

VIKALP ANNUAL REPORT

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Please share your in-depth analysis of the political and socio-economic environment ((i.e.: elections, policy changes in agriculture, industrial development, repression of social movements, political reform, change in laws that concern the organization's activities, pandemics, natural disaster) you worked under last year

(I) Context Analysis:

In the last year's report, we had written about the context of the political situation in India. This year the situation has worsened both at the political and socio-economic level. With the coming of Assembly election in key states namely; Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Manipur, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Jammu & Kashmir in 2022, there are lots of political activities which are going to take place.

In 2021, the farmer struggle created a history by pushing the government to their knees. The government accepted the demands of the farmers and repealed the three farm laws. The government realized, after assessing the situation on the ground that the farmer agitation will affect their prospects in the coming assembly elections. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that all the repressive laws will be repealed, which were taken back hurriedly through a motion in the parliament in December 2021. But the agriculture minister made statements that they might bring the laws back. The ruling government is waiting for the assembly election to be held in Uttar Pradesh, if they win the elections than they will go ahead with the anti-farmer laws. It is to be seen in coming days. It is surely a tough fight.

In 2021, we were again in a grip of second wave of COVID 19 pandemic and face months of lock down that has affected the children education to a large scale and now we have Omicron variant that has again halted all the activities, people are forced to stay indoors and schools were infinitely closed.

Political and Socio-economic environment: During 2021, the pandemic situation became more serious with the socio-political and economic crises affecting the marginalized and oppressed groups. During the peak of the delta variant last summer 2020 (April- July) with the absence of any proper health care facilities, entire system failed to meet the challenges in many important cities and regions. Due to lack of medical care and emergency facilities we had to face heavy casualties. Economic activities got almost stalled and unemployment has become a very critical problem for daily wage earners and also for salaried sections.

Education sector also faced a serious crisis. Online education became the only mode of education. As a result students from common and deprived sections could not avail themselves of any education during this period. Social relations between various sections of people were also badly affected because of restrictions on mobility of people. *Physical distancing* has been called *Social Distancing*. Thus by restraining all social, political interactions among and within communities a

situation of isolation, fear and dilution was created. Total control by the regime on social, economic and political affairs was very much evident in this period. As a result most of the civil and political organizations became factually inactive or defunct. Such entities had to face a new challenge to remain active and relevant. Re-imagining perspectives and action has become the most urgent task for social action groups.

(II) Strategy, adjustments and eventual gaps in project implementation:

Based on background developed above, how far have you been able to follow your strategy during the implementation phase? Is your strategy still valid? Should it be changed? Please mention the adjustments and the reasons/factors behind that.

The pandemic has changed a lot of our strategies as we mentioned in our last year report also. There was lot of uncertainty of doing grass root work. Yet community members with whom the organization closely works expected that the ground work carries on even during the lock downs. In various interior areas people were not afraid of lock down when they had to face the attacks from the forest department. They had to come out to resist such atrocities. There we could do lot of activities despite during lock down or otherwise.

A very important discussion took place on education as in rural areas the schools are closed since last two years. There were serious discussions with the community leaders, senior educationists and representatives from organizations active in educational programs through zoom meetings to develop the alternative method for starting the education programme in the areas where the organization has its members.

Have you been able to follow your action plan? Please share and explain the eventual gaps between the initial plan and the activities that your organization has really implemented.

We had an encouraging meeting in starting the education programme, where the initiative is being taken by the community where the community forest rights claims have been made. Series of discussions took place through zoom that in these areas the community is very conscious about loss of children education. And they want to start the education programme by linking it with their own (Adivasi) knowledge system. These areas are namely; Kaimur (Bihar & Uttar Pradesh), Lakhimpur Khiri (Uttar Pradesh) Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Sunderban (West Bengal), Tongia villages (Uttar Pradesh), Van-Gujjar (Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand). Details of these webinars are given in the table attached.

We conducted regular programme on filing claims under the Forest Rights Act. A big achievement was the recognition of the 79 *forest villages* in Darjeeling area of West Bengal in November 2021 and 5 villages of Baharaich in UP in January 2022, just before the UP election. This year we want to finish the target of filing community claims of 150 villages across various forest regions. Due to pandemic it was quite difficult in expediting the process of filing claims.

(III) Impact evaluation

What impact did your organisation achieve this year (in terms of changing the situation/position

of targeted population/advocacy targets)? What were the external factors that helped or limited these impacts?

Impacts were quite positive and encouraging even in critical situation this year. Covid-19 pandemic was the main issue that made the struggling masses stronger and more organized. Education and health infrastructure that was virtually non-existent in these areas eventually crumbled down. Online education has helped only those who have mobile smart phones, networks, electricity and money to buy mobiles. The populations that we are working with are surviving hand to mouth how they will go with the online education. That's a cruel joke with the working class population.

In such a scenario we felt that the Forest rights Act is gaining ground as gradually people are understanding its strength that this Act is gateway to end all their miseries, empower the community and build food surplus without any dependency on the market. By the end of December three public meeting (Jan-Sunwai) was organised in collaboration with people's enquiry committee in Dudhi (Sonbhadra district), Naugar (Chandauli district) and Manikpur, (Chitrakoot district) of Uttar Pradesh. The public meeting was organized to document the negligence, complicity and mismanagement of governance by the government during the Covid-19 lockdown wherein issue of atrocities on forest dependent communities, collapse of healthcare and education at the local administrative level, specially towards daily and agricultural wagers.



Fig 1: Public gathering at Dudhi

It brought the miseries of people faced during COVID 19 times and also the atrocities unleashed by the authorities. It was a great success and our organization is planning to hold more of these public meeting on the ground after the elections are over. Such meeting will be organized in other areas where there is no Assembly election.



Fig 2: Public-gathering at Naugargh, Chandauli district, Uttar Pradesh

The community claims of Dudhwa in Khiri, UP were arbitrarily rejected by the District Magistrate with the argument that was prepared by the Forest Department. The community claims were submitted in 2020 but there was no reply from the district magistrate whether the claims have been rejected or accepted. When the 20 village's councils wrote on behalf of the forest rights committee (FRC) then finally in May 2021 the committee received the official reply stating the basis of rejection that the forest department had prepared.



Fig 3: Public gathering at Manikur, Chitrakoot district, Uttar Pradesh

The 20 Forest Rights Committee's took strong objection to this and have challenged the magistrate order by writing to him as well as the appellate level i.e. State Monitoring Committee's Chair person and Chief Secretary of UP. The letter or a reply prepared by the committee was very strong that created quite discomfort with the district authorities and they have called for a review of the said rejection. But it is taking a lot of time and that shows the unwillingness of the authorities to grant the community titles to the community. These are all delaying tactics as there is no political

will, once the community is strong that they have to take their rights as mentioned in Forest Rights Act it will be difficult to hold the rights by the official and the government.

Despite lockdown and strict guidelines we somehow managed to organize three very important physical meetings:

- 1) 2 days conference in August 2021, the national committee to take the stalk of COVID situation and plan as since last two years due to lock down the physical meeting of the national committee members could not be organized. The national committee members planned the activities to be taken till the national conference and do preparation for the new challenges and also prepare for electing the new leadership of the people front union.



Fig 4: Two day National Committee meeting held at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi

- 2) Discussing the struggles of women farmers and asserting women land and forest rights. The programme was organized in Nagal (UP) in 25th and 26th October on the Birth Anniversary of Ms. Bharti Roy Chowdhry. Wherein other programmes over FRA challenges and strategies, the need to look education & health from community perspective, alliance building with other mass organization & movements were also discussed.



Fig 5: Nagal Maafi, Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh

3) The 2nd National Conference was organized on 1st to 3rd December, 2021 and various important decision were taken on the following

- Reclaiming the physical and political space in all forest regions
- Building up comprehensive development program in forestry and agriculture along with traditional local industrial development
- Building up effective and appropriate Health, education and social security program for the inclusive socio-political development.
- Enabling future generations to take up the challenges of continuing struggles against hegemonic regimes. Therefore appropriate strategy has to be developed for the training of younger generations on social, political, economic and environmental issues.
- Alliance building with struggle of natural resource based productive forces and also building up alliances with wider working class movements, Human Rights movements.
- Labour Rights movements and recent development regarding curbing of labor rights by current regime.



Fig 6: IInd Annual Conference at Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi

Which activities worked well, why?

The activities relating to webinars on new education programme worked quite well. The communities in various areas have planning to start their own schools. In some areas the schools have been started also such as in UP, Uttarakhand and in Sundarban (West Bengal).

The communities are also taking up the health issue by resorting to medicinal herbs especially in the forest areas. They are in far better conditions than the other populations from the non forest areas. Very interesting observation came from the forest areas that the tribal population has a stronger immunity in fighting the virus and coping much better than the other communities. Key factor could be their proximity with the forest. This year the intensity of the disease is far less than the urban areas.

Which activities did not work, why?

We can't say that the activities which were carried out by the Union didn't work, as the whole lot of efforts was made during the COVID 19 lock down. We used new technologies such as Zoom

Meetings to minimize the challenges of lack of physical interactions. It really worked well and we have got quite satisfactory outcomes.

Though frequent visits to the field areas got restricted many times but we somehow through virtual meetings could keep the momentum.

Have you implemented additional activities (unplanned originally)?

Yes we did additional activities of bringing awareness regarding the political game of corona virus that suspended the basic rights of the people at large by organizing public gathering just before the elections in key forest areas of Sonbhadra, Chandrauli and Chitrakoot.



Fig 7: 23rd March 7 villages Community Forest Rights Claims at the SDM office

What was their impact? Do you consider maintaining them in the future?

Yes there was a significant impact of these programmes. People participated in large numbers in this programme as if they were waiting for such programme to happen.

Did your organization cooperate with new organizations on programs, trainings, events or campaigns?

Yes indeed we held joint meetings and cooperated with the farmer organizations, cultural organization like Pratidwani and other educational activists' groups in planning the discussion on starting the education programme in forest areas.

Did your organization join national/international networks? Which ones? Why? Have you left any national/international networks? Why?

We were very much part of national level coalition of land struggle, Bhumi Adhikar Andolan that was one of the founder members of farmer organization. We were also part of Anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Registration Certificate (NRC), and National Population Register (NPR) movement that Muslim women started and kept on participating in the discourse.

International Participation in Food Sovereignty discussions program, organized by Focus of the Global South.

IV) Institutional governance, HR/Board and needs

Were there any significant changes in the organization's structure/governance (staff or board members)? Have you conducted any training programs for your team members / staff or put in place new mechanisms to identify their specific needs & respond to them?

In the community organization/union, new governing body has been formed with a new leadership team on 1 to 3rd December in the 2nd union national conference. Many young members from the different communities have been elected in the body.

In this meeting many programmes and strategies have been discussed and accordingly future programmes were made on the following thematic intervention. (If you need a report on this that can also be shared):

- Reclaiming the physical and political space in all forest regions
 - Status – Landlessness, struggles, awareness.
 - Mapping
 - Legal frame
 - Status of CFR claims
- Building up comprehensive development program in forestry and agriculture along with traditional local industrial development
 - Status and scope
 - Consumption and commercial aspects
 - Status of collective women initiatives and collective action.
 - Role of women in leadership
 - Women led collectives
- Building up effective and appropriate Health, education and social security program for the inclusive socio-political development.

Education:

- Conclusion on series of virtual meetings and discussions over need and nature of education system in forest areas by Shubhendu Gosh.
- Nature and types of education model suiting community need and interests.

Health:

- Scope of traditional health system vis-à-vis medicine in forest areas
 - Primary (Public) healthcare and infrastructure
 - Social Security - Issues of larger social security in forest areas
 - Public Inquiry commission
- Enabling future generations to take up the challenges of continuing struggles against hegemonic regimes. Therefore appropriate strategy has to be developed for the training of younger generations on social, political, economic and environmental issues.
- Imparting History and legacy of struggles & mass movements
 - Exposure
 - Integration with ongoing struggles and mass movements.
 - Training programmes
- Alliance building with struggle of natural resource based productive forces and also building up alliances with wider working class movements, Human Rights movements.

Alliances at three level

- Land, water and forest struggles/movements
 - Labor rights
 - Other human rights issues and struggles, cultural and progressive movements
- Labor Rights movements and recent development regarding curbing of labour rights by current regime.
- Status and violation
 - Impact on working class
 - How to mobilize workers for mass movements and struggles

We have been organizing regular training and orientation programs for the community organizers. In this critical pandemic period we organized virtual and physical sittings in strengthening the organizational and field level activities. These helped us in meeting new and specific challenges.

Which weaknesses do you identify in the organization's work (i.e. financial management, human resources, governance, strategy, financing)? Which strengths (i.e. financial management, human resources, governance, strategy, financing)?

We have been gradually strengthening our capacity in all these aspects. We understand that it is a continuous process and there is always scope and necessity for developing such skills.

Are there unfulfilled or emerging needs you identify that CCFD could help you with (i.e. networking, exposure, training, specific funding mechanisms, etc.)?

We need to build up an effective broad alliance of natural resources based productive forces i.e. Fish workers, Agricultural and Forest based working people, Mines and Mineral based working people at a national and also at the South Asian levels. This would be a long process to enable a sustainable economic order and also for ensuring ecological justice. We have been engaged in this task for a decade or so. We need to strengthen this process to make it a primary focus for future activities. We need support and solidarity from diverse groups and people working for these crucial objectives. CCFD may help us in facilitating the process by linking with international and regional groups and organizations. To start with Activities on research and consultations can be organized in collaboration with CCFD and other international solidarity groups, CCFD can help us in all such activities and especially for networking and exposure of our community leaders and young organizers.

List of Events/Webinars (January 2021 till December 2021) – Vikalp/Union

| Sl. no. | Date | Meetings/Trainings/Talks and Discussions/Workshops | Organizers | No. of Participants |
|---------|---------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| 1 | 8th January | People from 4 villages of Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh were been granted community forest land titles. | | |
| 2 | 26th January | Forest Rights Act claims Training Meeting | VIKALP/Union | 200 People. |
| 3 | 14th February | Forest Rights Act claims training was conducted at Kaluwala Tongia forest village, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. This has been .converted into revenue villages by UP government. It's a major achievement of Union | VIKALP/Union | 100 people (Physical training programs) |
| 4 | 4th March | Monthly review meeting with Union members at Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh | VIKALP/Union | 100 people (Physical review meeting at Sonbhadra office) |
| 5 | 10th, 11th and 12th March | On the eve of Death anniversary of iconic <i>Bahujan</i> woman Leader, <i>Savitri Bai Phule</i> . We organized consultation on women forest dwellers at Nagal Maafi, Saharanpur and Uttar Pradesh. | VIKALP/Union | 80 people participated from all union areas. |

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| 6 | 23rd March | The Manikpur team of AIUFWP through a mass rally, where around 1000 people gathered from 7 forest villages had submitted their Community Forest Rights claims (CFR) at the Sub-Divisional Magistrate office at Manikpur, Chitrakoot district, Uttar Pradesh. | VIKALP/Union | 1000 (approx) people participated |
| 7 | 1st May | May Day Celebration (world labor day). During this auspicious day, union members across many states mobilized themselves and took out rallies from their forest villages to the District Magistrate office. | VIKALP/Union | This activity was carried out in a physical format where 500-1000 people participated. |
| 8 | 16th May | National Alliance of People's Movement's Webinar series on Grounded Voices "Resistance against new Labor Rights and Labor Laws amendments." | VIKALP/Union | Union leadership participated in this event. |
| 9 | 5th June | Meeting on effect of COVID 19 on the working class and Alliance building with other people's movements to manage the COVID 19 pandemic. | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. |
| 10 | Since May 2021 (Ongoing process) | COVID 19 relief activities facilitated by the Union to help daily wage laborers trapped in lockdown, Delhi Pogrom 2020 survivors, street-vendors and migrate laborers. | VIKALP/Union | 1 Lakh people. |
| 11 | 12th June | Meeting on "The Challenges of Public Health, Political Economy and Scientific temperament during the COVID 19 pandemic." | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. |
| 12 | 24th June | Meeting with Forest Dwellers and activists of West-Bengal to understand and review the challenges of forest dwellers communities during the COVID 19 pandemic. | VIKALP/Union | 80 people (physical meeting) |

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| 13 | 27th June | Facilitated ration distribution during Covid 19 lockdown second wave to 300 households in <i>Bhati</i> Mine areas, a refugee colony of Pakistani pastoral tribes. | VIKALP/Union | 300 households |
| 14 | 3rd July | An update meeting with activists from Assam and other north-eastern states to associated with CJP to assess the COVID 19 situation in their native areas. During the meeting, lived experiences of NRC process was shared by the forest dweller communities, Bengali speaking Muslims of Assam and other forest dwellers. | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. |
| 15 | 7th July | Union Secretariat intervened against the forceful eviction of <i>Dalit</i> and Adivasi villages in <i>Rohtas</i> District, Bihar. A local team associated with the Union met with the District Magistrate and submitted their grievances in a written application. | VIKALP/Union | 50-60 people met local administration. |
| 16 | 10th July | COVID 19 relief activities review meeting with Union members discussing about the public health institutions and economic distress of the forest dweller communities. | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. Wherein 250 people in a zoom meeting. Such meetings were conducted in a format where from one system many small group of people join the zoom meeting. |
| 17 | 14th July | Death Anniversary of <i>Mithilesh Gond</i> annual programme demanding justice and access to public health. In 2013, 14 year old <i>Mithilesh Gond</i> lost his life due to negligence of <i>Hindalco</i> hospital. This event is organized every year in <i>Birsa Nagar, Majhauri, Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh</i> to commemorate and | VIKALP/Union | 400 people participated in the meeting |

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| | | celebrate his life as a process of resistance against the tyranny of the government. | | |
| 18 | 17th July | Programme organized to commemorate the crusader of people's resistance movement of <i>Jawahar Rana, Lakhimpur Khiri</i> . His struggles and contribution was celebrated along with Father <i>Stan Swamy</i> , who was incarcerated arbitrary by state and later died in the prison (in Mumbai prison) for his fight towards the rights of Dalit and Adivasi. | VIKALP/Union | 300 people joined the zoom meeting (such meetings were conducted in a format where from one system many small group of people join the zoom meeting across union areas). |
| 19 | 23rd July | Review meeting of Union discussing way-forward and alliances/solidarity with people's resistance groups. | VIKALP/Union | 80 people joined the zoom meeting. |
| 20 | 24th July | Weekly training programmes to brainstorm/knowledge sharing and explore methods of resistance to access right to education and health amongst the forest dweller communities. | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. Around 80 people joined the zoom meeting. |
| 21 | 31st July | Elucidating the challenges and exploring solutions to access right to education and health amongst the forest dweller communities. | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. Around 80 people joined the zoom meeting. |
| 22 | 7th August | Preparatory meeting to discuss the agenda and structure of Union's National Committee meeting to be held on 12th and 13th of August. | VIKALP/Union | Around 50 people across union areas i.e. Chitrakoot, Saharanpur, and Sonbhadra (UP), Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Delhi and Mumbai joined the meeting |

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| 22 | 12th-13th August | Union's National Committee Meeting: Forest working people resistance and larger alliance building with other mass movements and human rights organizations. 2 days conference in August 2021, the national committee to take the stalk of COVID situation and plan as since last two years due to lock down the physical meeting of the national committee members could not be organized. The national committee members planned the activities to be taken till the national conference and do preparation for the new challenges and also prepare for electing the new leadership of the people front union | VIKALP/Union | More than 100 people from union areas, fraternal or mass organization, students and trade unionists participated in 2 days conference. People also got connected via zoom those who could not come due to covid-19 strict guidelines. |
| 23 | 21st August | Meeting to discuss the future strategies of the Union to be taken during the upcoming Union's National Conference (to be held in December). | VIKALP/Union | 80 people joined the zoom meeting. |
| 24 | 4th September | Union's secretariat participated in The India Counter Dialogue on UN food systems summit. | VIKALP/Union | <i>Roma and Sokalo</i> participated as a speaker in the Webinar. |
| 25 | 4th September | Monthly regional meeting of forest dweller community activist of <i>Sonbhadra</i> , Uttar Pradesh. | VIKALP/Union | 100 people (Physical training program) |
| 26 | 25th September | 2nd phase of weekly meetings regarding access to education and health for forest dweller communities in forest areas. | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. Around 80 people joined the zoom meeting from Saharanpur, Sonbhadra, Chitrakoot (UP), West Bengal, Uttrakhand. |

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| 27 | 26th September | Discussion over the reply to be sent to District Level Committee against arbitrary and unconstitutional rejection of community forest rights claim of Dhudhwa, Lakhimpur Khiri, Discussion took place with the 20 elected village council (Forest rights committees) members to counter the arbitrary rejection of CFR by the local administration. A draft was also discussed with the members to send it to the Chief Secretary who is also the state monitoring committee Chair Person under the Forest Rights Act 2006. | VIKALP/Union | 100 people (mixed of Physical & virtual training program) |
| 28 | 2nd October | To understand from experts about alternative education system and its relevance in Neo-liberal economic world order. | VIKALP/Union | Series of webinars organized by union in collaboration with DSG and CJP. Around 80 people joined the zoom meeting from Saharanpur, Sonbhadra, Chitrakoot (UP), West Bengal, Uttrakhand. |
| 29 | 25th - 26th October | Discussing the struggles of women farmers and asserting women land and forest rights. The programme was organized in Nagal (UP) in 25th and 26th October on the Birth Anniversary of Ms. Bharti Roy Chowdhry. Wherein other programmes over FRA challenges and strategies, the need to look education & health from community perspective, alliance building with other mass organization & movements were also discussed. | VIKALP/Union | 80 people joined through a physical meeting. |
| 30 | 30th October | Continuing series of discussion on the need and nature of alternative education system in forest areas | VIKALP/Union | 60 people joined the meeting through zoom |

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| 31 | 10th November | Celebrating the victory of forest dweller communities of Darjiling. As 79 Tongia Villages (forest villages) of Darjiling, West Bengal attained revenue village status. The victory was made possible under the banner of Uttar Banga Van Jan Shramjivi Manch (UBVJSM), an alliance partner of AIUFWP. | VIKALP/Union | 50 people joined the meeting through zoom |
| 32 | 20th November | Regional conference in Midnipur where around 60 people from 6 districts of Junglemahal forest area participated in the regional conference. This was the preparatory regional conference for the National conference to be organized in December 2021, New Delhi | VIKALP/Union | More than 60 people joined the physical regional conference in Midnipur, West Bengal. People of other union forest areas also joined via zoom. |
| 33 | 20th November | Regional conference in Sunderban where around 250 people participated in the regional conference. This was the preparatory regional conference for the National conference to be organized in December 2021, New Delhi& around 250 participated in Sunderban, West Bengal area. | VIKALP/Union | More than 250 people joined the physical regional conference in Sunderban, West Bengal. People of other union forest areas also joined via zoom. |
| 34 | 21st November | Preparatory meeting with the Forest rights committees of Lakhimpur Kheri regarding the rejected claims by District administration, Lakhimpur Kheri. | VIKALP/Union | 20 people joined the meeting through zoom |
| 35 | 1st, 2nd and 3rd December | 2nd Annual Conference of AIUFWP organized in Delhi. Day one i.e. 1st December 2021 was the inaugural day held in the Constitution Club. Where leaders from farmers movement, women organization, trade union, land and forest rights mass organization participated and discuss about the need of larger alliance building over land and forest rights, labor rights movement. On the 2nd and 3rd December 2021 the following themes were discussed and accordingly strategies and programs were made. On the last day of the | VIKALP/Union | 100-120 people (Physical training program), |

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| | | <p>conference i.e. 3rd December 2021 the election of new national committee took place, wherein Sokalo Gond, woman tribal leader was elected as a new President of the Union.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclaiming the physical and political space in all forest regions • Building up comprehensive development program in forestry and agriculture along with traditional local industrial development • Building up effective and appropriate Health, education and social security program for the inclusive socio-political development. • Enabling future generations to take up the challenges of continuing struggles against hegemonic regimes. Therefore appropriate strategy has to be developed for the training of younger generations on social, political, economic and environmental issues. • Alliance building with struggle of natural resource based productive forces and also building up alliances with wider working class movements, Human Rights movements. • Labour Rights movements and recent development regarding curbing of labour rights by current regime. | | |
| 36 | 10th December | <p>Preparatory meeting on People's gathering to hear people's grievances on mismanagement of governance, atrocities on Adivasi and forest dwellers, collapse of primary healthcare and education during the COVID 19 lockdown. The people's gathering to be organized in Manikpur, Chitrakoot district, Naugargh, Chandauli district and Duddhi, Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh.</p> | VIKALP/Union | Zoom-Meeting with union leaders across forest areas. |

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| 37 | 14th December | Local leaders in Nuagarh, Chandauli have submitted their grievances to the district administration as a regular follow up to the District Administration i.e. District Magistrate and Sub-Divisional Magistrate to know the status of their submitted CFR claims, which was submitted in March 2018 | VIKALP/Union | Around 40-50 people submitted their grievances to local the administration |
| 38 | 27th December | Jan-Sunwai (Public meeting) over negligence, complicity and mismanagement of governance of government during Covid-19 lockdown. Wherein issue of atrocities on forest dependent communities, collapse of healthcare and education at local administrative level, specially towards daily and agricultural wagers, at Dudhi, Sonbhadra, Uttar-Pradesh. | VIKALP/Union | 1000 people participated in the meeting (physical) |
| 39 | 28th December | Jan-Sunwai (Public Meeting) over negligence, complicity and mismanagement of governance of government during Covid-19 lockdown. Wherein issue of atrocities on forest dependent communities, collapse of healthcare, education and mismanagement of governance at local administrative level, specially towards daily and agricultural wagers, at Naugarh, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh. | VIKALP/Union | 500 people joined the meeting (physical) |
| 40 | 31st December | Jan-Sunwai (Public Meeting) over negligence, complicity and mismanagement of governance of government during Covid-19 lockdown. Wherein issue of atrocities on forest dependent communities, collapse of healthcare, education and mismanagement of governance at local administrative level, specially towards daily and agricultural wagers, at Manikpur, Chitrakoot District, Uttar-Pradesh. | VIKALP/Union | 250 people joined the meeting (physical) |

Note - Due to Covid-19 strict guidelines our training programs are a mix of virtual & physical training. Therein people across union areas gather in their respective venues, where our local union leaders as well as trainers get connected from Delhi, Mumbai, Uttrakhand, West Bengal and other parts of the country via internet zoom connection. Accordingly, our training programs or workshops are designed as per the topics or diversified themes, such as filing of claims, strategies to fight against police and state atrocities, legal training on constitutional provision to safeguard their aspirations and interests.