

## Awareness Campaign on SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and

Birsa Seva Sansthan undertook an intensive awareness campaign across various sub-divisions of Ranchi district to educate marginalized communities about their constitutional rights and legal safeguards under two important legislations: the **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989**, and the **Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955**.

The campaign aimed to empower SC/ST individuals—particularly youth, women, and community leaders—by enhancing their understanding of these laws, the procedures for reporting discrimination or violence, and the institutional mechanisms available for justice and protection.

To ensure inclusivity and engagement, the campaign adopted a grassroots approach through community meetings, interactive sessions, street plays, visual aids, and printed materials in local languages. The sessions focused on enabling participants to identify and report caste-based atrocities and civil rights violations, as well as seek timely legal recourse.

Furthermore, the campaign created a vital platform for dialogue between community members and key stakeholders, including local authorities, police personnel, district administration, and legal aid representatives. These engagements helped build trust, strengthen awareness of institutional support systems, and foster community resilience.

This initiative was widely appreciated and reinforced Birsa Seva Sansthan's commitment to social justice, dignity, and the empowerment of historically marginalized communities.



