When we welcomed you to the Influencers journey to empower the disempowered, we had promised that your support and voice will enable millions of nameless, faceless women to access social justice and equal opportunity. We are happy to share some stories of hope and triumph at the last-mile, from our grassroots coalition partners Jan Sahas, Sanjog, Milaan and Vacha.

Stories of triumph from the grassroots

Enabling women and girls to access legal justice

Jan Sahas works for the rights of girls and women victimised by violence and discrimination in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh by enabling legal justice and rehabilitation for survivors. In two such cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) where Jan Sahas was involved, historical judgments were delivered by the District Session Courts in Katni and Gwalior districts of Madhya Pradesh. In both cases, the trial was completed within 5 days. The conviction in the first case came within 22 days, while in the second case, it came in 36 days.

#accessstolegaljustice

Enabling grassroots leadership

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#grassrootsleadership

Systemic change for sustainable impact

Facilitating freedom from violence and discrimination

Sanjog works to combat violence against children and women in West Bengal through legal and rehabilitation assistance for survivors of human trafficking. Sanjog, whose emphasis is on community-based rather than institutional rehabilitation of survivors, was integrally involved in the process of drafting of the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill 2018 which was tabled in the Parliament this month. The NGO is currently working on creating the Rules for the proposed Act along with a network of other NGOs.

#antitraffickingbill

In the news

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