

The Hurt Foundation- Building Awareness on Human rights

10th December 2018 the world commemorated Human Right's Day. It was on this day 70 years ago in 1948 that the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration. The Declaration of Human rights which has 30 articles provides equal rights to all human beings irrespective of race, color ,sex , language , religion, political or any other opinion, national or social origin ,property, birth or other status . It guarantees right to life, liberty and security of person. The Declaration therefore empowers every human being. This document has been translated in 501 languages. Yet despite several laws being enacted to protect the rights of women, child and the disabled there are gross violations of Human rights across the world .The main reason is lack of awareness among the people of this right and the mechanism to fight for it. In India in order to create awareness as well as provide a redresser mechanism, the Government of India passed the Protection of Human Rights Act and set up the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on 12th October 1993.Following this, State Human Rights Commission were set up in different states of India

A group of like-minded people appalled and anguished at the abysmal situation of human rights violations in the country, driven by a zeal to fight for restoring the human dignity and to create awareness among public officials ,staff of public institutions, professionals from different fields, and common people, established HURT Foundation in 1992 a year before the Protection of Human Rights Act was passed in 1993. A MILESTONE attesting our commitment for Human Rights.

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About Our Activities

- The **HURT FOUNDATION** endeavors to spread human rights message through awareness programmes The Foundation conducted certificate course in St. Xavier's College from 2002 to 2009. Presently, the same course is being conducted in collaboration with Government Law College from 2008. We intend to reach out to more people by conducting similar programmes at various Colleges.
- **Human Rights Awareness:** Without a widespread culture of human rights and its awareness, democracy is not by itself a guarantee of respect of human rights. Hurt conducts awareness programs such as seminars, exhibitions, training, dialogues and research studies in order to educate, assess and implement measures to promote civil and human rights. Through its awareness programs Hurt aims to: *Inform* to diagnose the external and internal environments, *Engage* to agree the overall goals and desired outcomes, *Participate* to create and select strategies to be deployed and *Empower* to allocate resources to achieve the Foundations goals.

- **Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare:** In the past year we have focused our energies on issues related to Child Rights. Mumbai, though known as the land of opportunities also has the dubious distinction of having the largest number of children in the vulnerable category. These children are in constant threat of abuse: physical, mental, psychological and sexual. During its training programs with the Child Welfare Committees last year, one issue that constantly came up as source of worry was the pathetic state of health of the children in all institutions. The Foundation arranged for a Dental Camp and Scabies Camp at Observation Home Dongri and Bal Kalyan Nagri, Mumbai with the help of a team of Doctors from Govt Dental College and Sir J. J. Group of Hospitals. The observation home at Dongri happens to be the oldest and the largest Observation home in India while Bal Kalyan Nagri has a population of over 200 children of both genders.
- **Occasion of Golden Jubilee of St. George Hospital in 2012:** The Government Dental College & Hospital has sought our assistance in coordinating with various organizations working towards the welfare of the underprivileged children and weaker sections of the society to organize these camps
- It has taken up **Skill Development** as a thrust area as it was seen that rehabilitation of children was one of the most neglected aspect of JJ Act as a result the children have got back to society as adults without any skill essential for survival. Hurt Foundation conducted a skill development programme at the David Sassoon Industrial School, an institution under CAS. It consisted of a Foundation Course with an aptitude screening tool for hundred children aged above 15 years in the streams of: Electrical (wireman), Carpentry, Welding, Fitter and Plumbing. This initiative helped identify skills aptitude for inmates and based on their aptitude the children were in a better position to choose particular skill training after the completion of the foundation course.
- The success of the programme led to many discussions with Children's Aid Society who evinced keen interest in restarting the Industrial Training Institute, Mankhurd. We are happy to share that the ITI has been revived and today there are close to 97 children accessing skills training in the center. The Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited support to run the ITI has opened up job opportunities for institutionalized and marginalised children.
- **Proposed Home for the Old & Destitute:** This is the dream project on which the Foundation has been relentlessly working. No society can boast of equality and justice until it can provide dignified twilight years to its senior citizens and those in need. The Foundation has been working to set up a model home for the aged and the destitute with research facilities for the scholars to study the age related physical, psychological and social problems and find a solution to the miseries this segment faces.

