
THE MONTH THAT WAS!

“The success of democracy depends, in the end ,on the reliability of the judgements we citizens make, and hence upon our capacity and determination to weigh arguments and evidence rationally ~Irving Copi ”.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER



Students expressing solidarity with protesting farmers.

Thousands of farmers and agricultural workers from all over the country marched from Ramlila Maidan to Parliament street on the 30th November to demand a hike in the minimum support price for produce , a loan waiver and a special session of Parliament to discuss the agrarian crisis. A group of eight students from the Social work group, accompanied by two teachers joined in the “Nation For Farmers” protest march. students carried banners expressing solidarity with the farmers ,who shared their individual stories of hardship with them. The students got to witness a protest first hand and also interact with several other citizens’ groups and farmers from different states to get a deeper insight into the deepening agricultural crisis in the country .The students enthusiastically observed the protest unfold and tried to understand the plethora of signs of agricultural collapse-farmer suicides, deaths of children due to starvation, the migration ,growing unemployment, water crisis, indebtedness, and overall precariousness. The students realised that they are a citizen ,and citizenship carries responsibilities” which extends beyond the four walls of their classroom .

“We had never witnessed a protest before and it was emotionally moving to see the farmers voicing their concerns .There were farmers from different states who had travelled a lot and wanted the government to address their problems. The discussion we all had with farmers from various states and various people from civil society organizations gave us an insight into the real plight of our farmers. It was indeed a great learning experience!”~Nishchay Ohri

SELF DEFENCE TRAINING

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN#EndVAW



In order to celebrate UN International day, to end Violence against women the school conducted a self defence training programme for 10 days. The programme also had girls from the vocational training group and the nearby community. The training was facilitated by the trainers from the Special Police Unit for Women and Children. The objective of the programme was to instil confidence, discipline and techniques of self defence .



CHILDREN OF LESSER GOD-DISCUSSION ON HARSH LIFE OF CHILD LABOURERS

The students as part of their CSA discussion ,watched “Rat Hole Minors”-A documentary depicting the lives of children who work in the coal mines of Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya.The children discussed about the dark underbelly of coal mining in the state of Meghalaya and how despite a ban by National Green Tribunal, norms are being flouted by employing young children to work in deplorable and hazardous condition.The children reflected on the detrimental impact of mining work on child labourers and the role of education in changing the lives of these children for better.The children then shared their own observations and experiences of interacting with child labourers and collectively expressed their ideas of a “Dream Society” and “Child labourer’s story” to elucidate their idea of a society where every child is treated equally in practice .

