Democracy will not come
Today, this year
Nor ever
Through compromise and fear
I have as much right
As the other fellow has
To stand
On my two feet
And own the land
I tire so hearing people say,
Let’s things take their course.
Tomorrow is another day
I do not need my freedom when I’m dead
I cannot live on tomorrow’s bread
Freedom is sharing seed
Planted in a great need.
I live here too.
I want freedom
Just as you

Langston Hughes
Jananeethi - Brief History

JANANEETHI (means ‘Justice to All’) was started in 1991 as service centre for legal aid to poor and marginalized to access justice and equity. It was registered under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act XII of 1955, in the year 1992 as voluntary, non-sectarian, not-for-profit and secular initiative, adhering to the sublime ideals and democratic values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Jananeethi aims at radical changes in society, enabling the individuals and societies become aware of their inherent human rights and civil liberties so that people may live in dignity and freedom in consonance with the true dictates of humanity in its widest scope and dimension. It is a collective of human rights defenders, eminent jurists, retired judges, lawyers, academics, writers, thinkers, artists, social workers and activists from spheres of culture, creativity, health, environment, education and research.

Jananeethi uses law and legal system as therapeutic agents. It is right based, victim-centered approach for total healing of the person. Jananeethi started Public Interest Litigations to ventilate common cause to public arena and for remediation. In 1995 it started addressing women of low-income families and marginalized communities who often were silent sufferers of widespread gender-based violence.

Jananeethi organized nature lovers, environmental activists, youth clubs and farmers’ associations to protect earth and environment. The facts-finding reports of Jananeethi were taken as authentic documents in Parliament, Supreme Court and State Legislative Assembly. Jananeethi had campaigned for the idea of a Litigation-free village since 1994 in the State of Kerala. In 2000, together with community leaders, law students, district bar association and under guidance of the District Legal Services Authority Jananeethi did a pioneering work in creating the first ever Litigation-free Village in India, at Thichoor in Thrissur district.

In the year 1993 Jananeethi started publishing its monthly journal in Malayalam and has published several books and handouts, all in relation with protection and promotion of human rights. It has been conducting around 200 outreach programmes in a year for legal literacy and women empowerment enabling more than 20000 women in a year become change makers in their communities.

The activities of Jananeethi include psychological counseling, negotiated settlements of disputes, legal aid and assistance, clinical legal education, training, research and publication. Its core values are democracy, human rights, rule of law, diversity and secularism. There are 120 life members who constitute the General Body of the organization and it is governed by a nine-member Board.
Executive Summary

This is the 23rd Annual Report of Jananeethi.

The Board of Directors met five times during the period under report. Whereas the Executive Committee of the organization met every month and assessed organizational matters including its activities and services. The Sub Committee as per provisions of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 convenes its meetings on quarterly basis.

During the report year Jananeethi had only five full time staff. Shortage of staff had detrimental effects on the over-all functioning of the organization. There was considerable cuts in the number of outreach programmes. There was no facts-finding survey during the period. Jananeethi was conspicuously absent at many civil society movements and public agitations. We could not publish our e-magazine despite our repeated announcements. And, we failed to materialize many of our best intended resolutions.

In spite of all, the office of Jananeethi was busy and active as usual. There were 92 complaints/petitions admitted after preliminary discussions during this period. Forty of them were amicably resolved after due considerations. Seventeen of them were directed to court proceedings and fourteen of them are pending for final awards. Twenty one of such complaints were dropped during the process either on grounds of lack of bonafides or lack of interests on part of the petitioners.

There were 98 training programmes during the period under report. 10000-12000 people in the rural areas were provided with legal literacy on laws that a common man is supposed to be aware of. 1800 to 2000 people were given legal consultancy services over telephone during the year under report.
Civil Society Organizations in deep crisis:

Needless to say, the NGOs, CSOs/CBOs and the whole voluntary sector in the country are in deep crisis for quite some time, more crucially under the present political regime in India. Thousands of such organizations are already de-recognized on weak or flimsy grounds, thousands of them have lost their FCRA certification without which they cannot exist. Consequently tens of thousands of small and large organizations have vanished, hundreds of them were forced to change themselves into communal or sectarian or political character for survival.

Democracy, human rights, secularism and diversity have, therefore, become unacceptable in public domain and are constantly under threat. Public institutions and public spaces are being confiscated by force or coercion. Fundamental rights of freedom to think, freedom of choice, right to opinion, right to dissent and right to believe or not to believe are all blatantly denied or refused. Any attempt to defend such rights are interpreted as threat to national security that necessarily follows jail without bail.
Jananeethi, despite the many threats and intimidations, has chosen to stand with losers and the weak and vulnerable who have been deprived of their basic rights and amenities by the state or non-state actors flouting constitutional and fundamental entitlements. For example –

- Protection and preservation of Western Ghats
- Against illegal quarries and sand mining
- Conservation of rivers, wet lands, underground water, paddy fields
- Campaign for democratic and secular fabric of the country
- Against land acquisition for corporate and land mafia
- Exposing TSR Committee report and Meenakumari report
- Gender-based and Sexual violence in the country
- Issues related to migrant workers
- Need to regulate private hospitals and health research centres by law.

Jananeethi has taken extra-care to be part of the struggles of concerned communities or societies. It has counted only the genuineness and authenticity of the issue for its involvements, and not the colour or class of people behind each initiative.

Speaking truth to power
Legal Aid & Access to Justice:

It is the core activity of Jananeethi. It is the original motto and primary objective of the organization. This service has been given uninterrupted in Jananeethi from its very inception in 1991.

Justice should heal. If healing is not complete, justice is not complete. As injuries are physical and psychological, healing too has psychological dimension. Our courts and legal systems are not tuned to provide psychological healing. Hence the need of psycho-legal therapeutic services. Jananeethi has been working at it since 1998.

The complaints received at Jananeethi are classified into civil, domestic violence, family disputes, criminal and others as given in the graph below:

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<tr>
<th>Complaints received</th>
<th>92</th>
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<tr>
<td>Negotiated settlement as per law</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Initiated legal proceedings</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Complaints pending settlement</td>
<td>14</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proceedings dropped</td>
<td>21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Legal Advice and Scrutiny from legal desk</td>
<td>500 – 600</td>
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<tr>
<td>Legal consultation over telephone</td>
<td>1800 – 2000</td>
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Consultancy Services:

Key programs and meetings

**Paper Presentations:**
- National seminar on ‘Patentability: Evergreening and Compulsory Licensing in Indian Context and Global threats’, at Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 26th April, 2014.

**Meetings & Programs:**
- Workshop on Sexual Harassment at Workplace, at Kerala Sahithya Academy, Thrissur, on 29th April, 2014.
- Discussion on Juvenile Justice Bill-2014 initiated by Jananeethi in cooperation with MSW Department, St. Thomas College, Thrissur. On 30th June, 2014.
- Anti Ragging Committee Meeting at Cooperation and Banking College, Kerala Agriculture University, on 4th August, 2014.
- Workshop on Child Rights Advocacy, organized by A.T. Markose Chair, Govt. Law College, Tcr on 19th August, 2014.
- Lok. Adalat at Govt. Law College, Thrissur, on 27th August.
- Visiting faculty for Legal Aspects of Business at Amrita School of Business, Kollam during the semester October - December.
- Resource person for training programs at Central Prison, Vyyur, organized by State Institute for Correctional Administration, Kerala.
- Swacha Bharath Mission (SBM) Digital monitoring pilot project with the support of Public Affairs Centre, implemented at Trivandrum in association with Grameena Padana Kendram, local partner at Tvm.
Bridging People for Building Peace:

<table>
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<th>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE STATISTICS: 2014-15</th>
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<tr>
<td>Complaints received</td>
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<tr>
<td>Settled cases</td>
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<td>Dropout cases</td>
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<td>Initiated legal proceedings</td>
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<td>Pending cases</td>
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Sensitizational/Empowerment programs for women:

Activities of Jananeethi for proper implementation of PWDV Act 2005

Jananeethi Pavilion at Thrissur Pooram Exhibition grounds:
There is a continuum of Jananeethi’s presence at the famous Thrissur Pooram Exhibition grounds with an objective of sensitizing the general public who visits exhibition on the need and relevance of welfare legislations like Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005, Juvenile Justice Act 2000, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, Senior Citizens Act 2007, Right to Information Act 2005 etc. Around 4 lakh people visit the exhibition every year.
Empowerment & Skill Development Programmes:
Under this category various services are being offered by Jananeethi.

(i) Awareness generation programmes for women – There were seventy programmes conducted in the reporting year. 55 sessions were conducted exclusively for women of low income families, whereas 15 sessions were given to adolescent girls for development of their skills and self confidence.

(ii) Clinical Counselling for victims of domestic violence – This is more of a traumatic care ensuring emotional, physical, social, financial and legal support to victims of domestic violence. Psycho-legal counselling and motivational programmes to help them get out of their stressful situations and to assist them for management of personal affairs free from fear and threats.

(iii) Counselling services to student community- There has been great demand from school authorities to address their students as there are huge number of instances where students get involved in criminal offences. Jananeethi provides regular services predominantly in two schools namely Government Higher Secondary and High Schools, Pattikkad and Agricultural University High School, Vellanikkara.

Internships and trainings
Students from different national / international educational institutions of excellence were continuously in search of opportunities at Jananeethi for internships. This year we had students from –
- Nottingham Trent University, UK.
- National Law University, Jodhpur.
- National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi.
- School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore.
- Government Law College, Ernakulam.
- Government Law College, Thrissur.
- SN College of Law, Poothotta, Ernakulam.
- Vimala College, Thrissur.
Institutional alliances / partnerships:

Jananeethi fostered deep institutional partnership with various departments / institutions in the State during this period. They are:

- State Child Rights Commission
- Department of Social Justice
- State Women’s Commission
- Kerala Press Academy
- NUALS, Kochi
- Academic Staff Training College, Calicut University
- State Institute of Correctional Services
- Kerala Police Academy
- Government Law College, Thrissur
- Government Law College, Ernakulam
- District Legal Services Authority

Resource Mobilization & Administrative Concerns:

There was no funded project in the year 2014-15.

| TABLE OF INCOME SOURCE: 2014-15 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Fee from Internship         | 6,000.00         |
| Service Provider            | 1,24,544.00      |
| Agriculture Income          | 4,00,000.00      |
| Donations                   | 2,23,000.00      |
| **Total**                   | **753544.00**    |

The General Body of Jananeethi in the year 2013 had resolved to dispose the land of Jananeethi and to shift its office to Chelakkottukara lane in the town. However the sale of land has been delayed due to the downward trend in the real-estate business.
Jananeethi Family

Jananeethi, including members of its Board and Executive Council and staff, is one family. The family decorum and its sensitivity are being maintained by our office staff with great care and concern. In spite of financial constraints and grossly discouraging attitude of the political leadership as in the case of other organizations, Jananeethi survives and function well only because of the deep commitments of our family members. The members of the Board are always ready to support with their time and resources. Our benefactors graciously donate to Jananeethi even without asking. This bondage of our family members is the secret of our sustenance as a collective initiative.

Jananeethi Family enjoys a picnic once a year. This year too we availed that opportunity to sing, chat and make merry while travelling as a family. We visited Thiruvananthapuram city, Kovalam and institutions of importance during the 2 day picnic.
AUDITORS REPORT
OF
JANANEETHI, MANNUTHY THRISSUR
(2014-15)

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from
1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31st
March, 2015 and Balance sheet as on that date of Jananeethi, General Account, P.B No. 8,
Mannuthy Thriissur with the Books of account, Receipts and Vouchers produced before us.

We state that the Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account
and Balance sheet are in agreement with the Books of Account maintained and produced before
us.

Subject to the above:

a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our
knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.
b) In our opinion proper Books of Account have been kept by the institution as far as appears
from our examination of the books.
c) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given
to us the said accounts give a true and fair view of:
(i) In the case of Receipts and Payments Account, of the Receipts and Payments of the
Institution for the period from 1st April, 2014 to 31st March 2015.
(ii) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the excess of expenditure
over income of the Institution for the year ended on 31st March 2015 and,
(iii) In the case of the Balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the Institution as on that date

Place: Thriissur-21
Date: 03.06.2015
Credibility Alliance Norms:

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

No remuneration, sitting fee or any other form of compensation has been paid to any member on the Board of Directors since inception of JANANEETHI.

The following reimbursements have been made to GB members:
Nil

DIRECTOR’S REMUNERATION: Nil
REMUNERATION OF 3 HIGHEST PAID STAFF MEMBERS:
REMUNERATION OF THE LOWEST PAID STAFF MEMBER:

STAFF DETAILS: (as at March 31, 2015)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>Paid full-time</th>
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<th>Paid Consultants</th>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>1</td>
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DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF ACCORDING TO SALARY LEVELS (as at March 31, 2015)

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<th>Slab of gross salary (In Rs.) plus benefits paid to staff</th>
<th>Male</th>
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<td>&lt;5000</td>
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TOTAL COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BY ALL STAFF DURING THE YEAR: Nil
TOTAL COST OF NATIONAL TRAVEL BY ALL STAFF DURING THE YEAR:

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<th>No.</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Designation</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Adv. George Pulikuthiyil</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
<td>Chennai, Tamil Nadu</td>
<td>To visit American Consul General</td>
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ABRIDGED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015

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<td>42.72</td>
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<td><strong>PAYMENTS:</strong></td>
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<td>Programmes</td>
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### ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2015

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<td>Loan Disbursed</td>
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<td>Deposits and Advances</td>
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<td>Current Assets</td>
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<td>Excess Expenditure</td>
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<td><strong>Liabilities:</strong></td>
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<td>Earmarked Funds</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loans/Borrowings</td>
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<td>Current Liabilities and provisions</td>
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Conclusion:

I wish to conclude this report with a note of great appreciation to each one of my colleagues in the office of Jananeethi. They have contributed their best for the unfailing obligations of Jananeethi towards its beneficiaries. It is their devotion and dedication that helped Jananeethi perform its functions very well. Similarly the members of its Board of Directors who had been very keen to every need of the organization were always prepared to offer financial support so that the services of the organization should not suffer owing to shortage of resources. The organization owes them profoundly.
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Advisory Board of Jananeethi

Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon
Mr. B.R.P. Bhaskar
Dr. K.N. Panikkar
Prof. K.G. Sankara Pillai
Ms. Aruna Roy
Adv. Kaleeswaram Raj
Prof. Sara Joseph
Dr. Karine Bates.

Director Board of Jananeethi

Prof. N.N. Gokuldas - Chairman
Dr. George Mathen - Vice Chairman
Adv. George Pulikuthiyil - Exec. Director
Prof. Kusumam Joseph - Treasurer
Prof. Binu Poornamodan - Jt Secretary
Dr. Francis Xavier
Adv. Ms. Faritha Ansari
Mr. V.K. Sharaffuddin
Fr. John Kavalakkatt
Mr. K. Rajagopal
Dr. Gopakumar Thampi - Overseas Director

Executive Committee of Jananeethi

Adv. George Pulikuthiyil
Adv. Johnson Ainikal
Mr. R. Vijayarajan
Mr. C. F. George
Mr. M. N. Suresh Babu
Adv. P. Sunilkumar
Ms. E. Jayasree
Mr. Ajayakumar Melveettil

Jananeethi has accreditation of:

- State Legal Services Authority
- Department of Social Justice
- Credibility Alliance of India
- Human Rights Defenders’ Alert India
- All India Network of NGOs and Individuals working with NHRIs
- National Human Rights Commission
- Amnesty International
- OMCT – World Organization Against Torture
- LetzDream
- Green Peace

Jananeethi is official representative of NGOs at:

- District Committee to address complaints of sexual harassment in government institutions.
- District Vigilance Committee for abolition of bonded labour
- City Level Forum for street children
- District Jagratha Samithi for gender justice
- District Anti-sexual harassment committees in educational institutions
- Anti-ragging Committees in various educational institutions of higher learning
- Institutional Review (Ethics) Committees in various medical institutions of the district.

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Donations to Jananeethi are eligible for the benefits of order U/S 80 G (5) (VI) of the Income Tax Act. FCRA Certificate No. 052900324

Our Bank: The Catholic Syrian Bank, Main Branch, Thrissur - 680 001, Kerala, India , A/C No. 656
I believe in freedom for all
Democracy for all
The idea of religious freedom
The power of sleeping
The right of education

But the act of intolerance is absurd

I believe in freedom of speech
I believe in the power of music
I believe in India

And I believe in the equal opportunity
for everyone to lead a fulfilling life
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