



COMMUNITY STORIES OF IMPACT

Theme: Dalit Women Rights.

Year: 2020 | **Location:** Hirekotnekal village, Hirekotnekal Grampanchayat
Manvi Taluka

[Sl.No. 5] A 28year old Young Dalit Women on her sexual harassment at work place filed FIR against accused

JMS intervention gave courage and support to the sexual harassment victim to file FIR against Perpetrator despite of threats and opposition. This created awareness in the Hirekotnekal village.



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. During the period of lock down JMS karyakartha (leaders) reached the community through various possible ways using technology (Phone call, what's app voice messages etc.)as the transportation was completely shut in the state. The JMS leaders responded to the community needs during the lock down and the continuing pandemic .

CONTEXT:

When COVID -19 lockdown was imposed throughout the country in India, there was sexual harassment on young women , while on her way to home from MNREGA work. JMS intervention gave her emotional strength and courage to lodge FIR on accused , there by creating awareness in the village

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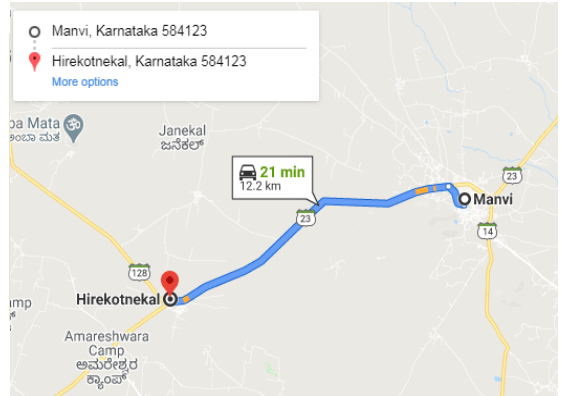
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ISSUE:

Hirekotnekal village located about 12.2kms from the Manvi Taluk . A 28years old young dalit women was allegedly sexually harassed by upper caste Man from the same village while on her way to home from MNREGA work. The issue turned up into fight between two families. The upper caste men came together and threatened the victim family . The relative of the victim approached JMS karyakarta Narsamma for support, she immediately blocked the upper caste man from doing violence on victim's family.

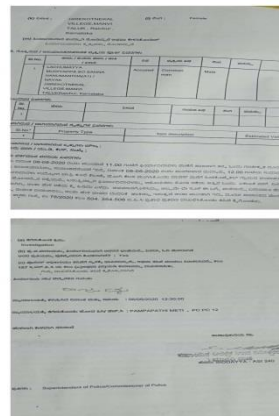
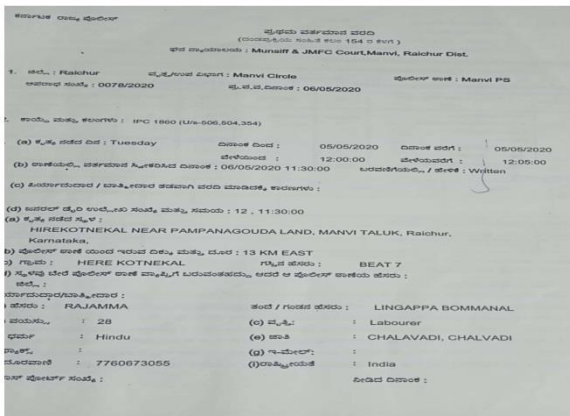


JMS INTERVENTION:

JMS karyakartha intervned and stopped the fight between the families ,but the upper caste men from the accused family came with wooden logs and other weapons to hit and kill the victim's husband who is physically disabled person. The sexual harassment victim and her family with the support of JMS karkarta Narsamma visited Manvi police station to file a complaint , then there was lot of opposition from the accused , so called village leaders and other well known leaders who has put pressure on the victim to take the complaint back , but JMS leader Narsamma stood firm and supported victim to file FIR on the accused despite of all the opposition and threats. The accused was in jail for 15 days and released on bail.

IMPACT:

Due to this incident the awareness created across the village not to bear any kind of violence against women. The victim started going to work with dignity and respect.



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