



COMMUNITY STORIES OF IMPACT

Theme: Citizen's Rights.

Year: 2019 | **Location:** Pothnal, Muddanguddi and Kharabdinni village, Pothnal Grampanchayat , Manvi Taluka

[Sl.No. 5] JMS helped 100 senior citizens to access pension by overcoming the problems caused by digital India.

JMS intervention at Tahasildar office, Manvi helped to identify the problem caused by digital India, due to which pension was stopped and JMS supported more than 100 senior citizens from 3 villages to access their pension by re-submitting applications.



JMS Introduction:

Jagrutha Mahila Sanghatan (JMS) is a Dalit Women's Collective that is owned and managed by Dalit women from 20 years in the district of Raichur and reaches out to 3000 households in four Talukas (Manvi, Sindhanur, Maski, Sirwar). JMS works with Dalit households, agricultural labourers and those who belongs to economically and socially backward community. JMS works to defend and protect the Human Rights of Dalit community in general with a special focus on Dalit women, who by and large are daily wage labourers. JMS intervenes in facilitating the rights and entitlements of the rural working class communities focusing on the right to food & nutrition, right to work, right to education, rights and dignity of Dalit women, right to health, civil rights of Dalit communities, and citizen rights in general. These interventions are done through various campaigns.

CONTEXT:

In the year 2019 , JMS initiated Janadhikara (Citizen's Rights) campaign in all villages of JMS constituency . When campaign was organized in Pothnal Gram Panchayat covering 3 villages , the senior citizens in the village shared that their pension was stopped suddenly for more than 8 months and they are facing difficulties to manage their basic needs and livelihood. JMS did intervention and helped them in accessing their pension.

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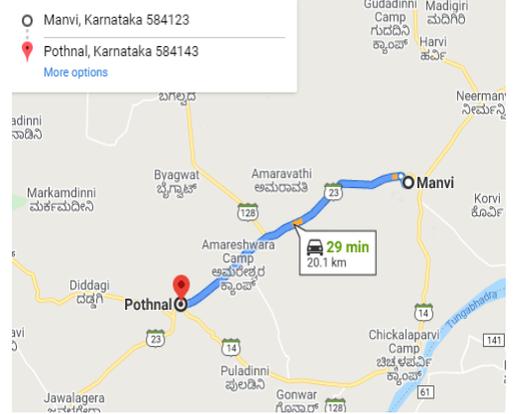
Pothnal gram panchayat which is located about 20.1kms from the Manvi Taluk . During Citizen's Right Campaign, JMS organised village level public dialogue in 3 surrounding villages (Pothnal, Muddanguddi and Kharabdinni) , more than 100 senior citizens especially old age women in the village shared their cry with JMS karyakarta for not getting pensions and it was stopped for more than 8 months. Pension is the only source of income for their livelihood, at this old age they can't work and their children are migrated to different places on work , no one to take care at home and the authorities ignored their issue whenever they asked .

JMS INTERVENTION:

JMS Karyakarta took some senior citizens to Tahasildar office, and questioned the authorities , then they sent to different department for verification of all the stopped pensions. There they said that their Aadhar card number was not linked to the their Bank account so the system automatically stops the process. After verifying all applications, JMS karyakarta visited their villages and filled new 100 applications and submitted to the Nemmadi Kendra in Hirekotnekal village of Manvi Taluk. After 2 months of regular follow ups with respective authorities almost all applicants received their order copy to access pension again.

IMPACT:

Due to the intervention of JMS , senior citizens in 3 villages of Pothnal Gram Panchayat got access to their new order copy and started receiving monthly pension. This helped the livelihood of more than 100 senior citizens.



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