

Project Report

321 – 904 – 1047 ZG: Dalit Development in Bihar: Capacitating Youth, Women and Children

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Structure of the Report: Yearly













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1- Description of Report Preparation

This report is prepared on the basis of different types of reports collected from the units and central team on the prescribed formats for reporting also an evaluation held at the central level with unit heads and other project staff. Apart from this the report is based on personal contact, group discussions and observations by the central project team during monitoring visits to the fields. The relevant data is collated by the PME section. The documents submitted to central team by unit staff, verified by the PME section and the experience of the project coordinator in guiding the work are the basis of the report.

2- Project implementation and achieving the objectives

Objective 1: To support children from dalit communities (total 4700 children) for quality education		
Indicators	Progress (January to Dec 2022)	Means of verification
Estimated 2000 dalit girls and boys 6-14 years of age) participated in activities of APKs and developed their academic competency, child rights awareness, and psycho-social skills	 1418 dalit children between 9 – 12 years of age have joined APD  75% enrolled APD children on average participate in different academic and extra-curricular activities  70% dalit children are aware of child rights  60% dalit children have improved their performance  Near about 45% children have improved their understanding level on moral values.	MIS, enrolment forms Monitoring reports Monitoring & FGD reports
Around 100 leaders of children have emerged who can be child rights advocates and motivators of children	 Near about 200 APD children have improved leadership quality  At least 100 APD members have emerged as the leaders of the children  APD children have raised children's issue before block and state level authorities.	Tracking records Monitoring & FGD reports Memorandum, reports, media coverage
About 80% of 1800 Dalit Girls and Boys to be registered for academic support, completed secondary education, 70 percent of 450 boys and girls successfully	 764 dalit children have accessed academic support  99% of enrolled children are regular in their coaching as well as in their schools  208 dalit children completed secondary education  67 children scored more than 60%, 93 have scored more than 50% and 48	MIS, monitoring records, financial transaction records Mark sheets, online result, tracking records

completed senior secondary education	<p>children have scored more than 30% of marks</p> <p>➡ APD children were given priority</p>	
At least 100 of them shall have taken admission in professional courses after senior secondary	<p> 125 boys and 164 girls have taken admission in senior secondary education</p> <p> Girls are doing better than the boys</p> <p> Regular monitoring is going on</p> <p> 70% children are aware of AYM and interested to be a part of it in the coming days.</p>	Monitoring reports, ID cards of the children
Objective 2 To develop leadership, organisational strength and social capital of dalit communities		
At least 40 per cent of the dalit organisation in 100 villages are capable of effectively resolving internal conflicts and disputes that arose during the period and at the same time 20 percent of cases related to atrocities on dalits in the operational area have received competent legal follow up	<p> At least 32 village organizations formed</p> <p> 16 village organizations opened bank account and doing financial transactions</p> <p> 33 village organizations are in the process</p> <p> 60% village organization leaders have improved their understanding of the whole 'Sangathan'</p> <p> 50% leaders have a fair understanding of their responsibilities</p> <p> At least 100 dalit people have improved their confidence and leadership quality.</p> <p> The concept of the sangathan reached to different hamlets.</p> <p> Sense of trust have emerged among dalit communities</p>	<p>Monitoring reports, MIS</p> <p>Training reports</p> <p>FGD findings</p>
Objective 3: To support youth to develop skills; employment; and community leadership		
80% of dalit youth in the project villages participated in the youth activities and benefited over the next 3-years	<p>➡ 91 Village level AYMs are established</p> <p>➡ 65 village level AYM are we organized.</p> <p>➡ 1198 youths have joined the AYM</p> <p>➡ At least 200 youth emerged as the village and Panchayat level leaders</p> <p>➡ At least 25 dalit youth have emerged as the district and state level leaders</p> <p>➡ Near about 65% youths regularly meet for group study, SET practice and Computer practice, online applications etc</p>	<p>Field reports, Monitoring reports</p> <p>Training and tracking reports</p> <p>Attendance registers, monitoring tools</p>

Nearly 200 youth will have gained employment - either self-employment by availing available schemes or employment through placement based on skills acquired. Besides this, 60 per cent of 270 girls trained in stitching will have begun earning from their skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 121 youth are engaged either in the private or in the govt jobs. ✓ More than 200 AYM members have applied for jobs. ✓ 146 girls are receiving stitching training ✓ 117 girls have completed the course ✓ 10 have started their own business and 55 are in the process. ✓ Approximately 100 youths are engaged in different income generating activities. 	Monitoring reports, Attendance registers Monitoring reports
Objective 4: To develop leadership and entrepreneurship among women and improve health - hygiene - nutrition condition in villages through women lead awareness creation.		
At least 400 dalit women increased their income significantly from land leasing-farming operations and other IGP programmes over the next 3-years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  500 dalit women have increased their income from agricultural activities  Out of which 100 women were supported  50 women have increased their income from different sustainable business  59 women organizations formed  Near about 1100 dalit women have joined Sabitribai mata samiti 	Monitoring records Bank transactions Meeting register, MIS
At least 30 herbal gardens and 500 kitchen gardens and associated campaigns have created awareness on health, hygiene and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 600 dalit women have done kitchen gardens ● At least 300 dalit women have improved their understanding of nutrition, hygiene, etc. 	MIS, Monitoring records

3- Major activities

Selection of target areas and community meetings

The process of choosing the target area was initiated by BDVS in December 2021. BDVS organised at least two meetings in each target village in anticipation of the requirement to include a few more new communities. The neighbourhood animators and unit heads ran all of the village-level meetings. Individuals were assisted in realising their needs, gaps in utilising government programmes and provisions, and the organization's and project's goal and mission. This project will be carried out by BDVS in 100 villages in 29 panchayats in 9 blocks

throughout 7 districts. Almost 30,000 households receive benefits indirectly, in addition to the approximately 5000 direct beneficiaries. There are 91 ICDS centres and close to 85 schools.

Women's day celebration

Dalit women came out of their homes this year to celebrate International Women's Day. BDVS intended to organise this Women's Day celebration in a unique way. The main goal of celebrating Women's Day was to increase dalit women's understanding of their rights. The program was organised into units. Women from various villages marched to the programme location, carrying banners and shouting slogans. Unit heads contacted local female officers (CDPO/BDO/PHC supervisor/women police, etc.) and invited them to speak as guest speakers. Unit leaders gathered data on the women who stood firm and fought for their rights. Few women are chosen and honoured as part of the programme. They shared their personal experiences and encouraged participants to fight for their rights. A street play team of ten dalit girls was formed and taught about women's rights. From March 2nd to March 5th, 2022, the team was trained in Patna's administrative office. Photos of women ideals such as Sabitribai, Sorojini, and Indra Gandhi were shown in the programme, and their roles in nation building and women empowerment were explained. A few banners with women empowerment slogans and one with information about legal provisions for women were also used. Participants were given food packets. The programme was excellent and had a significant impact. Women were inspired and felt the power of unity. Some of them stated that they were extremely fortunate to attend the programme because they learned about their various rights and saw how many women are connected. As the crowd grew, the program had an impact on their block as well; It let people know that dalit women are not hiding in rooms any longer and that their numbers are steadily rising. A strong relationship with the local government bodies was also guaranteed by the program. In the coming days, BDVS hopes to collaborate with government departments. The table that follows provides additional details.

Unit	Place of the program	Date of the programe	Guests from Addmin office Patna	Guests and designation	Participants Details			Total
					Female	ale	Others Guest	
Jhajha	Kadwamaran	10--03--22	Rajni Roseline and Birendar Kumar	Sunita Devi--Kaila devi-- Sarpanch	130	65	3	198
Barh	BDVS office	12--03--22	Rajni Roseline, Raj kumar and	Urmila kumari-teacher Harendra Choudhuri- Adv, Dr K. Prasad	155	20	35	210

			Raghab Nayak					
Kharagpur	BDVS office	12--03--22	Fr Jose and Ajeet Kumar	Ranju Prakash-Social Worker SEWA, Punam Devi-Ward Member Galimpur, Rekha Devi-Ward Member- Bangama	157	18	16	191
Patori	BDVS office	14--03--22	Raj Kumar, Rajni and Raghab Nayak	Khusboo Kumari--JP char, Kiran Kumari- JP Mem	162	25	10	197
Barbigaha	BDVS office	15--03--22	Rajni Roseline	Alom Busa Sinha-Adv, Binod Kumar - Aggri OFFICER, Sanoj Rajak --Advo, Sr Poonum--, Sushma Nagar Parsad, Laximi Devi --Jila Parsad	175	12	39	226
					779	140	103	1022

Ambedkar Jayanti

The Baba Saheb Ambedkar Jayanti is significant in uniting dalits; dalits seem more enthusiastic than during previous festivities. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, many were overjoyed to have the chance to celebrate Ambedkar Jayanti. This time, the community was ready and eager to observe Baba Saheb's birth anniversary in a significant way. BDVS was successful in reading the crowd's vibe and making advance plans. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, who served as the chief architect of India's Constitution, was honoured on Ambedkar Jayanti by the Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti. This time, BDVS had a celebration that was open to everyone, including AYM participants, MSCM participants, APD participants, and Sabitribai Mata Samiti participants. Major outcomes of the celebration.

- The celebration was inclusive.
- APD leaders enhanced their leadership skills.
- The understanding level of children, youth, and women about B.R. Ambedkar has increased.
- A systematic way of respecting Baba Saheb Ambedkar has been designed and placed in practice.
- The Dalit community and others received a message of togetherness and equality.
- A sense of contributing among dalit community towards their development has emerged.
- Many talents and skills emerged.

At a glance, the various components of the Ambedkar Jayanti celebration

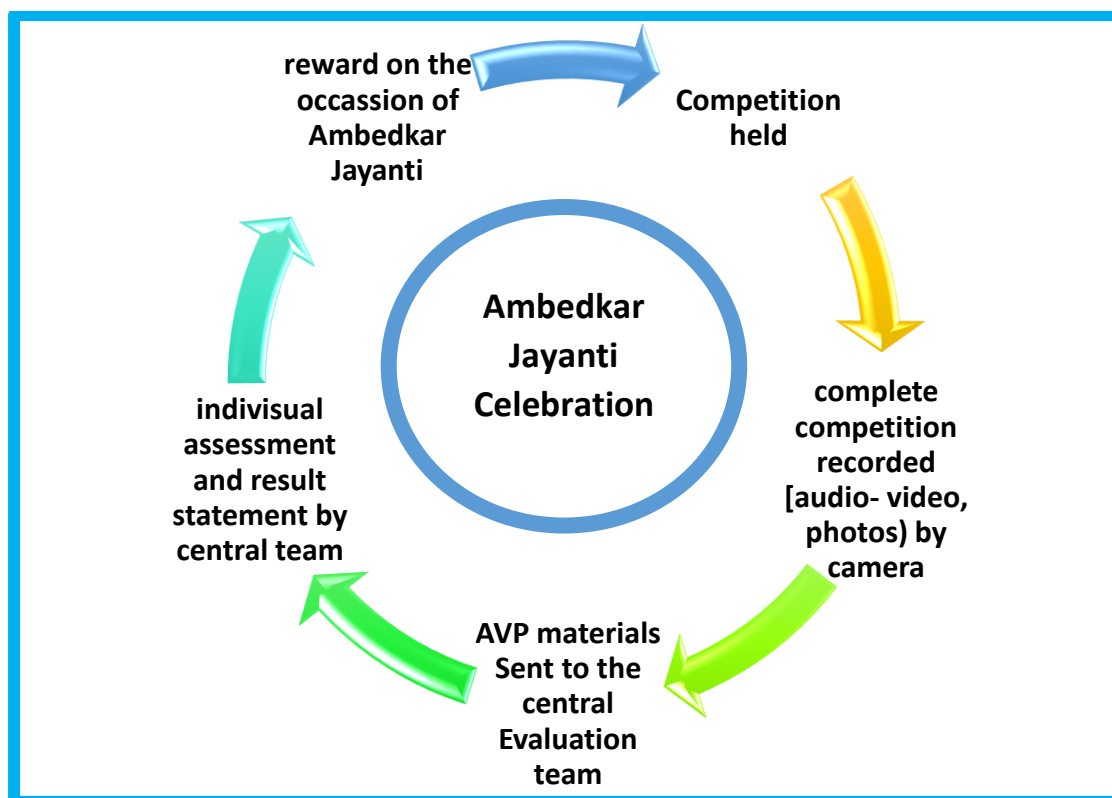
Parade of APD children

BDVS is now taking a new step to inculcate Ambedkar ideology among the children of Ambedkar Prerna Dal. The ideology which is completely based on constitutional values and is important for building a healthy society. It is necessary to expose the children to those personalities from very childhood who have made continuous efforts for human values; It is necessary for them to maintain respect and such abilities as their ideal in society.

A parade was envisioned which was to be performed at the venue on the day of the Ambedkar Jayanti celebration. A central level team was formed to train the leaders of Ambedkar Prerna Dal on that envisioned parade. This training was organized in all 5 units and 30 to 40 APD children participated in each unit. Children involved in the parade took 3 to 4 days of time for practice and performed in the celebration. The parade included a march pass, flag salute, slogan, song, vow etc. This part of the Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations program was the most attractive as all the children involved in the parade were in dress code. Children appeared to be enthusiastic and happy. APD children honored Dr. Ambedkar through parade and conveyed his teachings and values to others. Altogether 200 APD leaders participated in this parade. This parade has increased the confidence of the children and has given rise to the practice of bowing down to social reformers like Ambedkar in the society. This initiative also helped children to understand the important contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in shaping new India. Few more details can be seen in the following table.

SL NO	UNIT	DATE OF TRAINING	TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	Jhajha	18-19/04/2022	30
2	Barh	19/04/2022	40
3	Patory	23/04/2022	50
4	Barbiga	19/04/2022	40
5	Kharagpur	28/04/2022	40
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS			200

Apart from the parade, on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, BDVS planned to organize several competitions among children, youth and women particularly in the honour of Dr. Ambedkar. The competition process was as follows.



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- ✓ Painting competition for APD member (Class 4th – 5th)
- ✓ Speech competition for APD member (Class 6th – 7th)
- ✓ Quiz competition for MSCM member (Class 8th – 10th)
- ✓ Quiz competition for AYM members
- ✓ Group song competition for Sabitribai mata samiti members

Painting Competition for APD members (class 4th to 5th)

BDVS had organized unit level painting competition among APD children between the age group of 9 to 10 years old. The main objective of the competition was to give an opportunity to dalit children to express their views and show their talent through the Art and paint at the same time to reward the winners on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. Children were given option to draw and paint anything they could and they wanted. children were availed pencils, erasers, colours, cardboards etc. It was seen that the children were enjoying the event and trying to give their best. At the end of the competition unit staff took closeup photos of every single painting and sent them to the central evaluation team. The team evaluated the paints and within two days of the competition announced the result. The winners were instructed to be present in the Ambedkar Jayanti. Few more details can be seen in the following table.

SL NO	UNIT	EVENT DATE	TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	Patori	12-04-2022	42
2	Jhajha	08--04--2022	42
3	Kharagpur	12--04--2022	22

4	Barh	08--04--2022	48
5	Barbigaha	08--04--2022	22
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS			176

Speech competition for APD members (Class 6th – 7th)

BDVS had organized unit-level speech competition among APD children between the age group of 11 to 12 years old. The main objective of the competition was to give an opportunity to dalit children to enhance their ability to speak particularly about Dr. Ambedkar and to reduce their stage fear. Children have given topic 'The life of Dr. B R Ambedkar' prior to the competition. Many children took part in the competition. Children were seen prepared for the event and enjoying the moment. The speech of every participant was recorded and sent to the central evaluation team. The team evaluated the video clips of the speeches and within two days of the competition announced the result. The winners were instructed to be present in the Ambedkar Jayanti. Few more details can be seen in the following table.

SL NO	UNIT	EVENT DATE	TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	Patori	08-04-2022	24
2	Jhajha	12--04--2022	06
3	Kharagpur	12--04--2022	10
4	Barh	09--04--2022	08
5	Barbigaha	08--04--2022	15
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS			63

Quiz competitions for MSCM and AYM members

Quiz competitions were organized separately for Mata Sabitribai Chatra Manch members and Ambedkar Yuva Manch members. The questions had been asked in the quiz were related to the life of Ambedkar. The objective was to help dalit children and youth to know more about the life of Ambedkar and reward the winners on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti celebration. The competitions were in the written format. The participants were given a questionnaire and the staff were given the answer sheets. At the end of the competition, unit staff sat together and evaluated the papers. Then the result was shared with the central evaluation team and the winners. This competition was quite effective because participants were going through some interesting facts of Dr. Ambedkar. The quiz helped MSCM and AYM members to gain some updated information regarding Dr. Ambedkar. Many children and youth took part in the program with enthusiasm. The winners were instructed to be present in the Ambedkar Jayanti. Few more details can be seen in the following tables.

QUIZ AMONG MATA SABITRIBAI CHATRA MANCH MEMBERS			
SL NO	UNIT	EVENT DATE	TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	Patori	06-04-2022	29
2	Jhajha	06-04-2022	53
3	Barh	06-04-2022	32

4	Barbiga	06-04-2022	48
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS			162

QUIZ AMONG AMBEDKAR YUVA MANCH MEMBERS			
SL NO	UNIT	EVENT DATE	TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	Patori	06-04-2022	29
2	Jhajha	07-04-2022	19
3	Barh	07-04-2022	28
4	Barbiga	06-04-2022	29
5	Kharagpur	06-04-2022	31
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS			136

Group song competition for Sabitribai mata samiti members

A woman is like a jewel. They possess a great deal of patience, inventiveness, and many other innate skills. BDVS intended to assist dalit women in asserting themselves and coming forward. The BDVS conducted a group song competition for dalit women in honor of Ambedkar Jayanti. Each hamlet entered a group of 5 to 10 female singers who competed. The group sang while standing in front of a natural scene from each of their communities, and the performance was videotaped. The central evaluation team received the footage, reviewed it, and announced the winning groups. This initiative really helped a few dalit women to increase their confidence level and show their talent to the world. They appeared to be happy and excited. The winning groups were instructed to be present in the Ambedkar Jayanti. Few more details can be seen in the following tables.

GROUP SONG COMPETITION AMONG SABITRIBAI MATA SAMITI MEMBERS			
SL NO	UNIT	EVENT DATE	TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	Patori	11-12/04/2022	22
2	Jhajha	11/04/2022	23
3	Barh	11-12/04/2022	40
4	Barbiga	11-12/04/2022	36
5	Kharagpur	10/04/2022	33
TOTAL NO OF PARTICIPANTS			154

Ambedkar Jayanti celebration Day

After the end of the competitions, Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti organized Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations. This program was organized in all 5 units. The parade was to be held by the children so the event was organized in an open space. The program place was decorated with tent, chairs, banners, slogans and photographs of great personalities. The program was mainly attended by the members of APD, members of MSCM, youth and women. Nearby

government officials, Panchayati Raj leaders, public representatives, social workers also participated in all the units. In order to enhance the quality of the program, the registration fee of the required participants was kept according to the family. It was seen that all the people extended their hands and cooperated. After the welcome speech at the beginning of the ceremony, APD children paraded, which was the main attraction of the program. All the children were in a particular dress code and performed all the part of the parade with utmost pleasure and discipline. The children who did well in the speech competition were given a chance to deliver speeches in the program. These children gave very good speeches. The winners of the group song competition were also given an opportunity to sing on the stage. The women were very happy and excited. All the winners of the competitions were rewarded in the program which was quite encouraging. Apart from this, speeches by the chief guests, small plays, songs, dances, and the success stories of those people who had shown courage and struggle in their lives were part of the program. Keeping in view of covid-19, arrangements were made for all the participants with masks, drinking water, food etc. AYM and APD members were playing the role of volunteers. The role of APD members and leaders was important throughout the program. After two years, the Dalit community was celebrating the birth anniversary of Ambedkar ji in this way, so they were looking very happy and excited. Few more details can be seen in the following tables.

AMBEDKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATION DETAILS --2022						
Unit	Program date	place pf the program	MALE	FEMALE	Total Participants	Total village covered
Barbigaha	24--04--2022	BDVS office	112	183	295	19
Barh	23--04--2022	BDVS office	198	173	371	15
Patori	29--04--2022	MDVS office	69	156	225	16
Jhajha	22--4--2022	Kadwamaran	87	161	248	13
H Kharagpur	29--04--2022	BDVS office	22	86	108	15
Total			488	759	1247	78

Annual Planning Workshop and training on child rights

Workshop Date: 17 to 20 January 2022

Place: Administrative Office, Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti

Objective: Understand the dalit development project, understanding the staffs and capacity building of staff on child friendly behaviour.

Methods and tools used: Facilitation frameworks, idea generation, powerpoint and white board presentations, llectures etc.

Bihar dalit Vikas samiti organized project orientation/ planning workshop for the staffs associated with Dalit development project. The workshop was commenced on 17th January

and continued till 20th January 2022. The main participants were Animators, unit heads, thematic coordinators, project coordinator and the directors. The whole team of 27 people spent three days' time to understand what the project really intends to achieve, what are the indicators and what should be the right approach to work with the community etc.

The workshop was designed in three parts;

- 1) one day time was allotted for staff appraisal
- 2) Two days for understanding the project
- 3) One day for capacity building of whole team on child rights/ child friendly behaviour.

The first day staff appraisal was facilitated by the project coordinator. Next two days of workshop was facilitated by the director and the final day was facilitated by the resource person Mr. Tarkeswar Prasad. First day after introduction and objective sharing, all the staffs were given an appraisal sheet and helped them to understand the same. The format was for the whole team members. Later they were assigned to fill the required information in the format. It was technically a self-appraisal form. In the second half all the thematic animators faced an interview individually with their respective thematic coordinators; at the same time all the unit heads faced the interview with the project coordinator and at the end all the thematic coordinators face the interview with the project coordinator. The format was all about assessing own capacities and weakness along with organizational growth and development. Second and third day the team discussed all the objectives of the project, its indicators and strategies. One by one all the objectives were discussed and understood at different point of view especially what it is for a villager, is our strategy really meets the need of the people and how villagers can cooperate the team. Participants were seen quite active in understanding the concepts. Power point presentations, whiteboard demonstrations and intensive discussions took place to ensure the participants are grasping the learning. Fourth day the training was combinedly organized with different project staffs. The session started with sharing the history of Child Rights. Mr. Tarkeswar Prasad mentioned

- ☀ UNCRC 1989 where 140 countries signed the memorandum/ policy and from 2 September 1990 it was in effect.
- ☀ On 11 Dec 1992 India ratified Child Rights.
- ☀ He also explained juvenile justice act 2015. He explained the concept of CNCP and CCL children. (It stands for Children in Need of Care and Protection, Children Conflict with Law) How there are two set ups for these two types of children and how they function. He explained the role of police station, Child welfare committee, its formation/ membership guidelines and functional duration. He also explained the juvenile justice board, its formation/ membership guidelines. He explained JJ Board, CARA – Central Adoption Resource Authority, SARA: - State Adoption Resource Authority, SAA—

Specialised Adoption Agency, JJA-- Children's Home/ Shelter Home, observation Home.

The resource person also facilitated the team to understand what child-friendly behaviour is all about and what are the various child protection systems existing in the state government. Whole team was happy and confident after the training. Staffs gained some new information which is going to help them improve their performance in achieving project objectives. It was a very informative training.

Youth Convention

In the beginning of the year 2022, it was decided that, from this year Ambedkar Yuva Manch should be made independent so that they would learn to stand on their own feet. Many meetings were held on this matter and it was decided after discussion and mutual consultation that a state level steering committee should be formed to take forward Ambedkar Yuva Manch and 3 leaders should be selected from them so that they guide this forum. Taking forward the plan, at the end of June, Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti convened a state level convention of Ambedkar Yuva Manch. Highlights of the program.

Date:	28 – 29 June 2022
Place:	Near administrative office, BDVS, Rukunpura, Bailey Road, Patna – 14
Expected no of participants:	125 - 150
Expected participants:	Members and leaders of Ambedkar yuva manch
Theme:	Empowering Ambedkar Yuva manch, employment, leadership and current challenges.
Objective:	To promote AYM movement in Bihar by helping youth to understand the current situation of employment, leadership, self-awareness, and major challenges in India by critical thinking.

- ➡ State level Ambedkar yuva manch formed,
- ➡ State level AYM leaders selected unanimously,
- ➡ AYM members and leaders found a way to go forward and be united for their rights
- ➡ AYM members got the opportunity to improve leadership quality by leading the congregation,
- ➡ Stage fear among state level leaders have reduced.
- ➡ 80% of the program was presided by the AYM leaders.
- ➡ AYM members got opportunity to meet and discuss some distinguish social activist and leaders.
- ➡ Understanding level of the AYM members on its aim and objectives has increased.

➡ AYM members came across other state level dalit youth forums

Main components of the Convention

Presentation on the journey of Ambedkar yuva manch by one AYM leader

Mr. Ranjit Kumar Das had prepared a presentation on the journey of AYM. He is a consistent member of AYM. He gave a brief report on how AYM emerged and what were the objectives. He also presented the current situation of AYM and the major challenges that AYM members use to face in their daily lives. He appealed to the participants to be united and courageous in achieving the objectives of AYM.

Round table discussion

The session was designed for an informal group discussion of a group of 10 to 12 AYM members on a given topic. There was a mentor for each group. The mentor was leading the discussion but the method was not a formal lecture instead it was informal. The mentors were helping the youth to understand the subject matter by keeping different aspects of the given topic in front of the participants. The participants were also developing their understanding on the given topic by giving their opinion. Another interesting aspect was there attached to this group discussion is 'Litti Chokha' a famous Bihari snack. Participants were served the litti chokha and permitted to have it during the discussion. After the discussion, which lasted for about 2.00 hours, all the participants sat at the program premise and one representative of the group presented the main point of discussion of their group. At the end of the presentation, Dr. R. S Arya (Vice-chancellor, Veer Kunwar Singh University) threw light on the seriousness of those subjects while addressing all the presentations. Few more details can be seen in the following table.

Mentors for round table discussion, presentation and consolidation)

28/06/2022 (time – 04.10 pm to 06.30 pm)

SL NO	PERSON	TOPIC	Table No
1	Radheshyam ji	Dalit leaders and their struggle	1
2	S N Madan	Communalism and Dalit Youth	2
3	Pratima Ji	Women in Dalit Empowerment	3
4	Fr. Juno	Challenges of youth in present times	4
5	Rajeswar Ji	Dalit rights and our society	5
6	Vidyanand Ji	Human rights violations in the present context	6
7	Sarfaraz Ji	The challenges of the republic in today's era	7
8	R S Arya	chief discussion adjuster	8

Speech of chief guest and guests

The chief guest of the program was Hon. Social welfare minister Shri. Santosh Suman. He comes from a very downtrodden community called Mushahar. In his speech, he focused on hard work and teamwork. He encouraged the participants and shared some glimpses from his past life. He appealed to the youth to take learnings from the experience. He also advised

the participants to overcome personal obstacles and hindrances. Few more guests were there who interacted with the participants and shared their views during their speeches. Some more information can be obtained from the following table.

SL NO	PERSON	TOPIC	DATE
1	Hon. Shri. Santosh Suman	lighten the candles and wreath laying on the photo of Baba Saheb Ambedkar	28/06/2022
2		Speech of the chief guest	
3	Shri. Satyendra ji	An understanding on Sangathan	
4	Fr. Martin	Modern day trends are seen among college youths and way forward	
5	Fr. Jesu Raj	Significance of skill-oriented programs and opportunities	
6	Prof. Rama Sankar Arya	Consolidate the presentation and Personal opinion on role of youth in dalit unity	
7	Shri. Satyendra ji	Present day dalit youth crisis, opportunities and way forward	29/06/2022
8	Mr. Ashish	Motivation and encouragement	
9	Fr. Anto Joseph	Dream of a just society, Role of youth	

Selection of state-level AYM and AYM leaders

Units were informed about the selection of unit-level AYM leaders prior to the convention. However, BDVS suggested the units sit together and discuss for one last time then finalize the leader's name. All the units sat together with their respective units in different places on the premise and discussed selecting leaders and representatives of their respective units. At the end of the discussion, they selected unanimously their unit-level leaders and listed their names the same. Then all the selected members were called upon to the stage to be with the chief guest. This moment was a very interesting and exciting moment for AYM leaders. Later on, youth coordinator Mr. Birendra proposed three names for the post of state-level AYM leaders. All of the AYM members agreed to accept them as their leaders. They were presented with flowers and mementos.

Kitchen garden

Distribution of seeds

BDVS attempted to raise awareness among women about the importance of having a kitchen garden. Nearly 596 women were given vegetable seeds in order to promote kitchen gardens. At least two meetings were held in each village to assist women in animating their kitchen gardens. Approximately 600 dalit women were given various types of vegetable seeds and encouraged to start their own kitchen gardens. Approximately 570 women have done kitchen gardens, with approximately 220 families starting new ones. People were introduced to the concept of a kitchen garden, and many of them realized that access to nutritious food is not

so expensive. They recognized the value of having nutritious food at their fingertips. People have planted spinach, bottle gourd, bitter gourd, carrot, cucumber, lady finger, radish, pumpkin, and other similar vegetables. Most people who received the seed and planted them were observed to have access to vegetables, thereby improving the quality of their food. They have also increased the availability of such vegetables and other nutrition on a variety of days throughout the year. The following table contains some additional information.

Unit Name	No of Villages	Date of seed distributed	No of women received	Names of the seeds
Barh	15	26-28/05/2022	199	spinach, bottle gourd, bitter gourd, carrot, cucumber, lady finger, radish, pumpkin
Barbigaha	13	24-30/05/2022	126	
Kharagpur	8	15-26/05/2022	71	
Jhajha	11	24.05 - 06.06/2022	100	
Patory	14	15-05-2022	100	
Total	61		596	

Sambad Yatra (Inter-dialogue tour)

For the AYM steering committee, BDVS organized an inter-dialogue tour. The tour concept was conceived during the state-level AYM convention, which was held on June 28-29, 2022. It was time to give the AYM's steering committee some opportunities to develop leadership qualities, confidence, and other skills. In this regard, BDVS and members of the AYM steering committee met and devised a plan to visit at least five village-level AYM in each unit. The primary goal of this visit was determined to be as follows:

- i. Fostering team spirit
- ii. Reviving and strengthening AYM
- iii. To provide opportunities for AYM leaders to develop leadership, confidence, and other skills.
- iv. To spread Ambedkar ideology among Dalit youth.

In this regard, we had organized a two days orientation program on 08-09 Aug 2022 specifically for the expected tour members where the steering committee proposed a minimum agenda for the visit and agreed to be responsible for the steering committee's board and lodge in their respective units. BDVS agreed to assist with transportation. This was a group of 15 to 18 AYM leaders who had been trained before the tour. Each member was assigned and trained on specific responsibilities. The team was required to spend two days in each unit and visit at least five AYM at the village level. Highlights of the visit

- ➡ The team visited at least 23 AYM at the village level across four units.
- ➡ The team arrived at the unit office in a 20-seat vehicle and then marched to the five villages on foot.
- ➡ Local AYM leaders were looking at the overall arrangements.

- ➡ Motivational songs, speech, presentation on the current scenario of India from the perspective of dalit unity and the future of dalit youth, street play, aim, and objective of AYM, finding ways of helping own community in own capacity, a short assessment of village level AYM exchange the ideas and the experiences, interaction with the local PRI members and other leaders, distribution of posters and IEC materials, get together with the local AYM members, etc were the key aspects of the visit.
- ➡ This foot march was memorable because it was not a political march and was not held in a city.
- ➡ Local AYM members were encouraged, motivated, and redetermined by the ideological philosophy.

The following table can give a few more details

SL NO	DATE	UNIT NAME	NO OF THE PEOPLE COVERED	NO OF AYM VISITED
1	25- 26/ 09/ 2022	BARBIGHA	460	6
2	18- 19/ 10/ 2022	JHAJHA	380	5
3	05- 06/ 11/ 2022	BARH	450	6
4	09- 10/ 11/ 2022	PATORY	510	6
Total villages visited				23

This event was instrumental in accelerating the AYM movement across 5 units. Members of AYM revived their objectives and got united once again. As an indicator, all the AYM are sitting regularly in their respective villages and spending time in group study and social initiatives.

Unit-level AYM convention

At the start of 2022, it was determined that Ambedkar Yuva Manch should become autonomous so that they could learn to stand on their own. A state-level steering committee was established following extensive consultations to guide the Ambedkar Yuva Manch, and the steering committee members also chose the three forum leaders. In order to carry out the strategy, Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti organized an Ambedkar Yuva Manch state convention at the end of June. As a follow-up to the Youth conference, which took place at the state level in June 2022, a unit-level AYM convention was scheduled. The main objective of this event was to promote the AYM movement in Bihar by helping youth to understand the current situation of employment, leadership, self-awareness, and major challenges in India through critical thinking. The major outcomes of this event are as follows.

- i. AYM has gained some recognition at the block level
- ii. Unit-level leadership is established

- iii. Village-level AYM leaders have developed a leadership quality
- iv. New energy and enthusiasm have arisen in the youth
- v. Youth have realized the strength of unity
- vi. The aim and objectives of AYM have been understood by a large number of dalit youth
- vii. AYM has started working in a more organized way.

Major aspects of the unit-level AYM convention are as follows

- 1) Maximum participation of village-level Ambedkar Yuva Manch
- 2) AYM members gathered in one place
- 3) All the village-level leaders presented the AYM report for 2021-2022
- 4) AYM leaders hosted the whole event
- 5) Participants read the preamble of the constitution
- 6) AYM members presented some songs, one-act plays, speeches, poems, slogans, group discussions, experience sharing, presentation of motivational stories, etc
- 7) Guest speakers focused on the present-day challenges of youth in the education and employment sector, helped youth to understand the current situation of employment, leadership, self-awareness,
- 8) Community meal, media coverage

A few more details can be seen in the following table

UNIT LEVEL AYM CONVENTION 2022						
Unit	Date	Participants		Total	Central Office staff	Guests, Speakers
		Female	Male			
Barh	26--08--2022	80	103	183	Birendar kumar, Raghab Nayak	Khalil Ahmad(Local Leader) Parmanand Kumar- Teacher, President Students leader Ambedkar Hostel
Kharagpur	25--08--2022	34	86	120	Fr Jose, Birendar, Raghab Nayak	Sukhdev Yadav. Local Leader
Patori	23--08--2022	51	129	180	Birendar Kumar, Radhamohan Singh	Ramagar Prasad (Professor), Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Sanjaya Ram (Ex counselor)
Barbigaha	29--08--022	38	119	157	Birendar Kumar, Radhamohan Singh	Binod Kumar, (BAO), Rajendra Das (Ex-teacher), Sanoj Kumar(Advocate) Jayachandra Kumar Teacher
Jhajha	28--08--2022	36	108	144	Birendar Kumar, Sinaya Sundar Nayak	Sunil Singh(JP President), Ranjan Choudhuri (DPRO), Bilakhshan Ravidas (Professor), Dr Radhe syam
TOTAL		239	545	784		

Legal aid training

Most dalits in Bihar avoid asking the police for assistance because they are afraid of being taken advantage of by the local police, which is a widespread problem among the group. Once more, ignorance is the cause of this. It has been said numerous times that a person's personality and level of education influence how the police behave toward regular citizens. Besides this, it has been observed that victims frequently become prey to various authorities and individuals and must fight hard to receive justice. Instead of being taken advantage of by the police, it was thought to be far better to have a local authority to manage any disputes of any kind. On this concept, it was decided to encourage dalit communities to understand the significance of forming a local body and to have some legal awareness training in this regard.

A minimum of one legal aid training had been organized by BDVS for each unit, for a total of five units. The major objectives of this program were to support the "Sangathan" leaders, educate the locals about the law, and motivate them to think about organizing a legal aid team in their own villages. The interested leaders of Sangathan, women and AYM leaders received special attention during the two-day training event. The BDVS sought the assistance of a seasoned attorney named "Mr. Nawab Alam," who had a solid background in training and a wealth of expertise with legal issues.

The training used to start at 10.00 AM, followed by a short introduction of the participants, sharing objectives, looking for the expectations of the participants, and giving a few guidelines, and ends in the evening at 5.00 pm. Though the training was of two days but it was not residential, hence all the participants used to go back to their homes in the evening. In some places, few participants had to stay at the night due to having difficulties in transportation. The main topics were as follows

- i. Understand the preamble of the constitution
- ii. Fundamental rights and duties
- iii. Effective way of writing an 'FIR'
- iv. Rights of the people before, during, and after the arrest
- v. Women police station
- vi. SC/ST act
- vii. Sensitive IPC sections

The training was made very simple and interactive in order to accommodate the participants' different levels of comprehension. used a variety of IEC materials to make it easy for participants to understand. All participants were required to write and practice a "FIR" based on a specific story during a session, and their writings were all examined and corrected simultaneously. In addition, there was a session during the training to address participants' concerns and provide answers to their questions.

The major outcomes of this training were as follows

- ➡ At least 250 village-level leaders associated with sangathans, AYMs, and women groups have improved their legal awareness level.
- ➡ Participants realized the need of forming village-level legal-aid teams
- ➡ Participants understood the comprehensiveness of the Indian constitution
- ➡ Participants trying to assimilate the values of the Indian constitution in their lives.

This training was well received by all participants, who gave excellent feedback. Many of them said that the training really made them feel more confident and that they would stay in the training for a few more days because it was unique and they wouldn't get anywhere. They now realize how important it is to set up a legal aid team in each village so that they can settle their disputes on their own. The next level of training is wanted by people. The table that comes after it provides a few additional details.

SL NO	UNIT NAME	DATE	NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	JHAJHA	05-06/11/2022	63
2	BARH	08-09/11/2022	42
3	BARBIGHA	23-24/11/2022	52
4	KHARAGPUR	15-16/11/2022	32
5	PATORY	12-13/11/2022	72
TOTAL			281

Leadership training for Dalit organization (Sangathan) leaders

At least 30 village-level dalit organizations are established, and it has always been crucial to provide local leaders and mobilizers with the skills they need to carry out their duties successfully. The fundamental structure of these newly formed organizations is different to some extent, hence BDVS organized a one-day unit-level leadership-building training for the dalit organization leaders (sangathan). The main goal of this training was to make it easier for the leaders to comprehend the structure of the dalit organization (sangathan) and their respective roles and duties within it. A one-day training module was created by BDVS that was very interactive and inclusive. The main engaging elements of the module included group activity, debates, chart exercises, energizers, etc. Since the training was not open to everyone, the level of participation was quite high. The program coordinator and youth coordinator oversaw all training. The training was held in all five units. The foremost topics discussed in the training are as follows.

- What the dalit organization 'Sangathan' is all about
- Significance of establishing it

- Structure and key aspects of it including the decision-making process
- Role and responsibilities of all the stakeholders
- Functions and sustainability strategy
- Record keeping and bank liaisoning

The following are the major outcomes of the training.

- ➡ Dalit organization leaders have improved their understanding of the whole 'Sangathan'
- ➡ Participants got a fair understanding of their responsibilities
- ➡ Their leadership ability has boosted-up
- ➡ They have developed a sense of Dalit Unity.

A few more details can be seen in the following table.

Sl. N.	Date	Unit	No of Participants
1	05 / 08 / 2022	Patory	36
2	06 / 08 / 2022	Kharagpur	32
3	13 / 08 / 2022	Jhajha	52
4	17 / 08 / 2022	Barh	30
5	03 / 08 / 2022	Barbigha	40
			190

Unit-level convention of Dalit organizations (Sangathan)

BDVS has attempted to improve the leadership abilities of 30 dalit sangathans at the village level. Bank liaison and sustainability practices are taking place simultaneously with the formation initiatives. A one-day unit-level convention of these newly formed sangathans was put together by BDVS in response to the growing need to aid the sangathan members in coming to terms with their shared vision of sustainable dalit development. The program was successfully organized into three units, with approximately 300 members and dalit sangathan leaders participating. It is understood that approximately 90% of participants were members and the leaders of the sangathan's working committee, 5% were local PRI members, and the remaining 5% were guests and others. During a meeting with the staff of the units to conduct an evaluation, the entire program was proposed a few weeks ago. It was stated that many members of the working committee need to have a strong positive attitude toward the sangathan's development by comprehending and agreeing with its goals, which would enable them to work hard to strengthen the dalit sangathan. The leaders of the sangathan proposed holding a convention of the dalit sangathans after discussing the issue with the members of the working committee. The entire program was planned based on the suggestions of the sangathan's leaders and the inputs of the unit staff. The remarkable thing was that the plan

included every one of the working committees, and they were given priority when formulating it. The main objectives of the convention were as follows.

- To make them feel united on the collective faith in the values of the Indian constitution
- To celebrate the success of the sangathans, acknowledge and appreciate the people who have done something different in leading their communities, promoting and nurturing leadership quality
- To help the participants understand collectively the aim and objectives of sangathan

The major aspects of the convention were as follows

- ➡ The entire program was hosted by the leaders of the sangathan.
- ➡ People helped make the arrangements for the convention.
- ➡ Representatives of the sangathans gave brief reports on their sangathans.
- ➡ People actively participated in cultural presentations.
- ➡ Guest speakers encouraged the participants to be united and follow in Baba Saheb Ambedkar's footsteps.
- ➡ A tentative action plan was created and presented by leaders, and others concurred with it.

The following are the major outcomes of the convention

- 👤 30 village level dalit sangathans gained an identity.
- 👤 At least 100 dalit people have improved their confidence and leadership quality.
- 👤 The concept of the sangathan reached different hamlets.
- 👤 All the participants experienced the inherent strength of being organized.
- 👤 Convention helped dalit people to look at the challenging reality of society and the significance of being in the sangathan.
- 👤 Many ground-level leaders are encouraged, and their motivation level has increased.

A few more details can be seen in the following table

SL NO	DATE	UNIT	NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	21/12/2022	Barbiga	60
2	29/12/2022	Patory	120
3	29/12/2022	Jhajha	80
TOTAL			260

Block-level quiz and painting competition event

In the year 2023 BDVS organized a quiz and painting competition event for students in grades 4th to 7th at the block level in all five units, The painting competition was held for students in

grades 4 and 5, while the quiz competition was held for students in grades 6 and 7. The event took place in 46 government schools spread across six blocks. The following were the primary goals of the event:

- In order to inspire students to strive for academic excellence.
- To assist students in learning and practicing inclusive behavior
- To educate all students about Dr. Ambedkar, constitutional values, and child rights.
- To establish and activate Bal Sansad by strengthening relationships with the education department.
- To provide APD students with the opportunity to compete with general students.

First of all, BDVS had a planning meeting with the project staff and tried to find out the various ways of getting government support in introducing the concept of APD and activating Bal Sansad in the government schools, it is realized that a strong network with the government departments is required in this context. BDVS planned to work on this aspect and the above-mentioned event was one part of the plan. BDVS made a list of such government schools who were willing to cooperate with us in organizing quiz and painting competition event, then unit staff personally met with these school authorities to discuss the plan. Later they approached the block education officer for permission. Finally, the place, date, jury, etc were decided. BDVS formed a team to carry out the work and execute the plan. The team decided to have a painting competition for grades 4 and 5 while grades 6 and 7 will be participating in a quiz competition. The central team prepared the question set and arranged painting tools and materials along with prizes, snacks, etc. The event was hosted by the central team members, the jury was a mix of teachers, PRI members, and local social activists. The following table may give a few more details

SL NO	Unit name	Date	No of schools participated	No of representatives took part				Teachers and volunteers	Total participants
				G - 4	G - 5	G - 6	G - 7		
1	BARH	19/10/22	7	8	11	10	13	10	52
2	KHARAGPUR	02/11/22	7	15	15	7	26	11	74
3	BARBIGHA	09/11/22	8	14	14	12	16	8	64
4		10/11/22	8	8	14	16	14	9	61
5	MOHANPUR	07/11/22	9	9	20	27	15	12	83
6	PATORY	20/11/22	7	8	11	9	12	10	50
TOTAL SCHOOLS			46	62	85	81	96	50	374
				324					

Both kids and teachers enjoyed the event because it was distinctive, inspiring, all-inclusive, and enthusiastic. The outcomes of the event are listed below.

- ✓ The partnership with the public education system has improved.
- ✓ With the use of numerous kid-friendly methods, teachers and students are encouraged and motivated to create and uphold a learning environment.
- ✓ The performance of the APD kids was superb. The class's top performers included some APD leaders.
- ✓ The program was enjoyable for kids, and they expressed a desire to take part in further activities.
- ✓ The message that all pupils are entitled to a great education regardless of caste or religion was successfully conveyed by BDVS.
- ✓ BDVS gained knowledge of the methods and procedures for planning events in schools that would be beneficial.

Block-level dialogue with dalit teachers on disseminating quality education to dalit students

The topic of providing dalit children with a high-quality education has been brought up in a block-level discussion with dalit teachers. In an effort to raise the educational standards for dalit children, BDVS is doing everything it can to find ways to do so. In order to help dalit children receive a high-quality education, BDVS conducted a one-day discourse with dalit teachers at the unit level. Like-minded dalit teachers who worked in public schools were invited by BDVS. 71 teachers, 21 principals, and 33 paraprofessional teachers participated in the program, which was held in four units. The following were the main goals.

- To have a network with dalit teachers at the unit level
- To understand collectively the significance of encouraging children to live a life with constitutional values and Ambedkar ideology
- To explore the possibilities of helping-out dalit children receive a quality education
- To find out the ways of activating Bal Sansad in the local schools where dalit children would be in a leading role.
- Promote dalit harmony among the working class.

Main aspects of the dialogue are as follows

- ➡ Opinions and suggestions on having a strong network of dalit teachers are shared by the teachers.
- ➡ Ideas and inputs on introducing Dr. Ambedkar ideology and constitutional values in the government schools are shared by principals
- ➡ The various initiatives were shared in regards to helping dalit children access quality education
- ➡ Participants were motivated to contribute towards educating dalit children.
- ➡ A tentative action plan was prepared

➡ All the principals have assured to support BDVS in this regard.

A few more details can be seen in the following table.

SL NO	UNIT	DATE	NO OF PARTICIPANTS			
			TEACHERS	PRINCIPAL	OTHERS	TOTAL
1	Barbigaha	19/12/22	20	6	7	33
2	Patory	25/10/22	28	12	10	50
3	Barh	22/10/22	16	2	11	29
4	Jhajha	18/11/22	7	1	5	13
Total			71	21	33	125

Child rights conventions

State-level convention on child rights has been successfully organized. The concept of this convention was pioneered months back. It is said childhood is the best time to learn new things, set goals, and commit oneself to serious labor to realize them. As they go through their precious years of childhood, every one of them, without any exception, has a significant role to play in shaping the destiny of this nation and the world. No one can take their place. The opportunities that APD offers are helping them to become competent, compassionate, committed, and socially conscious human beings.

Today, the BDVS has more than 200 APDs in 12 districts, where nearly 7,000 children play important roles as members and leaders. We have witnessed the rise of more than 200 Dalit and tribal children as child leaders. It is important to us to nurture their potential and give them the opportunity to develop leadership skills by attending district and state-level events. In this context, BDVS organized a two-day state-level convention in Patna, where about 280 APD leaders and members along with staff and volunteers from different districts participated. The convention was held at a nearby BDVS premise, bailey road, Patna from 11th to 12th December 2022. The followings were the **objectives** of the convention

- To develop an institutional platform for Ambedkar Prerna Dal children and to expand its identity
- To promote a child rights-friendly environment by giving love, encouragement, and opportunities to children
- Advocating for an increase in the government's budget for the all-round development of children
- To promote the participation of children in different activities of village and panchayats

The convention had three dimensions

- 1- Children's performance
- 2- Input session
- 3- Advocacy event at Gandhi Maidan

Following were the partner organizations who collaborated with BDVS in this program

- ➡ Save the Children
- ➡ MMCT, Patna
- ➡ VIVA foundation
- ➡ Manthan
- ➡ Jeevdhara
- ➡ NCVK
- ➡ Umang Vikas kendra
- ➡ KDVS
- ➡ MDVS
- ➡ DMM
- ➡ Navjyoti Social Center
- ➡ DMKK

Methods used during Convention/ Group Presentations

- Lecture cum discussion.
- Group games/ group discussion.
- Pictorial presentation.
- Storytelling.
- Video presentation/ Short movies
- Nukad Natak/ One act play
- Folk dance
- Exhibition

Details of the chief guest and other guests

Chief guest: - Prof. Chandra Sekhar Singh: Honourable Education Minister of Bihar

Along with the director of BDVS, representatives of the partner organizations, and a few APD children Leaders, he launched the program.

He stated in his speech that children are our nation's future and should act accordingly. He advised young people to learn courage from Baba Saheb and to look up to numerous national role models for inspiration. Additionally, he provided a comprehensive understanding of the caste system and the actual causes of dalits' painful situation. He provided a brief overview of the efforts made by his government to transform Bihar's educational system. He went over a number of different ways to take advantage of government education programs. Additionally, he praised BDVS for promoting APD and encouraging dalit children to follow Dr. Ambedkar.

Guest Speaker: - Dr. Mukhtarul haq (social activist)

Together with child labour, child trafficking, drug dealing, and other pressing issues, he stressed children's rights and the laws that address them. He claimed that APD kids are lucky to be with the BDVS and get to promote kids' rights. He said that many children in society are unaware of their rights and are falling prey to crimes on a daily basis. He was highly child-friendly in his explanation of the many children's rights.

Guest Speaker: - Mukund Krishna (social activist)

She presented a succinct explanation of children's rights. She focused on child abuse and the laws that govern it. She described the stages of children's physical development, particularly for girls, and how to take care of our body parts. She also helped the kids comprehend what was appropriate and inappropriate touching, how to behave safely, how to communicate with their parents and the authorities, etc. She was energetic and highly inspiring. She urged kids to have confidence and to not be afraid.

Panelist: - Tarkeswar Kumar (Child rights activist)

He explained the POSCO AND JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT

Sannath Sinha (Child rights activist)

He explained CWC, Child-line, children's home

Fr. Juno Sebastian (counselor)

He motivated and encouraged children

Motivator: - Fr. Dr. Anto Joseph

He claimed that he could see the leaders and members of the APD having the courage to take flight, that he could see in the children's sparkling eyes lofty aspirations and wonderful dreams, and that their impulsiveness gave him confidence that they would one day be in positions of leadership in the country. As a result, fly your planes to new heights of accomplishment, he added, because the youngsters are the pilots and their towns are the airplanes.

Host: - Ms. Anuska Kumari, Mr. Rohit Kumar, Raj Kumar

Coordinator: - Mr. Sinaya Nayak, Mr. Santosh Pandit

Program in brief

On December 10, 2022, all participants arrived at the venue by 3 p.m., and the program began with a short documentary about Dr. Ambedkar, followed by some cultural performances by the children. The following day's agenda and a few guidelines and rules were discussed.

The following morning, APD children took their seats and the program began after breakfast. Mr. Rohit Kumar and Ms. Anuska Kumari, leaders of the APD, were invited to host the program by Mr. Raj Kumar, the head of the APD. To begin, everyone who was present stood to address the gathering. The host was followed by participants. Next, Fr. Jose, the director of BDVS, gave the opening speech and also said hello to everyone. Mr. Sinaya Nayak briefed the audience on the specifics of APD and the convention's goals shortly after. The time had come for the principal guest. He was greeted by a group of APD children who saluted him and invited him to the program as the main guest. Next, following Fr. Jose's brief introduction of the BDVS, Mr. Rohit Kumar discussed the APD's objectives and brief history. Then a few presentations by children took place. Children performed folk dance and traditional songs. Then Ms. Anuska Kumari presented a paper of demand and presented a memorandum to the hon. Education minister. The demands can be seen few paragraphs below. Then the chief guest prof. Chandrasekhar Singh (honorable education minister, Bihar govt) took his time for the speech. It was amazing and eye-opening. He also responded to the demands of the APD children and assured them to work on the suggested points. Then it was lunchtime.













All of the participants moved to Gandhi Maidan after lunch because it was planned to have a rally and demonstration on the demands of the children at the historical Gandhi Maidan. Because so many organizations in Patna joined the program, it was very successful. Under the Mahatma Gandhi statue, all of the participants gathered. The program began after volunteers and approximately 500 children gathered. All of the partners performed pieces about topics like child labor, child marriage, child trafficking, and child rights. Additionally, APD children performed; the majority of the performers were children. At the end of the program, Ms. Anuska Kumari read the paper of demand which was shared and given to the hon. Education minister in the 1st half. She also asked the opinion of the participants and all of them agreed with the demands and assured them to continue to have rallies and demonstrations in their respective locations. After returning from Gandhi Maidan the evening was full of cultural programs presented by APD children from different districts. It was well-planned and well-hosted.

The participants gathered for the meeting the following morning after eating breakfast. It featured the APD anthem, song, pledge, march, and slogan. Mr. Raghav Nayak led the recap session and the action song following the assembly. Dr. Mukhtarul Haq, a social activist, then spoke as a guest speaker. Together with child labour, child trafficking, drug dealing, and other pressing issues, he stressed children's rights and the laws that address them. After a few cultural presentations from APD students, there was a question-and-answer period. We had three panelists for this discussion, and the panel responded to questions posed by the kids. Then APD kids performed a few cultural programs. Mrs. Rajni Roseline conducted an action song following lunch.







The kids really enjoyed it. After that, there was a puppet show about the value of education and the rights of children. It was extremely stimulating and interesting. After the show, it was time for the social activist Mrs. Mukund Krishna to give a very important talk about child

abuse, the laws that govern it, good and bad touch, safe behavior, and other topics. It was an intense session. The APD children then presented a few cultural programs, and a representative of various collaborating partners offered a few encouraging words. Children were encouraged and motivated in different ways by each of them. At the conclusion of the speeches, Fr. Anto Joseph delivered his inspirational speech. He was a fantastic inspirer. The APD children then gave a few cultural presentations. Stage performance by the entire BDVS staff and partner organizations was simply outstanding prior to dinner. After that, Mr. Santosh Pandit gave a vote of thanks, and the program came to an end. However, all of the children demanded that the cultural program continue. In order to keep the kids interested, the program continued until 9:45 p.m., when it was time for dinner. The building was cleaned by all participants, who then moved to their respective locations early the following morning.

Demands of APD children

-  The government's budget for high-quality education should be increased in light of children's growth.
-  Parents in rural areas should be educated about their rights to their children through a comprehensive campaign.
-  Children's education should emphasize responsible behavior.
-  The Right to Education Act's guidelines should be strictly followed, and action should be taken in this direction.
-  Government should conduct a survey regarding the student-to-teacher ratio and basic facilities available in the government schools, and appropriate actions should be taken in this direction.
-  At the beginning of each academic session, the children should have access to the learning materials.
-  In schools, it should be made certain that the menu for the midday meal is followed and that the quality of the meal is maintained.
-  It is important to take the initiative to free teachers from other responsibilities besides teaching.
-  Schools' ought to establish school management committees and a children's parliament.
-  It is imperative that every effort be made to preserve the educational atmosphere in the schools.
-  The activities of the formed committees ought to be guaranteed, keeping in mind the interests of the children at the village and panchayat levels.
-  The helpline number for children in rural areas should get more attention.

Outcomes of the convention

-  At least 200 APD children have gained confidence;
-  at least 200 APD leaders are well-versed in child rights;
-  at least 200 APD children have reduced their stage apprehension by up to 40%;
-  APD has established itself as a state-level children's association
-  approximately 100 APD children have emerged as leaders.
-  The children improved their academic and extracurricular skills.

- APD became more disciplined. At least 20 organizations with similar goals like the APD model and have promised to follow suit.
- BDVS learned how to organize conventions and advocacy drives at the state level.

The following table may give a few more details

SL NO	UNIT/ PLACE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
1	Jhajha	16	19	35
2	Patory	16	24	40
3	Barbigaha	7	13	20
4	Kharagpur	4	16	20
5	Barh	7	13	20
6	Khagaria	7	10	17
7	Manthan Patna	5	15	20
8	Seikhpura	8	7	15
9	Nawada-	9	11	20
10	Muzaffarpur -	8	3	11
11	Madhepura	13	7	20
12	Jeev Dhara, Maner	6	10	16
13	Darbhanga	7	12	19
14	Volunteers	8	7	15
15	Animators	18	7	25
16	Init In Charges	13	2	15
17	Central Staff	17	3	20
	Total	169	179	348

Conclusion

In the year 2022 BDVS tried to work hard and do the best for society. There were some issues related to human resources however BDVS overcome the problem. The year was full of new lessons. BDVS gained new amazing experiences. BDVS learned that

1. Every initiative should be done in the light of the community
2. There must be a team spirit
3. Smart plan is effective
4. Field staff should be capacitated
5. Monitoring system must be effective