

## Background documents of JanMitra Nyas, a public charitable Trust

<b>.Name of Organization</b>	JanMitra Nyas	
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<b>Wikipedia page</b>	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/People%27s_Vigilance_Committee_on_Human_Rights">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/People%27s_Vigilance_Committee_on_Human_Rights</a>

### **Background Information**

Jan Mitra Nyas (JMN) was established in 1999 with the mission to provide direct support to marginalized and excluded communities, aiming to secure basic rights for marginalized groups, especially children, women, Dalits, and tribals. JMN's ideology draws inspiration from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi, who both championed the cause of working for the most disadvantaged and ensuring no one is left behind.

### **Vision**

To establish a true, vibrant, and fully entrenched democratic society through the Jan Mitra concept where there shall be no violation of civil rights granted to a citizen by the state.

## *Mission*

To provide basic rights to all, eliminate situations leading to the exploitation of vulnerable and marginalized groups, and start a movement for a people-friendly society (Jan Mitra Samaj) through an inter-institutional approach.

## *Core Values*

- Equity
- Fraternity
- Non-Violence
- Participatory Democracy
- Secularism
- Justice – Rule of Law

## *Core Focus*

- Freedom
- Education
- Economic Empowerment
- Digital Transformation
- Governance and Human Rights

## *Working Approach*

- Community Engagement and Participation
- Education and Capacity Building
- Direct Support, Solidarity, and Rehabilitation
- Livelihood and Economic Empowerment
- Advocacy and Awareness
- Collaborations and Partnerships

## *Strategy*

1. Practice to Policy: Peoples' Advocacy
2. Policy to Practice: The Model of Jan Mitra Village based on active listening, empathy for hope, honor, and dignity
3. Organization Building/Capacity Building

## *Themes*

1. Health
2. Nutrition
3. Education
4. Livelihood
5. Social Justice and Inclusion

## *Activities Aligning with SDGs*

1. No Poverty (SDG 1)
2. Zero Hunger (SDG 2)
3. Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3)
4. Quality Education (SDG 4)
5. Gender Equality (SDG 5)
6. Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6)
7. Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8)
8. Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)
9. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (SDG 16)
10. Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17)

## *Geographical Focus:*

Intensively in Eastern (Varanasi, Jaunpur, Sonbhadra, Allahabad, and Ambedkar Nagar) and western (Aligarh, Moradabad, Meerut, Badaun and Aligarh) regions of Uttar Pradesh and Koderma district of Jharkhand. Through networking working in 16 states of India with Involvements of 99 organizations.

## *Our target communities:*

- Tribes (Ghasia, Kol and Bihor)
- Muslim minorities
- Dalits (Chamar and Musahar)
- Other backward caste:

- Membership: 72000 as neo dalit communities comprising progressive people from upper caste, OBC, tribal and minorities

### Health:

1. We have conducted numerous medical camps, prenatal check-ups, and advocated for nutritional support. Specifically, we have served a total child population of 6,147 (3,135 boys and 3,012 girls) across four blocks, one urban area, 48 villages, two mohallas, and 2,681 households, covering a population of 12,919. The communities served include Musahar, Nut, Dhobi, Chamar, Muslim, and other backward castes such as Chauhan, Gupta, Rajbhar, Prajapati, and Mali.
2. Currently working with 13,691 people across 2,726 villages to promote health and reproductive rights.
3. Created a cadre of 512 women and girls to raise awareness about health, hygiene, and reproductive rights.
4. Formed children's parliaments, with 10 parliaments currently functioning in 22 villages, involving 195 children (127 female, 94 male).

### Nutrition:

1. Our plantation drive in Raup Village and Musahar ghettos symbolized resilience and renewal, distributing 3,000 plants.
2. **Combatting Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Malnutrition:** Efforts to combat NCDs and address the double burden of malnutrition saw significant progress through the Front-of-Package Labeling (FOPL) initiative. This campaign, supported by prominent political leaders and the Samruddha Bharat Foundation, mobilized public support and collected 1,289 signatures submitted to the Prime Minister. National and state-level food manufacturers' associations were engaged, culminating in a nationwide sensitization workshop. Media engagement was pivotal, with strategic press statements and an impactful documentary highlighting the need for FOPL. Collaborative workshops and advocacy efforts with MPs and state governments further emphasized the importance of clear food labeling in promoting public health.
3. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) made an interim order for warning labels on unregulated ultra-processed foods to curb NCDs, aligning

with the vision of the Government of India. A meeting with 53 Members of Parliament resulted in 10 MPs providing written support, and these MPs were honored with the JanSwasthya Samman.

### Education:

1. **2012-2022: Duniyabitalim (Education for Life) and ITE:** Provided "Duniyabitalim" (Education for Life) and ITE to 3,981 children (2,192 male, 1,789 female) in 20 Madarsas in Bazardiha and Lohta of Varanasi district.
2. Ongoing: Providing quality education to Dalit and minority children, including scholarships for 150 girls for higher education and distributing bicycles to 85 girls.
3. Ongoing: Provided human rights education and integrated mainstream education to 25,000 children and youths.
4. Implemented bridge courses for 161 children from marginalized communities to ensure their full Right to Education.
5. Awarded scholarships to 106 girls to continue their further education.

### Livelihood:

- Ongoing: Our livelihood programs empowered over 1,000 individuals by providing sustainable income opportunities.
- 2022: Established a goat bank.
- 2023: Plantation drive in Raup Village and Musahar ghettos symbolized resilience and renewal, distributing 3,000 plants.

### Social Justice and Inclusion

- **1996 - Present:** Intervened in around 7200 cases of police torture, extra-judicial killings, and organized violence.
- **2002:** Created the Savitri Bai Phule Mahila Panchayat forum.
- **2004:** Initiated the creation of child rights-centric model villages, establishing 200 child rights villages in Varanasi, Sonbhadra, and Jaunpur.
- **2005:** Developed torture-free model villages in 70 villages in eastern Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand, India.
- **2007:** Organized the first Folk School for Dalits in the model village Belwa.
- **2008:** Developed Testimonial Therapy in the Asian Context.
- **2010 - 2015:** Developed a cadre of 2096 Human Rights Defenders.

- **2012:** Launched Detention Watch to monitor detentions of adults and children.
- **2012:** Built the Savitri Bai Phule Women Center, a short-stay home for women in Baghwanala, Varanasi.
- **2013:** Launched the neo-Dalit campaign and organized women's Folk School against hegemonic masculinity.
- **2014:** Launched the campaign "Musician Against Torture."
- **Ongoing:** Provided psycho-social support through testimonial therapy to 2552 survivors of torture and organized violence.
- **Ongoing:** Rescued and rehabilitated 11000 survivors of bonded labor and trafficking, with ongoing efforts.
- **2010 - 2018:** Secured compensation of 2800 million INR for torture and bonded labor cases, with crores of compensation disbursed every year.

### Other key achievements

- **2004, 2014:** Organized Benaras Conventions.
- **2005:** Conceived and convened People's SAARC in Varanasi.
- **2009:** Formed the National Alliance on Testimonial Therapy (NATT).
- **2010:** Adopted new branding and a more professional organizational structure, website, and brochure.
- **2011:** Established the Neo-Dalit Movement as a non-violent people's movement.
- **2013:** Submitted comments to the Justice Verma Committee Report on Gender Violence.
- **Ongoing:** Organized multi-stakeholder interface public hearings and national conferences.
- **Ongoing:** Engaged with parliamentarians and policymakers.
- **2014:** Organized "Satyagraha" as a human rights movement.
- **2010:** Submitted comments to the select committee for the enactment of the Prevention of Torture Bill.
- **Ongoing:** Lenin Raghuvanshi was appointed a member of the NGO core group and selected for the National Coalition to End Bonded Labour & Human Trafficking.

- **Ongoing:** Submitted reports to the Universal Periodic Review and UN Special Rapporteur during their visits to India.
- **2012:** Dr. Lenin participated in the Bali Democracy Forum.
- **Ongoing:** Lenin Raghuvanshi was elected as a coordinator of the South Asian Network against Torture and Impunity (SANTI).
- **Published:** Books including "Justice Liberty Equality: Dalits in Independent India" and "Margin to Center" by Frontpage Publication.
- **Ongoing:** Part of the Global India project, a Horizon 2020 funded European Training Network.
- **Published:** Featured in books such as "Identity, Rights, and Awareness: Anti-caste Activism in India" and "Touching the Untouchable: Dalit Empowerment through Consciousness-Raising in an Indian Village" by Routledge.
- **Ongoing:** Member of the editorial board of Torture Journal, advisory board at the Journal of Transdisciplinary Peace Praxis (JTPP), and the IRCT Data and Research Methods Reference Group.
- **Ongoing:** Profiled by Deed Indeed Foundation for tireless service to humanity.
- **Ongoing:** Spoke at colleges and universities globally.

## Publications

- **Voice of Voiceless:** Newsletter.
- **Bachokiduniya:** Children's magazine "World of Children".
- **Manuals:** Covering TT, ITE, Sadbhawana, and orientation and pedagogy.

## Infrastructure

- **Community Centers and Schools:**
  - Raja Suhail Dev Jan Mitra Sikshan Kendra, Varanasi
  - Weaver Center, Varanasi
  - Sushil Tripathi Jan Mitra Sikshan Kendra, Sonbhadra
  - Birsa Munda Jan Mitra Samudaiyik Kendra, Jaunpur
  - Eklavya Jan Mitra Samudaiyik Kendra, Varanasi (Kindergarten)
  - Kabir Jan Mitra Samudaiyik Kendra, Varanasi
  - Community Center, Belwa, Varanasi
  - Kindergarten at Ayer and one room in Primary School at Shivrampur
  - Women Center, Varanasi
  - Land for Government Primary School at Belwa, Varanasi



- **Pumping Sets:**
  - Anei Musahar Ghetto
  - Sakara
  - Raup
  - Baghawanala

### **Our current project:**

#### **Children and youth Participation and education and empowerment**

1. Child Rights and You (CRY)
2. NOREC- JMN – INSEC
3. Childline India Foundation
4. Global Health Advocacy Incubator/Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

#### **Torture and organized violence including Voice against women, trafficking and slavery**

1. Indo – German Society of Remscheid and DIG
2. United Nation Trust Fund for Torture Victims
3. International Rehabilitation council for torture victims
4. Harihar Associates Private Limited Company

#### **Individual donor: for emergency and Direct Support**

1. Parul Sharma, Sweden
2. Helma Ritscher, Germany

#### **Structure of organization:**

