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PREPARATIONS OF JAN SATYAGRAHA 2012 – WHAT HAS BEEN DONE LAST YEAR?

Jan Satyagraha 2012 is going to be a milestone in the history of the land struggle. 100,000 people, both tribals and other deprived sections from across the country, will march for their rights and justice. The preparations and mobilization plan for this have been underway since 2009-2010.



Trainings

- ✓ 23 Camp Leaders and 187 Group Leaders were trained as trainers
- ✓ They trained in turn 1705 section leaders and 7895 village leaders in 188 training camps. These 10,000 leaders will mobilize 100 thousand satyagrahis for JS 2012.
- ✓ These training programs included topics mainly related to leadership qualities, Forest Rights Act, economy, techniques of mobilization. Group exercises and discussions on the issues in their villages were conducted and action plans prepared.

Regional consultations

- ✓ Nine regional consultations conducted in 9 states on land and forest rights helped to get associated and raise the issues with like-minded organizations and submit those to the state governments.
- ✓ Over 6000 petitions/memorandums on forest land were submitted at Gram Panchayat, Tehsil and district levels.

Actions

- ✓ Many activities like sit-in, rallies, marches, public meetings, submission of memorandums, etc, have been carried out at local level.
- ✓ A Warning Meeting was organized at the national capital, New Delhi on 6, 7, 8 March 2011, in which 10000 leaders from 18 states participated and marched towards the Parliament.
- ✓ A Yatra through the Sahariya belt from Oct 2- Oct. 12 2010, helped the authorities to understand the seriousness of the land issue and the need of actions to be taken.

Documentation and communication

- ✓ Ninety case studies on land issues were done.
- ✓ The print and electronic media have given good coverage of all the activities at national as well as regional levels. As part of it, 830 news paper clippings and 4 news videos were collected.
- ✓ A vibrant, new web site was set up online with latest news and events along with reports, photographs and films.

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