವಾಸಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಜನಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು ಡಿಎಂಎಫ್ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಭಾಗವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ಲಾಭರಹಿತ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟ್ ಆಗಿ ಸೇರಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಜಾರಿಗೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳು ಯಾರೆಂಬುದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವೇಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ.

1 ಕಿವಿಡುಮರ ಮಾರ್ಗಿ ಎಂಎಂಪಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿಣಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ

ಪರಿಸರ ಹಾಗೂ ಮನುಷ್ಯನ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಜೀವನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪರಿಸರವನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸಬೇಕಿದೆ. ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆ ನಡೆಸುವುದಾದರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಜನರ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕು. ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಅಕ್ರಮ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಹೆಸರುವಾಸಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಕ್ರಮ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಜನರ ಸಂಪತ್ತು ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಗಣಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ತಾರ್ಕಿಕ

ಅಂತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ಎಂಎಂಪಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿಣಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ ಮಾಳಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ಉಪವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಡಿಎಂಎಫ್ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ನೇಮಿಸಬೇಕು. ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ, ಪಶು ಸಂಗೋಪನೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ ಚುನಾವಣಾ ನೀತಿ ಸಂಹಿತೆ ಕಾರಣ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೂಡಲೇ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಕ್ಷೀಣ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಗುಂಪುಗಳು, ಕುರಿಗಾರರ ಸಂಘಗಳು, ನಿರುದ್ಯೋಗಿ ಯುವಕ, ಯುವತಿಯರಿಗೆ, ಕೃಷಿ ಕೂಲಿಕಾರರ ಸಂಘದವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ವ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಅಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದರು. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಹೋರಾಟಗಾರ ಮಲ್ಲಿಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

ಎಂಎಂಪಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿಣಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಭಾಗ್ಯ, ಜಿ.ಬಿ.ರಾಜ್, ಪೈ.ಗೋಪಿ, ಅಮರೇಶಪ್ಪ, ಬಸವರಾಜ್, ಗಾಳಮ್ಮ, ದೇವಮ್ಮ, ರೂಪ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಇತರರು ಇದ್ದರು.

Regional Level Consultation

Regional Level Consultation was held in Ranchi on 10th April, 2018. It saw participation from Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand. The main issues discussed were related to illegal mining, land acquisition, non-implementation of Forest Rights Act, PESA, Vth Schedule, women and children in the mining areas, occupational health and issues of displacement. The issues raised by the people were taken up in the with the parliamentarians during the lobbying and advocacy program.

1	Ranchi, Jharkhand	10 th April, 2018
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VIIth General Assembly

The VIIth General Assembly, held in Dabbanda, Visakhapatnam on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2019 ended with a series of concrete pledges for securing the rights of the indigenous communities and sustainable development. The VIIth General Assembly was organized by Mines, Minerals and People (mm&P). The General Assembly was attended by more than 260 participants representing 21 states of India. Eminent subject experts Roger Moody, Natalie Lowrey (Coordinator- Deep Sea Mining Campaign and Yes to Life and No to Mining), Linda Chukchuk, B.T Venkatesh (Reach Law), Rahul Basu (Goa Foundation) attended the gathering. Collectively the participants represent over 100 organizations across the country. Human rights defenders, courageous activists, journalists, academicians and students gathered to speak



National Gathering on Women, Children and Mining

National Gathering on Children, Women and Mining was held at Dabbanda in Visakhapatnam from 1st-3rd March 2019. The consultation focused on raising issues related to the plight of women and children in mining affected areas, occupational health, human rights, basic facilities such as water, health education and sanitation. The Consultation saw participation from grassroots women activists, eminent lawyers, subject experts, students and academicians. The recent attack on Agnes Kharshiing in Meghalaya stresses on the need for securing the rights of human rights activists taking on the extractive industries. More than 300 people participated representing 21 states of India.

The Gathering concluded with subject experts, lawyers, activists, students and community pledging to work collectively to mitigate and stop the atrocities against women and children in mining affected areas. Collective action asserting community command over natural resources, protection of the women human rights activists, human rights and environment protection and safety of women working in the mines and living around the mines are the need of the hour to secure a safer and just natural resource governance.



Lobbying with Parliamentarians – Monsoon Session 2018

In an effort to have a meaningful dialogue and to raise the issues, created and abandoned by mining industries, Samata along with its national alliance mines, minerals and People with a team of delegation from states across the country has met with the parliamentarians from various political parties to submit its memorandum in New Delhi from 8th to 10th August 2018. The delegation led by Ravi Rebbapragada, chairperson mm&P, Ashok Shrimali, Secretary General mm&P and Executive Committee members from the states of Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka met Members of Parliament (MP) from different states spanning across parties from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The delegation met with Mr. Mansukhbhai Vasava, Mr. Prabhubhai Vasava, Mr. Arjunlal Meena, Mr. Sanjay Singh, Mr. Syed Naseer Hussain, Mr. Naranbhai Rathwa, Mr. L. Hanumanthaiiah, Mr. Madhusudan Mistry, Mr. Rajamani Patel, Mr. Narendra K. Sawaikar and Mr. K. Raju. The Delegation met with Mr. Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary (Minister of State, Coal and Mines) to discuss about the legal hurdles that may be faced if the Central Government amends the MMDR Act, 1957 and the Abolition of Mining Concessions and Declaration of mining Leases Act 1987.

लोकमत



माइन्स, मिनरल्स आणि पीपल्स संघटनेने नवी दिल्लीत नरेंद्र सावईकर यांची भेट घेऊन त्यांना निवेदन सादर केले.

खाणग्रस्त भागांचा अभ्यास व्हावा

माइन्स, मिनरल्स अँड पीपल्स शिष्टमंडळाची सावईकरांकडे मागणी

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क

पणजी : केंद्राने एमएमडीआर कायदा, १९८७ आणि गोवा दमण, दीव ऑबोलिशन ऑफ मायनिंग कन्सेशन्स अँड डिक्लेरेशन ऑफ मायनिंग लिझेंस अँड १९८७ मध्ये दुरुस्ती केल्यास गोव्यात खाण व्यवहार करण्यात कोणकोणत्या कायदेशीर अडचणी येतील, याबाबत रवींद्र वेळीप यांनी खासदार अँड. नरेंद्र सावईकर यांना माहिती दिली.

तसेच गोव्यात खाण धोरण आखण्यापूर्वी सर्व खाणग्रस्त भागांचा अभ्यास करावा, अशी विनंतीही त्यांनी केली. स्वयंपोषक आणि कायदेशीर खाण व्यवहार गोव्यात कसा करता येईल, याबद्दलही या वेळी चर्चा झाली. त्यासाठी लोकाभिमुख धोरण असावे, असा आग्रहही धरण्यात आला.

माइन्स, मिनरल्स अँड पीपल्स (एमएम अँड पी) च्या शिष्टमंडळाने शुक्रवारी नवी दिल्लीत त्यांची भेट घेऊन खाण प्रश्नावर चर्चा केली. अध्यक्ष रवी रब्बप्रागडा (आंध्र प्रदेश) यांच्या नेतृत्वाखाली अशोर सिरमली (सरचिटणीस, गुजरात), रवींद्र वेळीप (कार्यकारिणी सदस्य, गोवा) आणि ओरिसा, झारखंड, कर्नाटक आणि मध्य प्रदेशातील सदस्यांचा त्यात समावेश होता.

या संघटनेचे २६ राज्यांत जाळे असून विविध संघटना, गट आणि व्यक्तींचा त्यात अंतर्भाव आहे. भारतात कशाप्रकारे बेकायदा खाण व्यवहार चालला आहे, याची माहिती रवी रब्बप्रागडा यांनी सावईकर यांना दिली. इतर सदस्यांनीही या वेळी आपले अनुभव सांगितले.

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Lobbying and Advocacy with Parliamentarians (2nd-3rd January 2019)

A team of delegation representing Mines, Minerals and People (mm&P), a National Level alliance submitted its memorandum to the parliamentarians to raise important issues relating to the tribals and the mining affected community. The delegation was led by Mr. Ravi Rebbapragada, Executive Director of Samata and Chairperson of mines, minerals and People, Mr. Ashok Shrimali, Secretary General from mines, mineral and People and Executive Committee members from the states of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Goa. The Delegation met Mr. Mansukh Bahi Vasava (MP Lok Sabha, Gujarat), Mr. Prabhu Bhai Vasava (MP Lok Sabha, Gujarat), Mr. Jitendra Chowdhary (MP Rajya Sabha, Tripura), Mr. D. Raja (MP Rajya Sabha, Tamil Nadu), Sadhavi Savitri Bai Phule (MP Lok Sabha, Uttar Pradesh), Prime Minister Office. The issues that were raised include the non-implementation and utilization of DMF funds in all the states; lack of safety for miners across of the country- the recent hazard in the role hole mines in Meghalaya; illegal mining in Goa; false and fabricated cases against tribals across the country; Samata Judgment and its implications in various states; Illegal coal mining in Churulia, West Bengal; granting leases without the gram sabha consent as in the case of coal mining in Godda district by Adani group; displacement due to Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor and Bullet train.



Dialogue on Governance of Scheduled Area: Constitution & The Path Ahead

Dialogue on Governance In Scheduled Areas: Constitution and Path Ahead- Samata, along with the Mines, Minerals and People (mm&P) had organized a two-day deliberative sessions on governance and plight of the Adivasis inhabiting the scheduled areas of India. The rationale for the dialogue stems from the recent legislations and judgments which have had an adverse effect on the Adivasis, their livelihood, culture, health and environment. The Conference brought together legislators, activists, legal luminaries, academicians, researchers, journalists and the voices from the ground that can lead to a more meaningful and collaborative process between various stakeholders culminating in a more inclusive development policy recommendations. The conference had been an attempt to addresses mainly three questions: First, how has the courts ensured access to justice by reformulating traditional principles of “Rights”? Second, how have the legislators and executives at the centre and the state level responded to the newer interpretations of the court? And finally, how after 25 years of reforms the fate of the Adivasis has not shown any discernible change in any parameters of development index? What are we missing? Is it not the time to think differently! It is truism to iterate here that data regarding tribals, their dispossession, displacement, health hazards, educational outcomes, even official ones, are at best sketchy and unreliable.



World Indigenous Day Celebrations

The United Nations 'International Day of World's Indigenous People' is observed on August 9th each year with an aim to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous people. This year the International Day of World's Indigenous People was celebrated in Borra Panchayat. This year's theme was "Indigenous peoples' migration and movement". The event began with distribution of saplings to Government Tribal Welfare Ashram Pathasala and the local community of Getu Valasa panchayat, Ananthagiri Mandal, Visakhapatnam. Students and community members took oath at Borra Caves to protect the indigenous community and took out a rally from Getu Valasa to Borra Caves.



Social Media Training

Social media training programs were conducted for grassroots activists to accustom them with the effective use of growing technology for community empowerment. The training included sessions on Web essentials & Digital Media like Face book, LinkedIn, Twitter, Content Writing, Content Posting, Blogging, SEO, Social branding of Campaigns, Designing Campaign Branding Strategy, Crowd Funding etc. It was conducted by Mr. Loknath Swain.

1	Mumbai	19 th -22 nd June, 2018
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Youth Counselling

As part of Samata's youth outreach program, we have conducted 8 counselling sessions at Tribal schools and hostels. The idea was to understand the issues that are weaning them away from pursuing education for better livelihood opportunities and also to orient students on the socio-cultural aspects of transitioning from rural area to cosmopolitan cities and towns. Approximately 1100 students between the age group of 12 to 18 years participated from 8 different schools, colleges and Tribal hostels. Samata coordinator, K. Satish successfully conducted all the programs.

S.NO	Date	Village name of the School and College	Village	Mandal and District
1	24/11/2018	Government Junior College,	Chinthapalli	Chinthapalli , Visakhapatnam
2	24/11/2018	AP Tribal Welfare Residential College for Boys	Chinthapalli	Chinthapalli, Visakhapatnam
3	25/11/2018	AP Tribal Welfare Ashram High School for Girls	Chinthapalli	Chinthapalli, Visakhapatnam
4	29/12/2018	Government Junior College	Ananthagiri	Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam
5	29/12/2018	AP Tribal Welfare Ashram High School for Girls(2)	Ananthagiri	Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam
6	30/12/2018	AP Tribal Welfare Ashram High School for Girls	Kothaballuguda	Araku Valley, Visakhapatnam





Paralegal Training

Samata in its efforts to bridge the gap between legal system and the marginalized community has taken the initiative to give paralegal training to the community members. The aim is to equip the community members with some basic tools which will help them access the courts.

1	22-25 May 2018	Dabbanda, Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
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Tribal Desk

Nimmalapadu – Cooperative Mining Issue

Katiki – Road Issue

Borra – Guides Issue

Samata from years has been running a Tribal Outreach Desk in the above mentioned areas on the respective issues and addressing them with constant dialogue and meetings with the villagers and local govt. authorities.

Guest Lectures and meetings

Global SDG7 UN Conference –High Level Political Conference (February 2018) Bangkok- attended by Ravi Rebbapragada

Asia Europe Peoples Forum (November-December 2018)- Brussels- Ravi Rebbapragada

Business and human rights (November 2018) in Geneva. Indigenous community, autonomy and sovereignty and indigenous rights as per UN declaration, Occupational Health, International Economy of Mines and Minerals and Network of Asian Countries, Protection of Human Rights Defenders

Ravi Rebbapragada presented at the Publish What You Pay meeting in June 2017.

In February 2019, Ravi Rebbapragada represented Samata in an interaction in Goa of like-minded organizations to discuss on new challenges in the present context.

Ravi Rebbapragada, participated in the ‘Land Laws Land Acquisition and Scheduled Areas in India’ panel in March 2018, NCST panel on Displacement, Indigenous Rights and Prevention of Atrocities Act.

Ravi Rebbapragada participated in **AIIB- Financial Accountability Conference** and presented on Role of international financial institute in mining sector in June 2018.

Change in the Employee Structure

Bibhu Mohapatra has left the organization in April’2018 and Sayantani Sarkar has left the organization in March’2019.

