



# Annual Report

## 2009-10



## **Preface**

I am happy to present the annual report for the year 2009-10. Though this report mainly covers the period under my able predecessor, on behalf of the NCAS team I would like to express satisfaction at our effort during the year. This work would not have been possible without the immense support of our Executive Committee, solidarity of our General body members, and our esteemed partner and donor organizations.

We offer them our heartfelt gratitude.

A perusal of this abridged version of our annual report will present before you the understanding and learnings that have come our way. This has been a year during which NCAS worked towards strengthening the grass root micro-campaign effort of the CLMs; highlighting Adivasi issues by publishing legislative briefs; working towards building South Asian perspective on People-Centred Advocacy and strengthening youth politicization through advocacy internship extension.

We would be happy to receive your comments, suggestions, reflections to enable us to provide more strategic and meaningful support to democratic and righteous aspirations of our fellow citizens.

**Sehjo Singh**  
**Executive Director**

*The Capacity building team of NCAS aims to bring in rights perspective within the advocacy initiatives of social justice organizations and members of the civil society engaging on issues of marginalized communities across India and South Asia. It designs and conducts advocacy skill enhancing and perspective building workshops on how to use advocacy tools and methods effectively.*

## **I. CAPACITY BUILDING UNIT**

The team largely handled the following-

I Advocacy Capacity Building Programmes

Ii Knowledge Building on Advocacy In South Asian Context

Iii Community Learning Movement (CLM) Phase I: Perspective and skill Building

Iv Community Learning Movement Phase II: Micro Campaigns

### **I. Advocacy Capacity Building Programmes**

During the year 2009-10, the team facilitated 36 workshops - one international for Danida HUGOU, three regional with the DAN Church Aid, NEG FIRE and CRS, four orientations with Find Your Feet, Prakriti and PDSS; three for campaign planning in Bihar and Rajasthan and 25 CLMs and micro campaign workshops.

The international advocacy capacity building programme conducted for Danida Hugou attended by 23 partners from across Nepal was a good learning experience to analyse advocacy experiences from Nepal and adding inputs on new strategies and advocacy tools.

### **Ii. Community of Advocacy Practitioners in South Asia**

*NCAS has brought together advocacy practitioners from India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan to form a 'Community of Advocacy Practitioners' to reflect and draw upon the common threads regarding people centered advocacy and work towards developing a South Asian perspective on advocacy.*

The year 2009 for capacity building team was interesting in terms of it's idea and endeavour to build South Asian perspective on "People Centred Advocacy" comprising of three interlinked strategies,

The need for demilitarization, peace, democracy and just governance in South Asian region was reiterated upon by 12 partners and subject experts in "Bridging Workshop" organised in Nepal under NCAS initiative of 'Advocacy of Community Practioners in South Asia'.

1. bringing together advocacy practitioners from South Asian countries,
2. initiating one Community Learning Movement (CLM) Programme, each in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and India; and

3. documenting advocacy case stories from the region for drawing common threads, gaining new insights and synthesising knowledge on “People Centred Advocacy” in South Asian context.

### **Iii. Community Learning Movement Phase-I**

*Community Learning Movement (CLM) is envisaged as a means to develop the grassroots leadership through the partners in the wider Indian context and facilitate building up an advocacy network of empowered social activists from the national to the regional level having a rights based perspective of social change.*

Community Learning Movement (CLM) Programme is ongoing in Indian States for the past 10 years. During 2009-10, the three CLM clusters working with adivasi, dalit and minority communities in Chhattisgarh, North Karnataka and Vidarbha (Maharashtra) were supported. Their work with the youth, women,

CLM participants from 5 Gram Panchayats of Hukkeri taluka of Belgaum district (Karnataka) managed to claim compensation for the loss of crop and Rs. 82/- per day under NREGS. They prevented the use of machines under NREGS and 600 workers got job cards.

dalits, adivasis, agricultural laborers, small farmers and other deprived sections focused on the issues of right to work and food, forests rights, women empowerment, community

ownership rights, education and health through strengthening PRI. In eighteen workshops organised in these clusters trainings on skills were focused specially on use of RTI Act, Forest Rights Act, NREGA, understanding the role of Gram Sabha and Panchayat, preparing election manifesto, etc.

### **Iv. Community Learning Movement Phase II**

A grassroot capacity building programme started as a micro initiative focusing on single CLM in each state, later moved to the clusters of CLMs in every state. Initiated as an advocacy perspective building and skill development programme, the effort has this year taken a strategic shift to

In Rohtas District (Bihar), Rohtas and Nohatta blocks has 60 villages on the hills having majority dalit population. The villages are completely neglected by the District Administration and politicians. With the help of CLM members, facing water crisis people from these villages protested in front of the DM office and made the BDO and PHED to issue an order for a new set of estimates for bore wells on the hills.

help CLMs to organise micro campaigns on the issues of right to food, water, forest and work. The 10 CLM partners who chose to start campaigns were from five clusters of North Karnataka, Orissa, Western Maharashtra, Vidarbha and South Bihar. The challenge now lies in the community taking up leadership and sustaining their respective campaigns.

*In order to train future social advocates and sensitize young professionals coming from diverse backgrounds on social justice issues in India, the Advocacy Internship Program at NCAS is designed to empower young advocates with the necessary perspective and skills to pursue rights based advocacy. Each year, NCAS selects eight interns for the comprehensive 18 month programme, which includes 11 months of in-house academic inputs, 6 months of field placement and 1 month of dissertation writing. The unit is also engaged in an expansion activity in order to reach out to a larger section of youth.*

## **II. INTERNSHIP UNIT**

The team largely handled the following-

### **I. Advocacy Internship Programme, (Intensive Programme for 18-Months)**

- Batch 2008-2010
- Batch 2009-2010

ii. Expansion Programme with other youth groups and institutions

iii. Placements of International Fellows and other Volunteers

### **I. Advocacy Internship Programme**

The year 2009-10 has been the eleventh year of the Internship Programme. This programme, visualized as a part of capacity building programme for the politicization of youth, undertook several activities. While it continued with its intensive 18-month programme, it also stepped up its expansive activity in the formal mainstream educational institutions.

#### **▪ Internship Batch 2009-2010**

Eight young people, two women and six men of which 2 from Bihar, 1 from U.P, 1 from Orissa and 4 from Maharashtra were enrolled as interns for the 18 month intensive programme in the month of August 2009, after a rigorous induction. The programme was designed for them to study the socioeconomic-cultural dynamics of the Indian Society, Social Movements, Human Rights and Social Justice through a set of academic inputs, field-exposure visits to organizations such as Hamal Panchayat, Dalit Swayamsevak Sangh etc. and discussions with activists such as Dr. Baba Adhav and Himamshu Kumar. They also participated in mass events like the padyatra against POSCO in Orissa and the Peoples' Audit on SEZ. The experience has contributed not only towards their understanding of



reality and the practices of struggling groups, but also has been motivational and inspirational.

#### ▪ Internship Batch 2008-2009



The eight interns of the 10<sup>th</sup> batch, 2008-2010, completed their in-house training of 12 months in August 2009 and went for their 6-month field internship in September 2009. They were assigned their six-month field placements at MKSS, Jharkhand Jungle Bacho Andolan, Samavesh, NCDHR, Centre for Health and Social Justice, Astha, Pepole's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights and Centre for Dalit Rights. The feed back from these organizations has been very positive.

### Ii. Expansion Programme with Other Youth Groups and Institutions

*This programme is more extensive in nature and aims at reaching to a much larger section of youth across the country. It aims at politicization of youth so that they engage in social action and activism. This year the NCAS team decided to use three kinds of strategies with youth-*

1. *Engaging with youth from our CLM areas*
2. *Initiating an effort at main-streaming the Advocacy Internship module into the curriculum/ syllabus of colleges and Universities*
3. *Exposing various youth groups – college youth, NSS groups, and others to the concept of human-rights, rights-based approach and people-centred advocacy.*

The youth leadership building expansion programme this year, extended to the youth from areas where NCAS has its 'Community Learning Movement (CLM)' programme. In a three-day 'Youth Camp' organized in July 2009, 70 young people participated. The camp was aimed at developing political understanding of hierarchies of gender, class, caste and religion. Exposure visits to the National consultation on SEZ in Gorai and the RTI Youth Convention in Hyderabad were inspirational and helped the young participants to connect with the other groups and learn about people's struggles for justice.

NCAS is also in the process of dialoguing with colleges and Universities for the purpose of

The Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (TMV), Pune, an Autonomous University that provides post-graduate full-time as well as distance learning degree programmes in Social Work have shown interest in starting 3-month certificate course on this subject.



mainstreaming the people-centred, rights-based approach into their programmes. They have welcomed the idea and two 2-day workshops have been conducted for about 80 students from two colleges and more are in the pipeline. NCAS was also invited to impart lectures on advocacy and campaign building in three colleges including Women's Studies Centre and the Department of Sociology at Pune University. NCAS was also invited by MASUM to impart training on 'Violence against Women' to young activists working on women's issues in Maharashtra. The team was also one of the invited participants to the consultation on the draft Youth Policy for Maharashtra.

### **Iiii. International Fellows and other Volunteers**

The year 2009-10 has also seen for the first time young international fellows interning and volunteering with NCAS. The experience was inspirational to the NCAS team and a great learning experience for the volunteers. Two international fellows sponsored by the AJWS (American Jewish World Solidarity), USA and the VSO, UK were placed with NCAS for a year. The Internship team facilitated the placement and induction process. Another international student from the US also interned with NCAS for 6 weeks. The internship unit also supervised short term placements of students from Dalit and Tribal Social Work Department, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, and from Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth.



Jamie Gordon speaking at 'A people's symposium on climate justice', Fergusson College, Pune.

*Direct interaction and support to the people's movements is central to the work of NCAS. Working with the community, often in support to the grassroots advocacy campaign initiatives, campaign support work of NCAS through a variety of strategies, including networking and alliance building, input into strategic planning and action, research and documentation, issue based capacity building and media advocacy, demonstrates solidarity with human rights advocates throughout India.*

### **III. CAMPAIGN SUPPORT AND NETWORKING UNIT**

The team largely handled the following-

- I. Campaign Against SEZ
- Ii. Campaign for Right to Water
- Iii. Campaign for Right to Land
- Iv. Campaign for Implementation of Right to Forest Act
- V. Campaign for Safe Environment and Livelihood
- Vi. Wada Na Todo Abhiyan ( WNTA ) and Other Networking and Support

NCAS seeks to add value to the on going non-violent people's rights campaigns by extending strategic support. In 2009-2010 apart from Wada Na Todo Abhiyan, in which NCAS is one of the main anchors, six major campaigns were supported.

#### **I. Campaign Against SEZ**

*NCAS has been supporting campaign against SEZs from past four years. The Anti-SEZ movement has become stronger due to the coordinated efforts of the various civil society organizations. NCAS has been able bridge the grassroots level struggles with the regional and national forums especially in Maharashtra. The networking and broad-basing has proved to be a very effective strategy in this campaign.*

In Maharashtra SEZ campaign was ongoing under the banner of Jagtikikaran Virodhi Kruti Samiti's (JVKS) of which NCAS was an active member to provide critical information support and organizing state level groups on the issue. All four SEZs which were intensely opposed by the local people and JVKS have been cancelled by the state government. These are the biggest SEZ of Mahamumbai SEZ in Raigad, Pan-India and Essel World SEZ in Gorai-Mumbai, Indiabulls SEZ in Sinnar-Nashik and Videocon SEZ in Wagholi-Pune district.

In another significant campaign support on the issue the team along with other groups, organised 'People's Audit' of SEZs in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa. The team also published 'Status report of Maharashtra SEZs'. As a part of researchers and campaigner's collective from across India the team worked to prepare a 'Legislative Brief on SEZs in India and their impacts on forced land based eviction and displacement'. The objective of



the legislative brief was to prepare a document useful for lobbying with parliamentarians. A mapping of campaigns and issues related to SEZ projects especially in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Goa was undertaken.

## **Ii. Campaign for Right to Water**

*In Maharashtra, in the past ten years NCAS has worked towards people undertaking the Right to Water campaign. It is about placing demands on the government to ensure availability, affordability, equity and justice to people's access to water.*

As commitments made in the state consultation organised to discuss the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority's (MWWRA) perspective paper, the team had published 'Water Rights Manifesto' and disseminated the copies to all political parties, civil society members, academicians, researchers and to media. Team had worked with the other subject experts and activists to develop the manifesto and formulate alternative demands on the MWWRA. A collective letter was also submitted to the MWWRA in this regard separately. The demands include- issue of bulk water tariff, demanding complete review of state water policy, opposition to privatization of irrigation projects, discussion of draft legislation on groundwater and backlog of irrigation projects of the state.

## **Iii. Campaign for Right to Land**

*Large scale of acquisition of land has been ongoing especially by evicting the small and marginalized farmers without any proper compensation and just rehabilitation. The role of NCAS has been very important in campaign support in the form of action research, building information and knowledge, campaign building, supporting people's commissions, doing legislative advocacy and media advocacy.*

During the year the team worked with People's Commission of enquiry on an interim report undertaken to inquire into the land deals, land transfers and displacement due to dams and projects in the Sahyadri (mountainous) region of Pune, Maharashtra. The report is based on various public hearings and information collected through RTI especially on Lavasa hill township project's land grab issues. The team had also organised a meeting with the Pune District Collector to discuss issues of Land grab by Lavasa corporation ltd. eminent activists Medha Patkar, Maruti Bhapkar, Manav Kamble, S M Mushrif and affected people were in delegation.

Team assisted project affected people in writing their case papers against the company which was submitted to the Magistrate court and to the police station. As a result of team's initiative a series of media stories were run in Lokmat, the prestigious regional daily. Also supported data, information and pictures to various other media reports published on the issue.

The team had also coordinated the field to village Mugaon (affected village due to Lavasa City) for the Supreme Court Advocate Mr. Colin Gonsalves. Team had also organized meeting with Mr. R.V. Bhuskute and Lavasa affected farmers and helped the affected farmers to get their land title papers from the revenue department. Team has extended support to finalize the reports on mapping displacement issues related to Lavasa, TATA and pavana dams which will be used to file a petition in Mumbai High Court.

Team had organised a National Workshop in Pune on Developing an Eviction Impact Assessment Tool jointly with Housing Rights and Land Network, Delhi & YUVA, Mumbai. The aim of the workshop to develop the toolkits on development based displacement and evictions with the help of UN guidelines and principles. A draft toolkit was prepared and will be used in selected areas. The subject experts involved in the process including Miloon Kothari, Shivani Chaudhary, Amitabh Behar, Vijay Paranjpye, Amita Bhide, Joseph Schechla, R Shreedhar, Devinder Lamba, KT Suresh, Gautam Bhan and others.

#### **Iv. Campaign for Implementation of Right to Forest Act**

*NCAS has been involved with National Forest Rights (Implementation) Campaign (NFR) initiated by National Forum of Forest People and Forest Workers (NFFPFW) etc. since June 2008. The NFR Campaign is active in selected forest areas of six Central & North Indian States of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Himachal Pradesh and has allies in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Jharkhand*

Together with NCAS's Adivasi Resource Center the team organized a workshop on implementing the FRA in collaboration with Tribal Research and Training Institute, Pune. In addition, team collaborated with several groups working on proper implementation of FRA, specifically for people's claim on community rights.

#### **V. Campaign for Safe Environment and Livelihood**

Team co-organized a meeting in Bhubneshwar with MASS and NSA on 'Governance Failure: People's Right to Land, Water and Forest in Orissa: In the context of Anti-people Liberalisation Process' in April 2009. Two NCAS research Publications were released in the meeting- 'Globalisation, Grassroot and Governance in Orissa with respect to water, forest and land' and 'Striking While the Iron Is Hot'-A case study on POSCO project and its impacts.

Another discussion was held with POSCO Pratirodh Sangram Samiti on possibility of further campaign support especially on environmental impacts and governance advocacy. As part of the campaign support to POSCO Pratirodh Sangram Samiti Orissa, on NCAS request the Centre for Science and

Environment (CSE), Delhi prepared a report on Captive Minor port of POSCO India Private Limited, Bhubneshwar, Located at Jatadharmohan Creek near Paradeep in State of Orissa. The report evaluates the Marine Environmental Impact Assessment. Networking meetings on the issues of environmental pollution especially due to sponge iron industries in Orissa and Chhatisgarh was held several activists following the status of this industry and environmental governance issues.

#### **Vi. Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA)**

*In Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA), which is a national platform of more than 4000 civil society organizations, people's organizations and mass movements across the country, NCAS took active part in many of the activities of the campaign, and provided key leadership input through its Executive Director. The campaign aims to take forward the issue of governance accountability by holding the government responsible for its promises to the people of India to end poverty and social exclusion.*

Some of the campaign activities in which NCAS took the lead include preparation of All India People's Manifesto (AIPM) during 2009 general elections, media advocacy on reviews of different public policies related to education, health, employment and livelihoods rights, National Women's Tribunal on Climate Justice and a nation-wide process of democratizing the review of 11th Five Year Plan through the People's Mid Term Appraisal of 11<sup>th</sup> five year Plan (PMTA).

#### **Other Networking and Support**

Team supported People's Parliament on Rights of the Unorganized Sector held in Pune. Team had actively coordinated regional Public Hearings held to monitor the performance of Food Related schemes at the regional level in Pune district as part of Right to food campaign. It has exposed the cases of corruption in public distribution system in Pune district. Team had coordinated the state consultation for the right to food campaign as part of networking and alliance building on the issue.

*NCAS recognizes the need to bridge information and knowledge gap on the issues of social justice. By researching contentious issues in India, NCAS raises awareness about the problems faced by the marginalized groups, in particular, Adivasis, dalits and women.*

#### **IV. RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION UNIT**

The unit largely handled the following-

- I. Adivasi Resource Centre
- ii. Globalization, Governance and Grassroots Study

##### **I. Adivasi Resource Centre**

*A major NCAS initiative for which the Research Unit has assumed primary responsibility is the Adivasi Resource Centre (ARC). The ARC undertakes advocacy with legislators, governance institutions and the media on issues of Adivasi's. The Research Unit works with the other Units on this initiative.*

The Research Unit prepared a note on the Eleventh Five Year Plan from the perspective of Scheduled Tribes. The note was part of a larger report published by Wada Na Todo Abhiyaan and CBGA for People's Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

The team published and disseminated legislative and policy briefs; report cards and short notes on issues of immediate concern to Adivasis in Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and nationally, and wrote newspaper articles on Adivasi issues in



TSP in Maharashtra was released at the hands of Mr. Dilip Valse-Patil, Speaker, Vidhan Sabha, Maharashtra

Orissa. These were- Tracking Adivasi Governance in Maharashtra, National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill 2007, Maharashtra Adivasis' "Right to Water" A distant dream, Third Assembly - Chhattisgarh, Adivasi Issues and 15<sup>th</sup> Loksabha, Tribal Research and Training Institute (TRTI), Maharashtra, Cross Party Parliamentary Forums, Adivasis and NREGA in Nandurbar, Tribe Verification Committees in Maharashtra, A concise version of

Charter of Adivasis's Demands, Manual on Forest Rights Act, Tribal Sub-Plan of Maharashtra, 'Charter of Citizens' Demand for Legislative Action on Lohandiguda' Chhattisgarh Health and Population Policy 2006. The copies of the publications were distributed to the MLAs and MLCs.

## **Ii. Globalization, Governance and Grassroots Study**

*The study focused on fostering interaction between Civil Society Organisations working on Local Governance and Global Governance issues through Action Research and Networking.*

In conclusion of the Globalisation, Governance, and Grassroots Study (2006-2009) eight papers were published in English. These Water, Governance and Globalisation in the Context of Orissa; Engaging with the Changing Water Policy Discourse in Maharashtra; Changing Times and Orissa's NTFP Policy: Analysis and Case Studies; Multimodal Infrastructure Hub at Nagpur (MIHAN) Cargo Hub and SEZ at Nagpur; A Case Study of SEZ Indore, Madhya Pradesh; Globalisation and Forest Management in India: A View from the Margins; Globalisation Induced Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy 2006, Orissa: Myth and Reality; Panchayati Raj and Marginalised in the Era of Globalisation.

To highlight the main findings and explore related issues a symposium on "Understanding Globalisation and its Challenges from the Perspective of the Marginalised" was held on 16 February 2010 in Pune.

NCAS has received quite positive responses from MLAs and civil society leaders about the publications such as Policy Briefs and 'People's Charter of Demands on Adivasis'. NCAS is proud to mention that Shri L.C. Jain the noted economist congratulated the initiative and suggested that NCAS should take the lead in holding a national consultation to prepare an alternative tribal policy. The policy was discussed at the National Consultation held in Delhi in December 2009.

NCAS strengthened bonds with broader networks like Solution Exchange of UNDP by facilitating discussion on National Tribal Policy and Informal Justice Institutions.

The Delhi branch, the Governance Unit, contributed in terms of research, networking and efforts at advocacy with the Members of Parliament, Academicians, and other governance bodies.

*NCAS believes that using various mediums, including films, plays, dance and visual illustrations as an alternative advocacy method are equally effective to raise awareness concerning social justice issues. NCAS also works directly with the civil society members to enhance their skills on working with the media; and it collaborates with the mainstream media to increase visibility of social justice issues and peoples struggles.*

## **V. MEDIA ADVOCACY**

The unit largely handled the following-

- I. Media Advocacy Workshops
- Ii. Campaign Support
- Iii. Accessing Mainstream Media
- Iv. Film Competition on Human Rights

### **I. Media Advocacy Workshops**

*These were undertaken in order to enhance the media skills and media capacities of grassroots activists, and to provide a platform between this group and professionals working in the print and electronic media. These workshops have proven to be valuable for initiating relationships, sharing insights and creating space for coverage of a variety of social justice issues.*

During 2009-10 the Media team conducted four Media Advocacy Capacity Building workshops with a total of 94 grassroots activists across Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra, and one Interface Workshop in Chhattisgarh.

The key success was of Chandrapur, Maharashtra workshop was that the group drew up media strategies for two campaigns: property rights for women and unemployment through the NREGS. From Sangola workshop the participants group begin a weekly periodical on the citizen's right to water. In Chhattisgarh's workshop the importance of media advocacy in the area of implementation of the Forest Rights Act was discussed.

### **Ii. Campaign Support**

*The support activities were such as organizing press conferences and creating materials eg. Documentary Film, Posters, banners etc. to publicize and mobilize campaigns.*

The team provided support to various campaigns—including the 'Campaign for the Release of Dr. Binayak Sen', 'the Anti- SEZ Campaign', and 'Campaign for Hawkers' Rights', International women's day, and 'Right to Water'. The team filmed meetings of the "Committee on the State Agrarian Relations and the Unfinished Task in Land Reforms" - an advisory body expected to submit its report and recommendations to the government. Press Conferences were



organised for the campaigns on Dr. Vinayak Sen's release, SEZ national convention held at Gorai, and on the release of Maharashtra Water Rights Manifesto.

The team prepared a 20 minute documentary film on the Forest Rights Act. This film is focused on the community forest and community rights of forest dwellers across India. Shooting was held in 32 villages across five different states.

Team has also started an NCAS Face book account for sharing information, publicizing events, to promote social action, and network with organizations and peoples movements working on people's issues.

### **iii. Accessing Mainstream Media**

Team has also been successful in identifying and creating spaces in the mainstream media. Over 70 feature and news articles were published in popular Hindi and Marathi newspapers and two audio-visual programs were done for radio and television during this year.

Feature articles and news items were written and published in Tehelka, the Indian Express, the Sakaal Times, Daily Bhaskar, The Mantle, The New Statesman, the Sarvodaya Press Service, Daily Prabhat, Daily Lokmat and Daily Kesari. Aimed at a wide and varied readership, the articles published in these publications had reached a large national and international audience.

### **iv. Film Competition on Human Rights**

The team held a film competition on human rights and social justice for young people in Pune between the ages of 18-30. The competition was undertaken to encourage young amateur film makers to use this medium to advance social causes and to spread awareness amongst others. A total of 25 entries were received, and from these, the two top films were selected for prizes.



Prize distribution for best film on Human Rights ,  
Fergusson College, Pune

*The Governance and Advocacy unit engages in Parliamentary Advocacy, Campaign Support & Networking, Media Advocacy, and Advocacy with Quasi-Judicial Organisations. With the help of this unit NCAS tries to reach out to the people's representatives in order to strengthen social justice campaigns.*

## **VI. GOVERNANCE AND ADVOCACY UNIT**

The team largely handled the following-

- I. Parliamentary Advocacy
- Ii. Campaign Support and Networking
- Iii. Advocacy and Interactions with Quasi-Judicial Organizations, Academicians and Media

### **I. Parliamentary Advocacy**

More than 15 MPs including the Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, 3 Union Ministers, Adivasi and Non Adivasi MPs were met. This resulted in a National Consultation of Adivasis of India bringing people from diverse backgrounds MPs, government officials, civil society, academicians and activists to a common platform. Also major political parties incorporated the People's Manifesto initiated by Wada Na Todo Abhiyan during 15th Lok Sabha elections.

The Question Hour - Winter 2007 was published and was distributed to MPs and civil society organisations. An Introductory Kit for the Parliamentarians - Adivasi Issues & 15th Lok Sabha was prepared and disseminated. A Handbook on Adivasis and Governance in India was prepared and is being translated into Hindi. The unit is working jointly on Prof. Nandini Sundar's document on National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

### **Ii. Engagements with Parliamentary Committees/Commissions**

A constant follow up with the Minister of Tribal Affairs to form the Parliamentary Forum for Scheduled Tribes is being done.

Parliamentarians and academicians were contacted to share their views on caucus groups.

### **Iii. Campaign Support and Networking**

The team provided parliamentary data to the National Social Watch Coalition (NSWC) as and collected the Mungekar Committee's report from Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Team supported to Odisha Gotimukti Andolan (Abolition of Bonded Labour System) to meet the SC MPs in Orissa and urge them to raise it in the Parliament.

Also mobilized parliamentarians support to the people's manifesto of Wada Na TodoAbhiyan.

#### **Iv. Advocacy and Interactions with Quasi-Judicial Organizations, Academicians and Media**

The Contacts were developed with the national print media as a result of which two articles on National Tribal Policy (draft) got published in the Hindu and the Tehelka and two articles got published in the online media - merinews.com and Ground Report India

Had discussions with Prof. Nandini Sundar, DSE, Delhi University and Dr. B.K.Roy Burman, (former Member, Central Scheduled Tribes Advisory Council, Central Scheduled Castes Advisory Council, Chairman Tribal Studies Panel, Indian Council of Social Science Research to organise discussion on their paper and its further use.

*The coordination unit is the backbone of NCAS. It provides crucial administrative support to the Programme teams and campaign activities. It is consistently engaged to facilitate the work.*

## **VI. COORDINATION UNIT**

The unit largely handled the following-

- i. Financial Management
- ii. Information Technology Management
- iii. Publication and Film Dissemination
- iv. Library and Documentation
- v. Recruitment and Selection.
- vi. Updating and Revamping Communications
- vii. Archiving
- viii. Asset Assessment and Management
- ix. Office Upkeep

The unit handled its regular charge of largely managing the office. It is in the process of making several changes to the office systems to make them more efficient and transparent.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

I am happy to present the financial report of NCAS for the year 2009 – 2010 to the distinguished members for their appraisal and comments. During the year (April 2009 to March 2010), NCAS has received funds from the following funding agencies. The details are as follows:

**Table 1 : NCAS INCOME SUMMARY  
(Funding Agencies)**

Sr. No.	NAME	2009-2010 AMOUNT	2008-2009 AMOUNT	2007-2008 AMOUNT
	Opening Balance	5,275,747.60	7,448,071.81	9,925,106.30
1	L.W.R	-	-	1,731,091.00
2	Grassroots Advocacy and Internship (Christian Aid )	2,851,948.89	-	6,320,579.29
3	Water Aid & NFF	-	200,000.00	379,660.00
4	Oxfam - Novib	4,677,720.00	1,131,324.00	2,907,500.00
5	I.B.P. (C.B.P.S)	335,675.00	-	325,507.00
6	Rights To Food (Christain Aid )	-	-	-
7	Social Equity Audit (Christain Aid )	-	2,000,000.00	500,000.00
8	Forest Governance (C.A.)	-	-	2,000,000.14
9	Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (OXFAM -GB)	2,500,000.00	2,725,500.00	2,192,400.00
10	Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (F.T.F. GCAP)	345,450.00	-	273,414.00
11	Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (G.C.C.A.)	883,500.00	-	-
12	Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (C.A.)	1,937,844.66	-	-
13	P.A.C.S.	-	-	389,708.00
14	JUST ASSOCIATES	-	3,644,284.00	-
15	Adivasi Resource Centre (Ford Foundation)	4,562,760.00	4,540,183.00	-
16	H.R.L.N.	4,663.00	22,000.00	-
17	S.A.J.I. (U.N.D.P.)	-	140,700.00	2,484,810.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,375,309.15</b>	<b>21,852,062.81</b>	<b>29,429,775.73</b>

So far as the expenditure is concerned, it has been in accordance with the stated aims and objectives of NCAS. The details below help us to understand it better.

**Table 2: NCAS EXPENDITURE SUMMARY  
(Capital Expenditure)**

No	YEARS	AMOUNT
1	2009 – 2010	1,72,955.00
2	2008 - 2009	2,53,704.00
3	2007-2008	6,70,582.00*

- Rs. 2,20,000/- has been paid as the second last installment to the Builder.

**TABLE 3 : NCAS EXPENDITURE SUMMARY**  
(Revenue Expenditure)

Sr.		2009-2010		2008-2009		2007-2008	
NO.	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%
1	Trg. & Prog.	5,254,874.50	27	7,371,898.06	45	6,684,691.88	31
2	Res. & Doc.	7,491,514.75	39	4,343,844.15	27	6,669,984.10	31
3	Cam. & Net.	3,562,200.00	18	2,410,783.25	15	4,954,968.35	23
4	Admin.	2,662,350.84	14	1,709,029.76	10	2,568,257.79	12
5	Staff Welfare	165,413.00	1	175,455.00	1	143,937.80	1
6	Veh. & Eq.	253,728.00	1	311,601.00	2	289,282.00	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,390,081.09</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,322,611.22</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>21,311,121.92</b>	<b>100.00</b>

As regards the income from other sources is concerned, NCAS was able to raise an income of **Rs.18,02,879.75** during the financial year (09-10). The details of the income are as follows:

**Table 4 : NCAS INCOME SUMMARY**  
(Other Income)

Sr. NO	PARTICULARS	2009-2010 AMOUNT	2008-2009 AMOUNT	2007-2008 AMOUNT
	Opening Balance	12,398,147.97	11,936,367.21	11,503,047.14
1	F.D. Program Interest	482,273.00	741,800.00	487,081.00
2	Remuneration for Program Support	620,958.75	29,500.00	313,945.00
3	Interest on Savings & F.D.	696,473.00	562,571.00	461,294.00
4	Contribution for Training Program	-	-	20,000.00
5	Contribution towards Publication	-	-	22,415.00
6	Membership Fess	9,515.00	12,250.00	5,750.00
7	Misc.Income	3,175.00	37,867.00	30,595.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,210,542.72</b>	<b>13,320,355.21</b>	<b>12,844,127.90</b>

**Table 5: NCAS EXPENDITURE SUMMARY**  
(From other Income)

No	Years	Amount
1	2009 – 2010	<b>77,571.10</b>
2	2008 – 2009	<b>9,22,207.24**</b>
3	2007-2008	<b>9,07,760.69*</b>



- \* Rs. 7,00,690.69 was spent from the interest earned from different projects. The money was spent on the activities of the same projects.
- \*\* Rs. 8,28,610.44 was spent from the interest earned from different projects. The money was spent on the activities of the same projects.

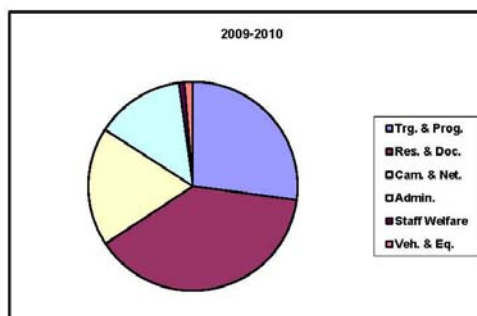
- Statutory compliances such as FC III, IT Returns and Charity Commissioner have been filed on time.
- Narrative Report, Financial Utilization Statement and Audited Statement of Accounts have been submitted to the Donors.

I extend my gratitude to the Director, Secretary, Accountant, and all other friends at NCAS whose commitment to the organization has made a success at the National level, as it is seen today. I also appreciate the efforts put in by Mr. Sudhir Sabne, the auditor whose advice has helped us in the best interest of the organization.

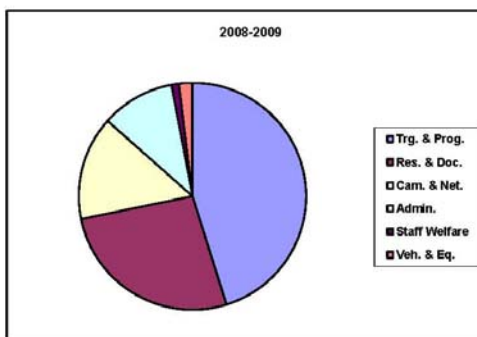


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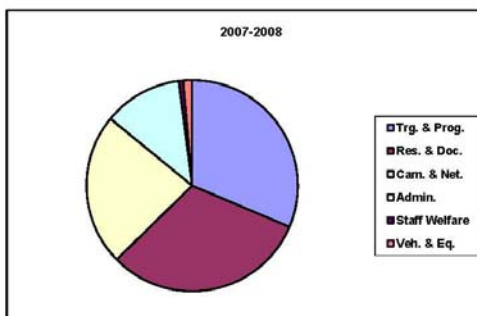
2009-2010	
Trg. & Prog.	5,254,874.50
Res. & Doc.	7,491,514.75
Cam. & Net.	3,562,200.00
Admin.	2,662,350.84
Staff Welfare	165,413.00
Veh. & Eq.	253,728.00



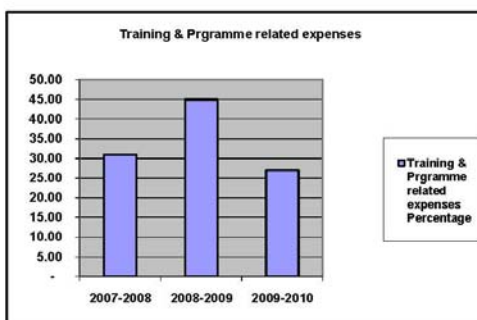
2008-2009	
Trg. & Prog.	7,371,898.06
Res. & Doc.	4,343,844.15
Cam. & Net.	2,410,783.25
Admin.	1,709,029.76
Staff Welfare	175,455.00
Veh. & Eq.	311,601.00



2007-2008	
Trg. & Prog.	6,684,691.88
Res. & Doc.	6,669,984.10
Cam. & Net.	4,954,968.35
Admin.	2,568,257.79
Staff Welfare	143,937.80
Veh. & Eq.	289,282.00

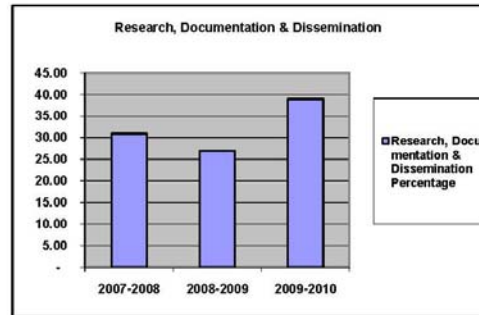


Training & Programme related expenses	
Years	Percentage
2007-2008	31.00
2008-2009	45.00
2009-2010	27.00



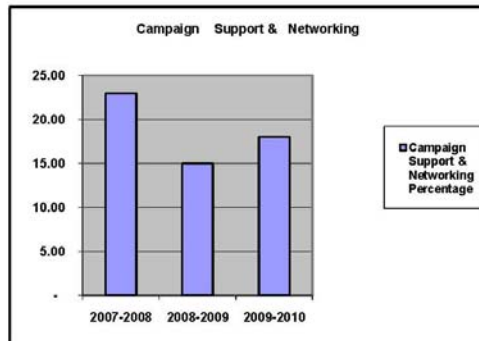
#### Research, Documentation & Dissemination

Years	Percentage
2007-2008	31.00
2008-2009	27.00
2009-2010	39.00



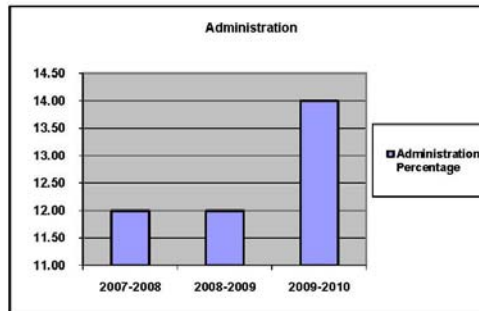
#### Campaign Support & Networking

Years	Percentage
2007-2008	23.00
2008-2009	15.00
2009-2010	18.00



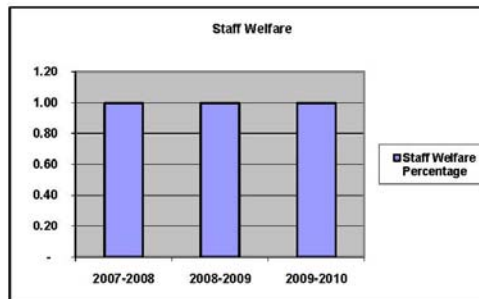
#### Administration

Years	Percentage
2007-2008	12.00
2008-2009	12.00
2009-2010	14.00



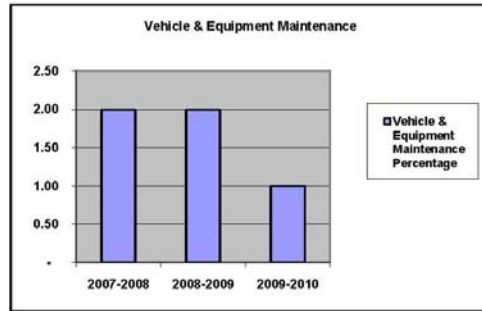
#### Staff Welfare

Years	Percentage
2007-2008	1.00
2008-2009	1.00
2009-2010	1.00



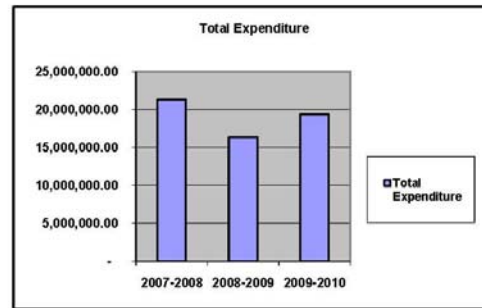
#### Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

Years	Percentage
2007-2008	2.00
2008-2009	2.00
2009-2010	1.00



#### Total Expenditure

Years	Lakhs
2007-2008	21,311,121.92
2008-2009	16,322,611.22
2009-2010	19,390,081.09



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**BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31 ST MARCH 2010**

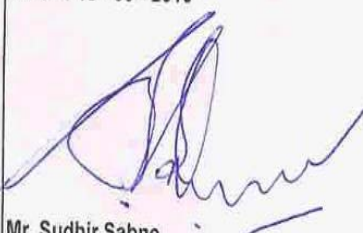
Liabilities	Sch	Amount Rs	Assets	Sch	Amount Rs
<b><u>CORPUS OF THE TRUST</u></b>			<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>	E	3,170,438.93
Membership Fees		154,607.00	<b><u>INVESTMENTS</u></b>		
Staff Welfare Fund		100,000.00	F.D. with Bank Of Maharashtra		9,382,011.00
General Reserve	A	10,744,789.80	Interest accrued but not recd.		294,936.00
Grants In Aid	B	9,100,249.85	Fixed Deposits (Staff Welfare & Reserve Fund)		6,008,078.00
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			Deposits, Loans & Advances	F	4,715,953.22
Creditors For Expenses	C	1,766,031.00	Cash & Bank Balances	G	6,778,145.07
Sundry Creditors	D	3,444,954.61	Closing Stock (Publication)		431,337.79
Gratuity Payable		356,507.00	Tax Deducted At Source		196,080.00
Income & Expenditure Account		5,309,840.75			
<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>30,976,980.01</b>	<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>30,976,980.01</b>

As Per Report of Even Date

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AT 31 ST MARCH 2010.**


Expenditure	Sch	Amount Rs	Income	Sch	Amount Rs
To Opening Stock		177,080.79	By Interest on Program FD		482,273.00
To Expenditure on Projects	H	19,390,081.09	By Interest on Savings Bank And Other Fixed Deposits		696,473.00
To Depreciation On Fixed Assets		496,516.77	By Consultancy Received for Program Support		620,958.75
To Bank Charges		1,792.00	By Transfer from Projects		19,390,081.09
To Donation		11,000.00	By Miscellaneous Income		3,175.00
To Prior period items		7,540.00			
To NCAS (Admn)		68,239.00	By Closing Stock		431,337.79
To Excess of Income over Expenditure		1,472,048.98			
<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>21,624,298.63</b>	<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>21,624,298.63</b>

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010**


Expenditure	Amount Rs	Income	Amount Rs
To Transfer to Earmark Funds	0.10	By Opening Balance	3,837,791.87
To Balance transferred to Balance Sheet	5,309,840.75	By Net Surplus for the Year	1,472,048.98
<b>Total Rs</b>	<b>5,309,840.85</b>	<b>Total Rs</b>	<b>5,309,840.85</b>

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## NCAS Publications (April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010)

### English Publications:

1. Cross Party
2. Adivasi & Climate Change
3. No Respite for Adivasi Displacement
4. The Adivasi's unending wait for Justice
5. Adivasi issue & 15th Loksabha
6. Perils of Globalisation in Agriculture - A study
7. A Case Study of SEZ Indore
8. Engaging with the Changing Water Policy Discourse in Maharashtra
9. Water, Governance & Glob.
10. Diversion of Water from Irrigati
11. Changing times and Orissa's NTFP policy
12. Globalisation & Forest Management in India
13. Globalisation Induced Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy
14. Panchayati Raj and Marginalised in the Era of Globalisation

### Regional Publications

#### **Marathi:**

1. Maharashtra Adivasi Jahirnama
2. Adivasi and Rojgar Adhikar
3. Anusuchit Jaati Jamati Praman Patra
4. Adivasi Upyojna March 2010
5. Maharashtra Adivasi Paani Hakka Pasun Vanchit
6. Maharashtra Adivasi Prashashan
7. Adivasi Shansodhan Kendra
8. Maharashtratratil Paani Hakka Jantecha Jahirnama

#### **Hindi:**

1. Chhatisgarh Right to Health & Population Policy 2006
2. Lohandiguda Mudde ke Sandarbh me
3. Teesri Vidhan Sabha - Chhatissgarh



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