

Sixteen days of activism!

The status of women in India has been subjected to many great changes over the past few millennia. The structural flaws of society, deficiencies and suffering the brunt of the coming centuries, women have consistently endured mutely the violence afflicted on them. Violence knows no boundaries, caste or religion...

With its core activities related to working with men and boys, Centre for Health and Social Justice has provided support thru Men's action for equity (MAE) with a local organisation organized various activities from 25th November to 16th December, 2013 in different parts of the State of Madhya Pradesh in addressing issues related to masculinity, patriarchy and has rolled out a comprehensive campaign by involving media, social networks and community based organisations on the need for proactive men's and boys' involvement in addressing human rights violation especially the rights of women.

All the activities saw commendable involvement of youth and women from different strata's of life. Sixteen days of activism with its focus on promotion of violence free and equal status for



all, activities such as street plays, signing the pledges, postcard writing, poster competitions, cultural programmes, debates, group meetings and group songs were conducted.

The activities were highly appreciated by masses and served as a comprehensive platform to address gender based violence and human rights violation. Men's Action for Equity (MAE) has been vigorously pursuing at the policy level as well as at the community level the need to involve young men and boys to address various social inequalities and gender

based violence.

The programme ended on 16th December 2013! As not only a tribute to Nirbhaya but to all the women and young girls who have been subjected to violence which ever form it might be in.

The programme at Board House involved 400 women, youths, young girls and children. There were poster presentations and candle march with the hope and message to stop violence and promoting

responsible fatherhood. The candle march also made its presence felt as it spread the message of gender equality and safer environment for women to live in and breath.

Through such simple and small events CHSJ and MAE continues its journey to empower women, educate men and women about the rights of women and children and health.

Different local NGOs and journalists from print as well as electronic media attended the programme.

The detailed programme was as follows:

25th November to 16th December 2013

	Activities	Topic	Time	Place
25 November	Meeting with boys	Violence with women and girls	2 pm to 6pm	Abbas Nagar
26 November	Meeting with girls	Violence with women and girls	2 pm to 6pm	Abbas Nagar
27 November	Debates and protest with black wrist bands	Violence with women and girls	2 pm to 6pm	Sangini and Gulmohar Churaha.
28 November	Awareness Programme	Signature campaign at public place with pamphlet dissemination.	2 pm to 6pm	Ashima Mall
29 November	Signature campaign, pamphlet distribution. Community meeting	Discussion with youths.	4 pm to 6pm	Abbas Nagar
30 November	Signature campaign, presentations community meeting.	With Community.	2 pm to 4pm	Akbarpur Basti
1 December	Signature campaign, poster presentations and songs	On issues of rape and eve teasing	2 pm to 4pm	Market number 10
2 December	Signature campaign, poster presentations and songs	On issues of rape, eve teasing and human rights of domestic workers	2 pm to 4pm	Manisha Market
3 December	Signature campaign, poster presentations	On issues of rape, eve teasing and human rights of domestic workers	2 pm to 4pm	Lalita Nagar Bus stop
4 December	Signature campaign, poster presentations	On issues of gender equality and men's role in gender equality and human rights of domestic	2 pm to 4pm	Saibaba nagar community hall.

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5 December	Postcard competition, and meeting at community level	Gender based violence.	2 pm to 4pm	Daam Khra
6 December	Signature campaign, poster presentations	Gender based violence.	2 pm to 4pm	BeraGarh
7 December	Screening of movie for and with Youth followed by discussion on movie.	Gender based violence.	2 pm to 4pm	Akbarpur school
8 December	Training of youths	Gender based violence.	2 pm to 4pm	Gandhi Bhwan
9 December	Discussion with youths, painting competition and postcard campaign.	Gender based violence.	2 pm to 4pm	Bright Paragon School
10 f December	Memorandum of appeal by domestic workers, girls and boys.	On issues of rape, eve teasing and human rights of domestic workers	2 pm to 4pm	Collectrait
11 December	Community based discussion.	On issues of rape, eve teasing and human rights of domestic workers	2 pm to 4pm	Kolar Colony
12 December	Community level discussion.	Gender based violence.	4 pm to 6pm	Chuna Bhatti
13 December	Community based debate	Gender based violence.	4 pm to 6pm	Kanha Kunj
14 December	Dialogue with youths, painting competition and postcard campaign.	Gender based violence.	4 pm to 6pm	Boss Khedi School
16December	Candle march.	Sexual violence	3 pm to 5pm	Board Office