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In year 2015 we took the torch for justice, healing and rehabilitation to the family of the brave heart and feminist power SHAMA, who was burnt by the molester while protesting to save her life.<sup>1</sup> Her case was intervened with various concerned authorities and Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the United Nations.

In her remembrances on the 17th of August 2015 PVCHR and Raj Dulari Foundation, Sweden launched an initiative for the protection of girl child, Shama: Freedom Cycle. As this is a first launch, 80 bicycles were distributed to girls who belong to marginalized communities and hope for girls' power against hegemonic masculinity. The girls benefitting from this initiative explained openly that they "हमारे हौसलों में लगे सुनहरे पंख" (Our dream brimming with Golden wings). This bicycle had provided them security and empowerment. **Peoples' Vigilance Committee on Human Rights/Jan Mitra Nyas is celebrating year 2015 as a year for the empowerment of girl child.** A girl Pooja Kumari was selected as Norwegian FK fellow (<http://www.fredskorpset.no/en/>). We got major visibility on our work related to the violence against women an famous Italian photographer Mr. Alex Masi an Italian Photographer made documentary "The Punishment" and took interview of four survivors Shama parents, Rani Munni, Momina and Jagesari. JMN Founder and activist profiled as up-standers in the photo exhibition in the death anniversary of Nirbhaya and also in photo exhibition in UN. Jan Mitra built its own office in Baghwanala, Varanasi.

Project location: 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.

Working approach of the organisation:

- accurate investigation and documentation of human rights violations connected with advocacy, publication and networking on a local, national and international level
- Direct support and solidarity to marginalized and survivors in general and women, dalit, minorities, tribal, children in particular. Bringing learning of gap, challenges, and best practices for institutional reform against hegemonic masculinity.
- creating models of non -violent and democratic communities (People friendly villages, torture-free villages)
- building up local institutions and supporting them with active human rights networks
- creating a democratic structure for the 'voiceless' to enable them access to the constitutional guarantees of modern India in context of Universal Declaration OF Human Rights (UDHR)
- empowering marginalized communities through capacity building based on human dignity, hope, honour & justice process based organizational building and access to information
- promoting a human rights culture, and conflict transformation for sustainable

peace based on pluralistic democracy, rule of law and participatory inclusive democracy

- linking local and international human rights together to support marginalized and survivors
- linking grass roots activities and international human rights networks and institutions

### **Achievement:**

- Organized 12 capacity building workshop for 568 women aguwas (women leaders) and responsible men for developing the perspective on gender based violence and building knowledge on domestic violence.
- Organized 59 folk school and honor ceremonies and 120 Community meetings in the process of creating torture free model village.
- Documented and intervened in the grass – root reality of the women and neo – natal health of the most marginalized communities through mapping their knowledge, attitude and Practice.
- Highlighted the issues of bail of the marginalized communities languishing and analysis of 66 prisons in 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Publication of book “Margin to Center Stage” on the learning of the JMN grass – root work on creating model village.
- Organized two days capacity building on Health, Education and rights of the adolescence girls from 07-08 December,2015
- 2815 ( Female: 1584 and Male 1231) children are getting duniyawi talim (education for life) in 20 maktab and Madarsas to introduce teaching of Science, Math’s, Social Studies, Hindi and English in order to provide opportunities to students to acquire education comparable to the national system of education.
- 143 (Female: 73 and Male: 70) children are getting education in 5 remedial center sin Jaunpur district.
- 244 children (female: 143 and Male: 101) are getting integrated Approach to Technology in Education (ITE) in five Madarsa in Bazardiha, Varanasi.
- 445 children enrolled in Primary School from Maqtab and Remedial centre.
- Developed capacity of ICDS worker, assistance, supervisor and supervisors of 22 ICDS center on ICDS mission and E.C.C.E policy.
- Developed capacity building of School Management Committee (SMC) of 225 SMC members in 15 schools.
- Public Litigation Interest in Hon’ble High Court Allahabad on the sterilization of 74 women in Chiraigaon block in Varanasi.

- 45 lakhs compensation in the 8 cases of the torture and organized violence.
- Life imprisonment to the perpetrator on the killing of the youth in Sarnath jurisdiction of Varanasi on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2014.<sup>ii</sup>
- Intervened cases of maternal and neo-natal death due to domestic violence and violence against women. Developed new perspective of gender violence link with health of mother and children.

**Achievement in the cases of domestic violence:**

Out of 205 cases we provided psycho - support to 71 through testimonial therapy to the survivors of domestic violence.

- The 8 survivors of domestic violence received the monetary compensation and land after the intensive intervention such as Sona is receiving 2000 Rs per month for her treatment, Vandana received and Pummy received the land. Cost of whole land is minimum 32lakhs according to the government rate.
- Connecting the survivors of domestic violence with different Government schemes and provided economic empowerment such as Pummy is working as ICDS worker, Rahmat and Shabnam is working as cook for mid - day meal schemes and Sunita is working as consultant in labour department. Shabnam received 30,000 from State Government to continue her further education.
- 54 lakhs compensation being awarded to the survivors (Mayourpur block in Sonbhadra district and Assam) of witch hunting on the direction of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). The perpetrator in the violence were family members and close relatives.

### **Domestic Violence: Shabnam Excelled in Studies, Banished her Sufferings**

Against all odds, Shabnam, a resident of Chaklal Mohammad, Naini, Allahabad, cleared the 10 + 2 (Intermediate) with 82.8% aggregate marks. She achieved highest marks in three subject Physics (95), Chemistry (85) and Biology (88), in her collegiate.

She came out of her deep grief to shine like a rare gem despite being a victim of domestic violence. Shabnam surmounted her pain. She measured the sky with a broken wing and a dauntless spirit. She's an inspiration for countless hapless women.

She got married in March 26, 2009, with Walid, son of Kasim Ali, resident of village Anti ka Purwa, Antu, in Pratapgarh district.

Shabnam faced torture and persecution from her in-laws day after day under the pretext of an imaginary dangerous infectious disease. They pressurised and forced her to go back to her parent's home.

Her parents were deeply hurt. Shabnam's father, along with few other people, went to her in-laws house to talk about her. Her in-laws family said that they would accept Shabnam in only one condition, if and when she was totally healthy. In the presence of her in-laws she was again diagnosed in Kriti diagnostic Center, Allahabad. The report shows she was normal.

"I became very angry when my in-laws asked what is meaning of 'normal'. During that time I was in utter agony that they wanted to prove that I was ill forcibly," she rued.

Shabnam's in-laws took her back to Pratapgarh. Then she went to Lucknow, where she spent five months with her husband and got pregnant.

"After five months they sent me back to my parent's house, once again. I, with a heavy heart, hiding my tear and grief returned to my parent's house. Several time I tried to contact my husband but he had changed his mobile number. I waited for my husband to call me for several months. I was in utter confusion about what to do. In Asha hospital, I delivered Aadil.

Everyone in the family was happy with his birth. We came to know that he had some congenital complications in his back. His operation was urgently needed, otherwise the poison would spread all over his infant body. Anyhow, my family managed the expense of his operation," she informed.

In 2011, Shabnam was again called by her in-laws during the marriage of her sister-in-law. In the marriage ceremony Shabnam husband did not come and his in-laws sent her to Kullu, where her husband was living.

She said, "I was happy that God listened my prayer. I happily started to do the

packing. I began my life afresh with him, there. For two or three days, he behaved very well with me. But, again he started to beat and abuse me. He did not care about my child. He yearned for a chocolate but was scolded or thrashed instead.”

Shabnam added that her woes did not end. It worsened. “During that time again I got pregnant. After hearing my husband wanted me to abort the child. When I denied, he started beating me. With great difficulty, I saved my unborn child. During that time, I did not get proper food or medicine. I became very weak. I along with my neighbour once visited a hospital. The doctor diagnosed me as anaemic. I did tell him anything, as he did not care for me or my plight. On March 2012, he dumped me at Pratapgarh, at my in-laws place, with the excuse of too much expense, though I had no proper food or medicines. After 15 days, I returned back to my parents’ home. On October 20, my younger son Zia-ul- Haq was born, in a nursing home in Allahabad.”

Shabnam tried to contact her husband but she got no response from him. She was in a hopeless state. She did not want to become burden on her parents’ family. She was a mother of two small children. Their expenses were an added burden to her.

Meanwhile, perhaps fortunately, Shabnam’s father came in contact with Farhat Shaba Khanam, who is representing JMN, in Allahabad district. She provided psychosocial support through testimonial therapy to Shabnam. On the basis of her testimony, Shabnam filed complaint on August 6, 2012, under the Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Several summon were served but every time her in-laws reported that Shabnam’s husband was missing.

Farhat motivated Shabnam and her father for the educating and making her self-reliant. She got admission in nearby school and completed her high school. All the expenses were borne by her father. He is the retired military officer.

Shabnam, with a tear of happiness, confessed, “After my wedding, my world changed for worse. There was darkness all around. Dejected and despondent, I was broken. I didn’t know that I would be facing difficult times. Both my sons came at a time when I was at the lowest ebb of life. But, now I am self-reliant. I have my own dream and I will give proper love and care to both my sons. I wish to bring them up as good men, who would value women and look after their families.”

Hers has been a difficult life, full of hardships, pain, insults and shame. She, with the help of JMN, has surmounted her difficulties.

Shabnam’s dream is to become nurse and serve the people. She’s the one, who has known deep pain. Perhaps life has prepared her to embalm the hurt, help cure people and reach out to them with deep compassion. We intervened to Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for proving monetary relief. She received 30,000 INR.

## Highlights of few Major activities:

- **Interface with different stakeholder on women rights:** Peoples' Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR) and Savitri Bai Phule Women Forum (SWF) in collaboration with VOP and QIC - AC with support from DIGNITY: Danish Institute Against Torture observed the International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims as an Interface with different stakeholder on women rights on 24th March, 2015 in Hotel Gomti, Hazratganj, Lucknow.iii The Chief Guest of the program was Ms. Suman Yadav, Vice President, State Women Commission (SCW), Ms. Nahid Lari Khan, Member, State Commission for Protection for Child Rights (SCPCR), Mr. Rajesh Pati Tripathi, Additional Secretary, State Legal Service Authority (SLSA), Mr. D.B Gupta, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Women Welfare Directorate, Mr. Kamar Alam, Uttar Pradesh Control Board, Women and Child Development Department and Mr. Siddhartha Singh, Vice - President Uttar Pradesh Awas Vikas Parishad. Mr. B.K Joshi, Research officer, Prison reform and correctional Service made program more graceful with his presence. The program comes out with the declaration of 26 points and it sent to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.
- **A consultation with the member's organization of NATT on sharing & learning on testimonial therapy:** People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), National Alliance on Testimonial Therapy (NATT) in collaboration with Department of Social Work, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi with support from DIGNITY: Danish Institute against Torture organized a Conference titled "Ending Torture: Collective concern" in Varanasi, India on 15-16 November, 2015. In the program 300 Academicians, civil society groups, representatives of human rights institutions and survivors from several South Asian countries were present. Gender analysis, mind of caste and torture were main discussion of consultation.
- **Musical Evening for livelihood of weavers:** A Musical evening of Maharaj trio lead by Sarod maestro Pandit Vikash Maharaj and Tabala Player Prabhash Maharaj in support of innovative initiative of Hiranaya for livelihood of handloom weavers in general and women weavers in particulars of Varanasi. The program proceed a play 'Ram Ki shati Puja" on the poem of famous poet Niralaji.

**Staff:** Inclusive support system in staff structure to bring single women and women faced domestic violence.

- **Ms. Sandhya**, Dalit woman married on 26 June 2000, when she was in class 9 at age of 16 years. She completed Intermediate (10+2) and mother of one son. She faced domestic violence by her husband and came to her parents' home. She worked very hard at many places for her livelihood

and dignity. Then she approached Jan Mitra Nyas in 2010. She joined JMN as teacher and now she is coordinator on child right. She is very popular among adolescence in her area.

- **Vandana** is psycho – community worker in Koderma district of Jharkhand. She was the survivors of domestic violence. She came in contact with PVCHR – JMN staff in Koderma in 2012. After getting psycho-social support and legal support she turned from survivor to bare foot worker. In 2013 organization appointed her.

### **Financial Over view:**

Income: 12141812.79

Expenditure: 14477219

### **Donor:**

#### **Institutional:**

1. DIGNITY: Danish Institute against Torture, Denmark
2. Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT), India
3. Child Right and You (CRY), India
4. Global Fund for Children (GFC), India
5. Raj Dulari Foundation, Sweden
6. Indo – German Society of Remscheid, Germany
7. Justice Venture International (JVI), USA
8. Harihar Associates Private Limited Company, Varanasi,India

#### **Major Individual:**

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

### **Annex: list of the child centric: torture and organized free villages:**

### **Model Village process (Child Rights)**

#### **Villages in Varanasi**

##### **Badagaon Block:**

1. Bachoura
2. Bahutara
3. Balirampur
4. Barahinawada
5. Barai
6. Barahikala
7. Barzi

8. Basani
9. Belwana
10. Bharthara
11. Changwar
12. Dallipur
13. Fattepur
14. Ghamahapur
15. Harinathpur
16. Hasanpur
17. Kathiraon
18. Kharawan
19. Kunwar
20. Lakhmipur
21. Majhgawa Kala
22. Nathaipur
23. Nimaich
24. Phulwaria
25. Pura Raghunathpur
26. Rampur
27. Raipur
28. Ratanpur
29. Tadi
30. Viraw
31. Vishwnathpur
32. Kharavan

### **Pindra Block**

1. Aharak
2. Ajaiपुर
3. Bhatpurwa
4. Bhopatpur
5. Dallipur
6. Deorai
7. Fattepur
8. Hiranmanpur
9. Indarpur
10. Jagadishpur
11. Jhanjaur
12. Kachchila
13. Kanakpur
14. Khalispur
15. Lokapur
16. Nathepur
17. Nehiya
18. Newada
19. Phoolpur

20. Pindra
21. Pindrai
22. Rajpur
23. Ramaipatti
24. Samogara
25. Mira shah Takias
26. Ramaipur

**Harahua :**

1. Ayar
2. Ahirauli
3. Atesua
4. Aura
5. Bhaithauli
6. Belvariya
7. Bhatpurwa Kala
8. Bhopapur
9. Chuppepur
10. Daniyalpur
11. Harahua
12. Indrawar
13. Kakalpur
14. Kohasi
15. Koirajpur
16. Murdaha
17. Palahipatti
18. Puarikala
19. Puarikhurd
20. Raisipatti
21. Rajapur
22. Rasulpur
23. Saraiya
24. Shivrampur
25. Soyepur
26. Sulempur
27. Vajidpur
28. Venipur
29. Virapatti
30. Ben ipur
31. Gahani

**Chiraigaon :**

1. Dinapur
2. Hiranpur
3. Jalhupur
4. Kamauli
5. Khalispur
6. Kotwa
7. Mustafabad
8. Narapatpur
9. Raghunathpur
10. Rustampur
11. Salarpur
12. Shankarpur
13. Saraimohana
14. Singhwar
15. Tatepur
16. Tilampur
17. Tofapur
18. Newada
19. Jaitpura
20. Narayanpur
21. Chhitauni
22. Chuikaha
23. Gobaraha
24. Rajapur

**Kashi Vidyapeeth**

1. Bachchhav
2. Bhagwanpur
3. Bharthara
4. Bhatti
5. Bhikharipur
6. Bhati
7. Bhullanpur
8. Chitapur
9. Churavanpur
10. Hariharpur
11. Harpalpur
12. Kakarhia
13. Korauta
14. Maheshpur
15. Sujabad
16. Lohata

## 17. Mahamoodpur

### **Arazi Line**

1. Parmandapur
2. Sajoi

### **Nagar Nigam Ward (Urban slum)**

1. Baghwanala cluster slum (including Pulkohana & Hukulganj)
2. Bazardiha

### **Villages in Jaunpur**

#### **Jalalpur Block**

1. Majhgawan kala
2. Kotawa
3. Bhoopatpur
4. Izari
5. Purevn
6. Nahoradih
7. Rajepur
8. Haripur
9. Kaschgaon
10. Pradhnpur

#### **Rampur Block :**

1. Rampur
2. Sakara
3. Bhagvanpur
4. Kotigaon
5. Sahanpur
6. Semohi
7. Asdhanandpur
8. Nai Basti
9. Bhyura

**Total villages for the child rights centric model village are 153**

**List of the torture and organized violence free model villages**

<b>Badagaon Block, Varanasi district, Uttar Pradesh</b>			
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Village Name</b>	<b>Police station</b>	<b>Grade</b>
1	Dallapur Chanauli	Baragaon	A
2	Khataura	Baragaon	A
3	Kudi	Baragaon	B
4	Hammirapur Mushar Basti	Phoolpur	B
5	Nayepur Mushar Basti	Baragaon	B
6	Aswari	Phoolpur	B
7	Nindanpur	Phoolpur	B
8	Anei Mushar basti	Baragaon	B
9	Gagkalan	Baragaon	B
10	Koiripur Mushar Basti	Baragaon	C
<b>Pindra Block, Varanasi district, Uttar Pradesh</b>			
1	Sarain	Phoolpur	A
2	Jamapur	Phoolpur	A
3	Auranv	Phoolpur	A
4	Rampur Nat Basti	Phoolpur	B
5	Thane Rampur Mushar basti	Phoolpur	B
6	Kinau	Phoolpur	B
7	Ahirabeer Mushar Basti	Phoolpur	B
8	Kharagpur	Phoolpur	B
9	Mangari	Phoolpur	B
10	Raunabari	Cholapur	B
<b>Tanda Block, Ambedkar Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh</b>			

1	Chintaura	Tanda Kotwali	A
2	Mehiyan	Tanda Kotwali	B
3	Mubarakpur	Tanda Kotwali	B
4	Ashopur	Aliganj	B
5	Hajiyapur	Aligarh	B
6	Ghurkhadia	Tanda Kotwali	B
7	Duhiyan	Tanda Kotwali	C
8	Sahpur Kurmur	Tanda Kotwali	C
9	Piyarepur	Tanda Kotwali	C
10	Bodhipur	Tanda Kotwali	C
<b>Robertsganj Block, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh</b>			
1	Jait	Robertsganj	A
2	Bhabnauli	Robertsganj	A
3	Gasiya Basti Raup	Robertsganj	B
4	Mamuan	Robertsganj	B
5	Tiyara	Robertsganj	B
6	Lodhi	Robertsganj	B
7	Baraila	Robertsganj	B
8	Jamgai	Robertsganj	B
9	Barkara	Robertsganj	C
10	Hinduwari	Robertsganj	B
<b>Chaka Block, Allahabad district, Uttar Pradesh</b>			
1	Saranagapur	Ubhari	C
2	Champatpur	Narsinghpur	C
3	Dandupur	Narsinghpur	C
4	Bhandara	Naini	C

5	Pipirsa	Ubhari	C
6	Bagbana	Ubhari	C
7	Chokatha	Narsinghpur	C
8	Ubhari	Naini	C
9	Narsinghpur	Naini	C
10	Udaidaspurwan	Naini	C
<b>Domchach Block, Kodarma district, Jharkhand</b>			
1	Salehyadih	Koderma	B
2	Bagdoh	Domchach	B
3	Birhortola Chitarpur	Koderma	C
4	Maheshpur	Domchach	C
5	Navadih	Domchach	C
6	Saraun	Domchach	C
7	Behradih	Domchach	C
8	Simriya	Domchach	C
9	Garha	Dhab	C
10	Ziyoradih	Domchach	C
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Village</b>	<b>Police Station</b>	
01	Kuria Gaon	Haldwani	
02	Mitha Awala(Van Gram)	Haldwani	
03	Nai Awadi	Haldwani	
04	Pokhara/Jiapur Pandali	Haldwani	
05	Basani(Van Gram)	Haldwani	
06	Bel	(P.S. Bhimtal Patii, Patwari kshetra)	
07	Guljarpur	Haldwani	
08	Chausala	Haldwani	

09	Nayisela	(P.S. Bhimtal Patii, Patwari kshetra)
10	Haldudhar	Lalkuwa, Post:- Bindukhatta

**Total villages for the torture and organized violence free model villages: 70**

**Total villages and areas for intensive engagement for model villages: 233**

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<sup>i</sup> <http://www.pvchr.net/2014/12/urgent-appeal-india-rule-of-law-or-rule.html>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.pvchr.net/2015/10/blog-post.html>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.pvchr.net/2015/03/interface-with-different-stakeholder-on.html>