Bandhua Mukti Morcha (BMM) has been fighting for the social justice and rights of the last person of the society for 36 years and committed to building an equitable, strong and civilized society.

Bonded and child bonded labor is a telling commentary on our entire civilization and culture, and a tremendous stigma on the system of our administration and justice. This is an issue that is shaking the country to its core today. It is the root cause of many economic, social, cultural and political upheavals and illnesses. It is a question directly related to poverty and social inequality.

Every unorganized labourer of the country, especially the youth and women, should come forward and all government and non-government organizations should come together on one platform for the elimination of child and bonded labour, casteism, alcoholism, untouchability, sexism, illiteracy, unemployment, poverty etc. A comprehensive social strategy should be formulated for the eradication of these social evils. Only then will this stigma be removed from our country and an equal and strong country could be built.

Bandhua Mukti Morcha is dedicated for the eradication of these social evils and problems and for the overall development of the villages of our country by organizing activities in collaboration with the government and other non profit and civil society organizations.

The annual progress report is a reflection of all the work that is being done by the organization in different states of India.

I thank every worker partnering in the work of BMM from the bottom of my heart and wish for their continued support in this collective struggle.

(Swami Agnivesh)
President
Introduction to the Organization

Bandhua Mukti Morcha (BMM) has been advocating for the rights of the workers in the unorganized sector since 1981. In 1980-81, when BMM led by Swami Agnivesh launched a campaign to identify the actual number of bonded and child labourers in the brick kilns and stone mines of Faridabad in Haryana, the central government and the state government accused BMM’s effort as being false and misguided.

However, Honourable Justice Shri PN Bhagwati of the Supreme Court ruled in favour of the rights of the bonded labourers that BMM was advocating for. Since then, the organization has brought the painful voice of the bonded and child labourers to every nook and corner of the country and has attracted attention of the government as well as the people's organizations and the people of the country.

Since registering the institution under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 on October 5, 1994, this campaign is actively running till date. In the last 36 years of the struggle, the organization has liberated more than 1,78,000 child and bonded labourers across the country and has been tirelessly working toward their rehabilitation.

BMM is also committed to eliminate social evils and crimes prevalent in the society such as child marriage, sati, dowry, blind faith, idolatry, alcoholism, untouchability, gender discrimination, female feticide, education, health, minimum wage, child labour, bonded labour by organizing public awareness programs such as rallies, picketing, training camp, public consciousness, yatras, chapels, group meeting and public discussion etc.

Bandhua Mukti Morcha has its central office at 7, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi. The other branches in 11 states of the country are as follows - Banda, Chitrakoot (UP), Alwar, Jaipur, Badmer (Rajasthan), Vanasakantha (Gujarat), Guna, Shivpuri (Madhya Pradesh), Faridabad, Gurgaon (Haryana), Patna, East Champaran, Muzaffarpur (Bihar), Bageshwar, Almora (Uttarakhand), Garhi (Delhi), Jalandhar (Punjab), Koraput, Balasore (Odisha).
Objectives

1. To strive for the identification, liberation and rehabilitation of bonded labourers in various workplaces all over India.

2. To organize the workers working in the unorganized sector.

3. To educate people against all forms of exploitation, injustice and atrocities in a non-violent manner.

4. To create public awareness of the laws made to end bonded labour.

5. Establish a spirit of mutual brotherhood, unity in society and to create public awareness against religious fundamentalism and communalism.

6. To protect the civil rights of the people and to launch an awareness campaign against political exploitation and corruption.

7. Along with the promotion of gender equality, restore the dignity of women in society.

8. Create public awareness for the elimination of social evils like child marriage, child labour, dowry, casteism, etc.

9. To play an active role for the promotion and nurturing of Indian culture, arts, languages etc.

10. Strive for national unity and integrity.

11. Strive to establish mutual brotherhood among the institutions working for social justice and struggle to provide social and economic justice to the people.

Vision

To build a self-reliant society that is self-sufficient on education, health and employment fronts and to establish a socially, economically and politically strong and exploitative free equal society.
Under the leadership of Swami Agnivesh, Bandhua Mukti Morcha (BMM) has been working for 36 years to provide justice to the unorganized bonded laborers. The districts of Karbi, Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi, Lalitpur have been the worst affected due to the famine from where thousands of Dalit and tribal families have migrated, leaving their homes behind. They are forced to take up work in brick kilns, poultry farms and other manual work for less than prescribed minimum wage due to exploitative labour practices.

It is the result of the negligence of the District Magistrate of the respective districts that they have to be forced to migrate to other states by becoming migrant labourers at very nominal wages due to lack of employment. Local employment related programs like MGNREGA and rural employment have collapsed due to which thousands of tribals, dalits and other backward castes migrate to other states with their families and work in inhuman conditions.

The following table lists all the bonded and child labourers rescued by BMM Uttar Pradesh President Dalsingar during the years 2016-2017.
Details of the rescued Bonded and Child Labourers
for the year 01st April, 2016 to 31st March, 2017

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<tr>
<th>S.N.</th>
<th>States/Districts</th>
<th>No. of Bonded Labourers</th>
<th>No. of Child/Bonded Labourers</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Sonepat, Haryana</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>23 release certificates issued. Immediate compensation of INR 20,000 issued for 18 bonded and child labourers.</td>
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<td>Raibarely, Uttar Pradesh</td>
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<td>21 release certificates issued. Immediate compensation of INR 20,000 issued for 21 bonded and child labourers.</td>
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<td>Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>20 release certificates issued. Immediate compensation of INR 20,000 issued for 18 bonded and child labourers.</td>
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<td>Mathura, Uttar Pradesh</td>
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<td>41</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>40 release certificates issued.</td>
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<td>Jind, Haryana</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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<td>57 bonded and child labourers have received immediate compensation of INR 20,000.</td>
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<td>104 bonded and child labourers have been issued release certificates.</td>
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Education Initiatives at Garhi, Delhi

The Maharishi Dayanand Shilp Vidyalay at Garhi, Delhi was established by BMM in 1998. The purpose of the centre is to empower women by providing them with essential livelihood skills that include tailoring, computer education and beautician courses. The classes are offered at a very reasonable cost and scholarships are given to those who cannot afford.

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Health and Education Initiatives at Shivpuri and Guna, MP

BMM has been running a free community primary health care center in Shivpuri MP since 2007. It is for the Sahariya indigenous tribal community in that region. The medical facility is completely free of cost and also provides emergency maternity care.

BMM has been running the Maharishi Dayanand school in Guna MP since 2005. It is primarily for the children of migrant workers whose education is severely affected due to frequent migration of their families.
BMM conducted an awareness campaign around the **minimum wage issue for midday meal workers** at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh during May 2016. The meeting was organized by BMM Uttar Pradesh President Dalsingar. Close to 20,000 mid day meal workers, mostly women, attended the event. The rally was successful in capturing the attention of related administration for mid day meal supervision about the wage issue. **Swami Agnivesh called on the Uttar Pradesh government to pay at least Rs 10,000 per month** for the mid day meal workders for half day’s work since their entire day is taken up even though their scheduled work time is only for half a day. Under the present working conditions, all the 20,000 workers present came under the legal definition of bonded labourers. In the wider context, there are lakhs of workers across Uttar Pradesh who qualify as bonded labourers according to the law and BMM is dedicated to delivering justice for all of them.
Campaign against Addiction

BMM in partnership with Nasha Mukth Bharath Andolan took out a rally against addiction in April 2016 in Delhi to eliminate addiction across India. Led by Swami Agnivesh, hundreds of volunteers and interfaith leaders expressed their solidarity for the cause and marched from The Red Fort to the historic Fathepuri Masjid in Chandani Chowk. The imam of the Masjid welcomed the party led by Swami Agnivesh and expressed full support for the cause.

Meetings and Seminars

BMM organized 8-10 meetings and seminars between March 2016-2017. The meetings and seminars were centred around the core values of BMM that includes creating awareness about bonded and child labour in India, minimum wage issue across the country, eradication of social evils and creating awareness in the unorganized sector workers about their labour rights. Swami Agnivesh played the leading role in the meetings while BMM Uttar Pradesh President Dalsingar was instrumental in organizing and making them a success.
Some of the concrete results of the meetings were that there was a marked increase in the compensation and rehabilitation of bonded and child labourers. This was a direct result of the awareness on the issue that was created by BMM through conducting these seminars and meetings.

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