

## Lens of Dignity

In August, ALF hosted 'Lens of Dignity', to platform people's perspectives of the assertion of dignity. We invited people to imagine and capture the feeling in their daily lives in a photograph and send it to us with a caption.

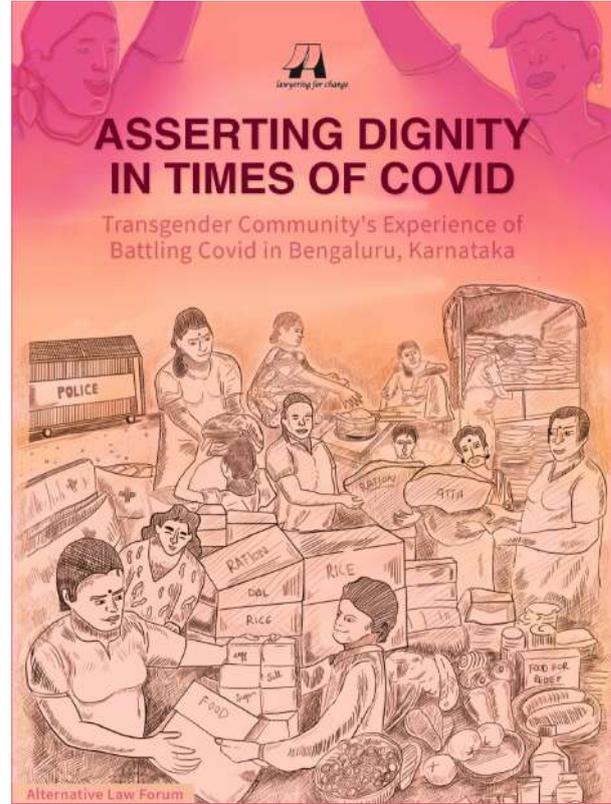
This was done in continuation with the report 'Asserting Dignity In Times of COVID' (right), that spoke in detail about the transgender community's experience of battling COVID in Bengaluru.

Take a look at the entries:



By Palash Shakya

Caption: Reclaiming public spaces is a right of all



[Click here to read the report 'Asserting Dignity in Times of COVID'.](#)



By Vishwa H. Patel

Caption: Whenever there is a conversation on dignified professions, housework is never mentioned. Yet regardless of the inability of people to recognise the relevance of this work, I am in awe of the women who continue to do it with love and dignity.

# CATCH UP WITH ALF



By Chaganti Sakshi

Caption: I met this woman who sold jewelry that she made on her own, in a street in Bangalore. I asked her how much she earned, and told me that earned very little, but it was still better than asking money from her husband, who often spent all this income on liquor. And this, is my definition of dignity.



By Aravani Art Project

Caption: Friendship leads to Allyship.

## LATEST

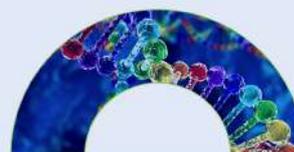
ALF hosted an interactive dialogue about the DNA Bill with Usha Ramanathan, Kunal Ambasta and Fawaz Shaheen on July 28, 2021.

The Lok Sabha has listed the DNA Bill, 2019 for consideration & passing in the ongoing session of the Parliament. What is the DNA Bill? Why did it receive opposition from MPs? What does this mean for our fundamental right to privacy and dignity? How does this impact vulnerable groups? How does this impact the criminal justice system?

We thank Usha, Kunal and Fawaz for helping address these important questions.

## Profiling by Design: The DNA bill and its implications

July 28th, 2021 | 5 PM  
On Zoom & Facebook Live



An interactive dialogue with:

Dr. Usha Ramanathan, Human Rights Activist	Kunal Ambasta, Assistant Professor, NLSIU	Fawaz Shaheen, Researcher at Quill Foundation
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[Click here to watch the session](#)

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## Remembering July 2nd: Naz Foundation V. Union of India

We made a video to remember July 2nd, when Delhi High Court read down Section 377. Why must we know about the Naz Foundation case? What was the decision taken and what was the path that it chartered it out for the LGBTQI movement?

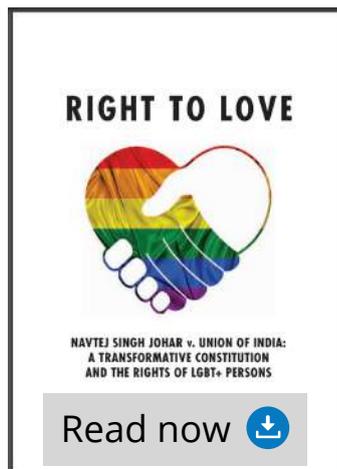
**On 2nd July 2009, a historic decision was pronounced by a bench of Delhi High Court.**



[Click here to watch the video.](#)

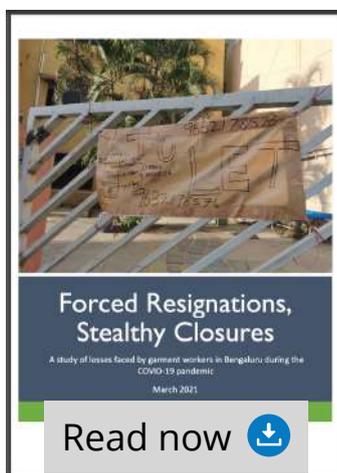


# RECENT PUBLICATIONS



## 2nd Edition of Right to Love - Navtej Singh Johar V. Union of India: A Transformative Constitution and the Rights of LGBT+ Persons

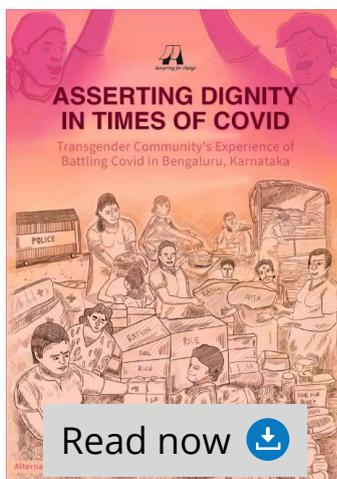
On the 3rd anniversary of the Navtej Decision, ALF celebrated by looking back at the movement that led up to the judgement, playing a pivotal role by being a nation-wide consultative process. The discussion also looked at how the judgement is a transformative decision. In this event, ALF also released the 2nd Edition of Right to Love.



## Forced Resignations, Stealthy Closures - A study of losses faced by garment workers in Bengaluru during the COVID-19 pandemic

ALF and Garment and Textile Workers' Union worked on this research report that highlights the common practise in the garment industry, to force workers to resign and deny them their rights to compensation, fair wages or negotiation.

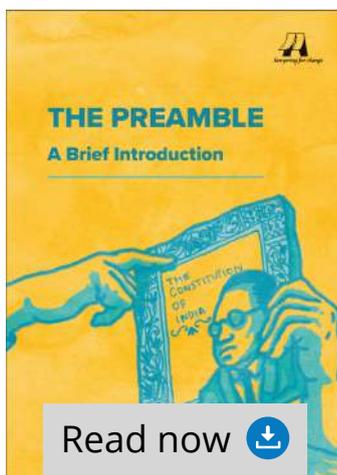
This is the third of a series of research reports that studied the impact of the pandemic on the lives of garment workers. Visit our website to see all 3 reports.



## Asserting Dignity In Times of COVID - Transgender Community's Experience of Battling Covid in Bengaluru, Karnataka

ALF, in collaboration with Sunil Mohan R, Rumi Harish and several members and activists from the trans community released this report.

It aims to bring to fore, the several accounts of extensive relief work done with resilience and solidarity by the transgender community during the first wave of the pandemic.



## The Preamble - A Brief Introduction

'Preamble - A Brief Introduction' - an ALF publication - endeavours to understand the origin and evolution of core constitutional values through the lens of the freedom movement, significant Supreme Court judgments and popular movements.

The booklet examines the Indian Constitution as a product of struggle and further illustrates how the Constitution continues to inspire contemporary struggles.

# WORK IN PROGRESS

## Work on Anti-Discrimination

At ALF, we believe that law must be freed from the clutches of lawyers to fight our battles against discrimination. The law belongs to people and the people must be able to use it to claim their rights. Law is not just bare acts, but also includes judicial decisions which help us claim our rights.

In April, we hosted a consultation, inviting individuals and organisations for their inputs on how do we make judicial decisions as an accessible tool.

Based on the needs expressed, we are currently working on a legal resource to support those fighting against discrimination.

## Constitution

Alternative Law Forum has always consistently worked on a variety of issues to uphold Constitutional ideals & values. However, over the last 2 years, we have focused efforts to engage with it in a deeper way and work on pedagogical interventions & research to share the history, meanings and values of the Constitution with citizens, especially non-lawyers, low-literate communities and the youth.

Currently, ALF is facilitating a course on the 'Indian Constitution and Human Rights' in R.B.A.N.M.'s First Grade College, Bengaluru since October 2020.

## Responding to Anti-Trafficking Bill

Coalition for an Inclusive Approach on the Trafficking Bill was formed to respond to the Anti-Trafficking Bill. ALF is one of the many organisations in Karnataka, who are speaking up about the Bill and collaborating with children's, transgender and women's rights organisations to raise awareness about the Bill.

## Work with Garment Workers

ALF in association with Garments Mahila Karmikara Munnade produced 2 research reports on the loss of livelihoods of garment workers during the pandemic, due to unfair and illegal practises common in the garment industry. We continue this work to understand aspirations, struggles and stories of the women who continue to work in this exploitative industry.

Members of ALF continue to provide support in issues such as:

- Domestic violence
- Caste atrocities
- Family Law
- Criminal Law
- Anti-Discrimination

## WITH LOVE, FROM ALF

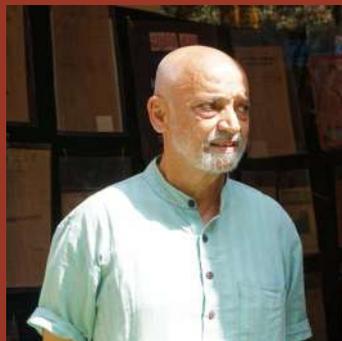


Artwork by Manavi Atri

## Rest in Power... Farewell



Our beloved Lakshamma passed away due to a sudden cardiac arrest on June 11, 2021. Lakshamma has been with ALF since the very beginning, and has cared for everyone in this workspace. Her spirited nature and dedication to her work has contributed immensely to the organisation and people's wellbeing.



Arun was a friend and mentor of ALF ever since its founding in 2000. He was a gentle and kind soul and a friend to so many of those who were associated with the ALF. Arun cared deeply for the organisation and all of us here.

He passed away on July 30, 2021 in a hospital in Germany.



Salma, one of the founders of Sadhana Mahila Sangha, left us for her eternal rest on July 6, 2021. She leaves behind an incredible legacy – working with women in distress and finding safe shelters for children living in difficult conditions, even as she struggled against all odds to create opportunities to make better lives for her own.

## [BSF operational jurisdiction:What is the notification all about?](#)

Poorna Ravishankar

The ideas of national sovereignty, security and integrity must be situated in relation to other vital constitutional principles such as federalism and cannot be upheld while subverting other values.

[English version](#)

[Kannada version](#)

## [Justice A.S. Oka: the judge known for taking suffering seriously](#)

Mohammed Afeef & Basawa Prasad Kunale

This tribute to Justice A.S. Oka talks about his legacy as Karnataka High Court Chief Justice emphasises on the significance of his judicial activism in actualizing Constitutional ideals. [Read the full article here.](#)

## [Anti-Trafficking Bill: A travesty of legal principles](#)

Poorna Ravishankar

The Bill criminalises the lives and livelihoods of those it purports to save. [Read the full article here.](#)

## [How Garment Factories Forced Illegal Resignations Of Women Workers In Karnataka](#)

Swathi Shivanand & R. Pratibha

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## [States are using preventive detention to clamp down, is warning from SC enough?](#)

With the interview of Sivamani

The Supreme Court recently called the Telangana Prevention of Dangerous Activities Act a "draconian law," but this law is not unique to Telangana alone. [Read the full article here.](#)

## [Under 5% of Karnataka's homeless inoculated, reveals govt data](#)

With the interview of Narasimhappa TV Special commissioner (welfare), BBMP, said that at present the vaccines are being provided only to those homeless persons lodged at the 9 homeless shelters across the city. [Read the full article here.](#)

## [Vaccination of homeless not in shelters a challenge](#)

With the Interview of Narasimhappa TV

As chances of getting vaccinated play hide and seek for many due to the fluctuating availability of vaccine stocks, for those without a roof over their heads, vaccination is a pipe dream. [Read the full article here.](#)

## [ವಿಶ್ಲೇಷಣೆ: ಡಿಎನ್‌ಎ ಮಸೂದೆ - ಆತಂಕ ಏಕೆ? \(Why should we worry about the DNA Bill?\)](#)

Manavi Atri

ಪ್ರತಿ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ ಶುರುವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುನ್ನ ಸಂಸತ್ತು ಸರಕಾರದ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾದ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಜನರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತದೆ; ಸರಕಾರದ ಅಜಿಂಡಾ ಏನಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ತಿಳಿಯಲಿ ಎಂಬ ಆಶಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ.

## ಹೇಳದೇಕೇಳದೇ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿರುವ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಐಡಿಯಿಂದ ಮುಂದೆ ಒದಗಬಹುದಾದ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳು!

Vinay Sreenivasa

ಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೇವೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿ ತರಲು ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿಯವರು ಆಯುಷ್ಮಾನ್ ಭಾರತ ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ಮಿಷನ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರ ಮೂಲಕ ದೇಶದ ಪ್ರತಿ ಪ್ರಜೆಗೆ ನೀಡುವ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಐ.ಡಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಐ.ಡಿ ತರಲು ಹೊರಟಿರುವ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿ ಏನಿದು?

## Why Kannada channels airing visuals of Puneeth's body before official word was unethical

Vinay Sreenivasa

The visuals aired by some Kannada TV channels were not only disrespectful to the actor and his family, they could have easily triggered events that posed a threat to law and order in the city.

## Donate and Support ALF

Alternative Law Forum operates as a collective in its organisational capacity. It has also always been a space that acts as a collective with those who walk in to our doors, participate, contribute, build relationships with each other and work on several short term and long term endeavours. We would like to transition from being institutionally funded, to being a space that is co-created and supported by friends.



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