

## We Fight for the hope of a better tomorrow

"When you fight for the community, words like lock-down cannot stop you reaching out to the people. We have not heard of corona virus cases in our region, but we keep hearing about people suffering from hunger. Mazdur Kisan Samiti has one goal during this pandemic, and that is to make sure that our people don't die of hunger." says Kailash Bharti, a SRUTI fellow and a social activist from Gaya (Bihar).



Ration kit distribution in Gaya (Bihar)

While sitting inside the walls of our houses, every-day data on the impact of the pandemic COVID-19 scares us, but there are people like Kailash Bharti hellbent on helping the most vulnerable communities. A question keeps knocking after listening to such statements, what keeps them going on?



Ration Kit distribution in Faizabad (U.P.)

Since the nationwide lock-down has started, we must have seen numerous images of people providing ration and other essentials to people in need from every corner of our country. These pictures might look the same to the eyes scrolling swiftly on the screens but each picture has a story, stories of comradery, care and of the longing desire for a better tomorrow. Stories of hope.



Awareness campaign by the young activists of Delhi Young Artist Forum (DYAF)

Hope must be the answer to the question of what keeps them going on. It has to be the hope and belief of overcoming these never seen circumstances, hope for keeping the struggle alive for achieving a dignified life to all. What else can provide the courage to deliver supplies facing unpredictable wildlife and treacherous roads in the remotest areas of our country?



Ration Kit Distribution in Nilgiri (Tamil Nadu)

SRUTI is proud to have vibrant community leaders as its fellows in 14 states. As of now all 33 SRUTI fellows are continuously working in 14 states supporting people in more than 90 blocks of 30 districts to provide aid and supplies to the laborers, adivasi, dalit, landless farmers, PVTGs and other marginalized communities in urban and rural areas.



Awareness drive in Pithora (Chhattisgarh)

In the last two and a half months SRUTI was able to raise close to 95 lakh (9.5 million) Rupees which helped our fellows to fight the pandemic and support close to 30 thousand people by distributing more than 5500 food packets and hygiene kits.

These interventions made by the fellows are not just limited to supplying ration and hygiene kits. They are also working with the state governments for the relief work and providing aid to the migrating labors. A large number of returning migrant workers to the villages has created a lot of stress and pressure on local administration throughout the country. They are well aware of these situation and are ensuring the well maintained quarantine facilities in their areas, they are also making sure that Public Distribution System (PDS) is working efficiently.



Our fellows are fighting a battle to protect people from the pandemic and the hunger, to keep them alive so the hope for the struggle for the people's rights lives on. Let us stand with these strong-willed individuals and let us contribute to keep the hope alive.

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