

ONE BILLION RISING FOR JUSTICE 2014

Rise Release Dance & Demand Justice

An International Campaign demanding Justice for Violence against Women

ON 14th February 2014, WE at Raipur joined hands with ONE BILLION PEOPLE all over the world and WE ROSE DANCED with them raising & expressing OUR demand for Justice for Women & to stop violence against Women.

Violence against Women is a harsh reality and every 3rd women or girl is a victim of violence. In Chhattisgarh, over the years we have witnessed an alarming increase in violence against women, and some of the reported incidents of heinous & barbaric acts of violence in the past few years, force us to reflect & stand up for a safe & secure future of the girls & women of Chhattisgarh.



The women's group along with like-minded concerned citizens, especially youth decided to join forces with the ONE BILLION RISING FOR JUSTICE 2014 and organize a programme in Raipur (C.G.).

The programme was designed focusing on

- creating awareness on the issue among the common people ;
- creating awareness amongst the youth, especially the school & college students, and providing them a platform to showcase their views on the issue in a creative format.
- raising our voice & demands to stop violence against women.

The programme was designed in a format to not only reach a large audience but also to provide a platform to the youth & other like-minded & concerned citizens to voice their views & demands on the issue.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



As part of awareness campaign the volunteers & activists of OBR 2014 visited the schools & colleges of Raipur, and apart from inviting the students to participate in the programme they also distributed pamphlets, posters & put up banners. Meetings with various social action groups were held inviting participation & also organizing the programme in their own constituencies.

Radio Mirch 98.3 FM, radio station was the radio partner of the event in Raipur, and information about the programme was aired by them.

STREET PLAY

Nacha Manch, a drama group specializing in street plays, staged street plays for 3 days all over Raipur City depicting the various forms of violence against women and also the socio-economic factor relating to it.



During the staging of the play volunteers/activists of the OBR 2014 – CG chapter were present and they distributed pamphlets, posters & also entered into dialogue with the audience.

RANGOLI & POSTER COMPETITION-CUM-EXHIBITION

A rangoli & poster competition was organized on 14th February 2014 as part of the main event for the school & college students. A total of 36 students from 12 schools & colleges participated in the competition. The winners of both the events were recognized during the main programme & were given OBR t-shirts.

Apart from the competition, a poster exhibition had also been organized in which poster & banners made by the students had been showcased.

A group of rangoli artist's had designed rangoli's on the issue and also made the logo of the OBR 2014 at the venue of the programme.

PRESS CONFERENCE

A press conference was organized on 14th February 2014.

MAIN EVENT

Songs, dance-drama & speeches were the highlight of the main programme. Students of Hidayatulla National Law University (HNLU), Indus World School, Dani Girls School, Laxmi Narayan Kanya School, Dronacharya Public School, Sant Gyaneshwar School, and urban Mitanin's staged various programmes on the issue.



Smt. Aditi Podar, Head of Women's Study Department of Pt. RSS University, Smt. Priya Rao, ex-judiciary member & Asst. Prof. at the Law Department of Pt. RSS University, Smt. Balwinder Kaur, Asst. Prof. HNLU, Shri Mirza Masod Baig, senior artist, and Smt. Shashi Sail, NAWO were the main speakers who expressed their views on the issue from various perspectives.



A total of 12 schools & colleges participated in the programme along with around 700 women from various women's group from all over Chhattisgarh namely Rachna Manch, SOS Children's village, Chhattisgarh Bal Shramik Sangathan, Chhattisgarh Mahila Jagriti Sangathan, Nari Niketan, Nav Dhara, Astha Samiti, Jan Jagran, Chhattisgarh Viklang Manch, and others.

The prominent participation was from the urban Mitanin's and almost 18 programmes were organized by the rural Mitanin's in their villages on the issue on 14th March 2014.

SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN & CANDLE MARCH



A signature campaign on the issue was also organized. At the end of the programme the participants took out a candle march and resolved to

STAND UP AGAINST VIOLENCE ON WOMEN & FIGHT FOR JUSTICE.