



*Not an inch more of our lands*

**J.M.A.C.C.**

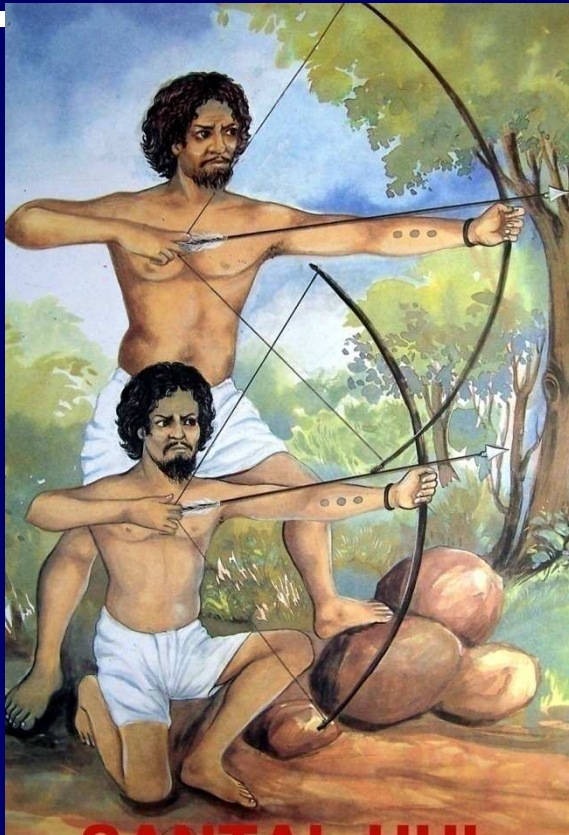
**(Jharkhand Mines Area Coordination Committee)**

**An alliance of communities impacted by mining**

# Jharkhand: *Our Adivasi homeland*



**We are a homeland of 32 different tribe peoples plus numerous other subaltern communities, each having their own language.**



## **SANTAL HUL 1855 to 2005**

**India's First Freedom Movement**

**We honour with respect  
our 25000 Santal relatives  
slaughtered by the colonial  
forces & their agents.**

**We pledge our commitment  
to their dream of a Jharkhand  
free from plunder  
and dignity for all.**

Our centuries long history has been a history of resistance, rebellions and war against the outsider colonisers

**1855 the East India Co. used the English Army to wage war against our Santhal people. 25,000 killed**

*It was the first example of a multinational company waging a war with the help of a foreign army.*

**Nothing has changed for us, plunder and slaughter continues**

## **We the Adivasis of Jharkhand are the single biggest contributor to National Development**

- **Land for free**
- **Minerals for free**
- **Water for free**
- **Forest for free**
- ***Plus almost free labour***

**A fact & human cost that has never been acknowledge by historians, academicians & Indian society**

# Political Development of J.M.A.C.C.

- Sourcing from this 200+ years history in 2001 Jharkhand Mines Area Co-ordination Committee (J.M.A.C.C.) was formed.
- The process of our political development its strategies and tactics can be traced through our slogans...

2001

*“Stop 150 years of Plunder”*

*A commitment to build a political  
Organisation/Alliance to execute the  
above call*

# 2003

“Minerals are ours,  
not just ‘stakeholders’ but **OWNERS**”

Join in the footsteps of Birsa Munda & Che Guevara,  
the pioneers of our movement against colonialism, imperialism, & expropriation

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बिरसा और चे की राह पर  
खनिज पर मालिकाना हक के लिए संघर्ष जारी !!!

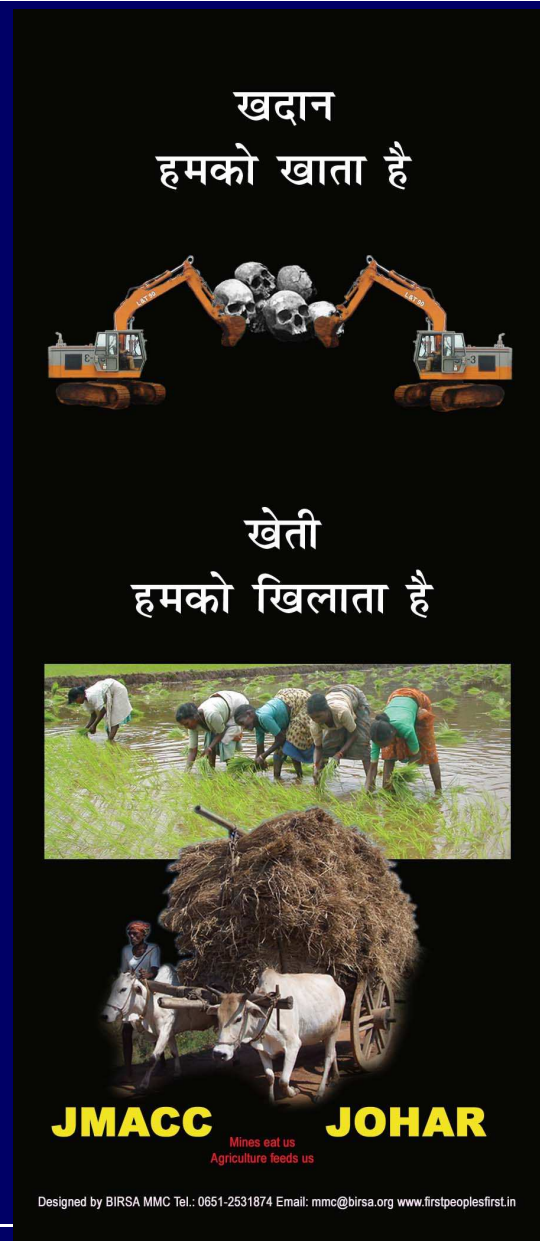
It transformed the  
way we saw  
ourselves,  
individually as well  
as collectively

2004

*“Mines eat us,  
agriculture feeds us”*

Mining once considered a  
ticket to prosperity was  
exposed as a **life-taker**

While our agriculture a **life-giver**

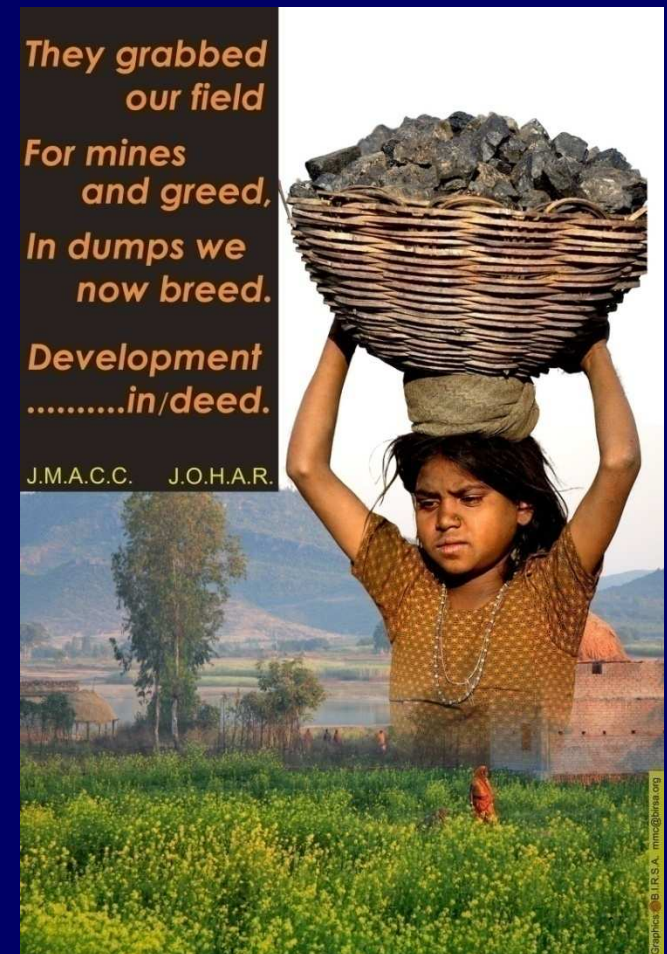


2007

*“My land they stole,  
my girl is now a .....*”

Which self-sufficient farmer will want his daughter to become a *reja* (head loader/keeps for contractors)?

This slogan sent ripples and overnight put to rest any one having second thoughts on giving up their land for Industry



**“Not an inch  
more of land”**



**A mass consciousness that has become a fortress, which the power of the state & the corporations will find difficult to break**

## 2008 “Unite or we will be wiped out”

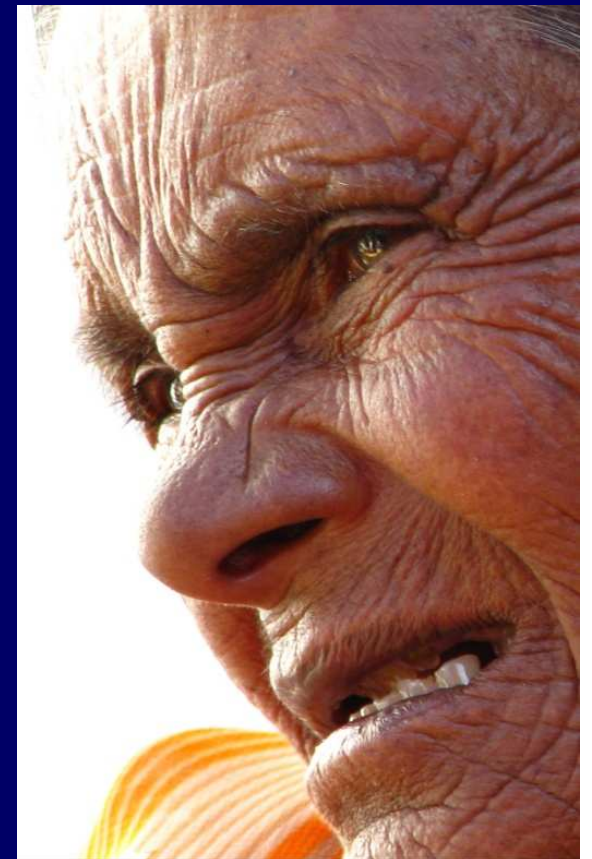


After 6 yrs of resistance leading to a mass consciousness, we moved to strengthen J.M.A.C.C. & our member organisations into a formal organised structure under a constitution

**2009 -2010**

**The transformation from a single issue movement (i.e. mining) to a social movement needs us to become a movement that thinks**

**Learning from history, and an understanding how the global system effects us all**



**Think deeply  
or  
die slowly**

## **The path we have taken:**

- 1. Exposing the real face of the State and the mineral industry**
- 2. Exposing the myth of benevolent mining**
- 3. Reinforcing the pride we have in our identity as Indigenous people**
- 4. Harnessing the power of organised resistance**

# Our strategy

- **Demystify the State and Economy as a structure creating wealth for a few**
- **All activities should be geared to expose these and other myths**
- **Create a mass conscious collective will**
- **Strengthen our Indigenous knowledge systems, values and philosophy and build a pride in them**
- **Organized people's power as a force as well as a method of mass consciousness**

## **Our tactics**

- **Embargos on entry to any Government, & Mining company personal into our village territories. Not even for land or mineral survey**
- **Social boycott of the dallals (pimps/agents), rogue elements especially politicians and political parties**
- **Use all tools available in a modern society as well as our own traditional systems**
- **Our own communication media**
- **All our responses should be innovative efficient and effective**

# Organization Principles & Policies

- Based on our centuries of time tested administration system. Full transparency, democracy from below, decision by consensus. Blessing of the spirits of our ancestors our elder Chieftain
- Simplification of complex reality
- Emphasis on rotating leadership. Development of second and third level cadre
- The individual should never be bigger than the organisation
- **JMACC cannot negotiate on behalf of the local organization**

## Continued...

- Work to include all sections of the community within the organisation especially the women and children amongst us, the landless, artesian
- Encourage inter-organisational activities based on common understanding and spelt out areas of disagreement
- Clarity on the special identities that we are involved with i.e. NGO's, individual intellectuals, strategic partners, well-wishers etc., and avoid confusing them

# Political issues we cover

## Linking mining issue to:

- **Global capitalism, Imperialism, militarization, and other game plans.**
- **Deconstruction of the expropriation process**
- **Exposing falsity of TINA and the Win-Win myth**
- **Exposing Industries, State, World Bank, etc., claim that “Mining is a panacea for poverty elevation”**

**The facts about our biodiversity and its preciousness**

**The roots of casteism amongst the ruling class**

**Also interpreting assaults on us as racism**

## Some Achievement

- Political consciousness about the expropriation process has widely spread.
- Participation of women, children has broken down gender hierarchy
- Traditional Adivasis chieftain, power and association consolidated
- Industries and state's inability to dialog, debate or communicate with people has been exposed

## Continued...

- Development of B.I.R.S.A. Mines Monitoring Centre as an effective and efficient NGO recourse centre to support the Alliance
- Publishing ADHIKAR the only newspaper dedicated to the social issues of mining.
- Cooperation and solidarity with labour unions and organizations
- Exposed politician and political parties as potential traitors
- Exposed the game plan of other negative forces

# Achievement on the mining front

21 Mega Coal  
projects stalled  
they include:

.....thermal power  
points one being  
Asia's biggest  
thermal power  
project

.... Bauxite mines  
stalled

.... Aluminum  
smelters stalled

This includes the  
land for water, red  
& white ash dams

,,,,Steel Plants &  
iron ore mines  
stalled

This includes Rs.  
60,000 crores of  
the Tata Co

These  
achievements are  
in the State of  
Jharkhand

Besides  
J.M.A.C.C. there  
are a number of  
other  
organisations who  
share this credit

These State sanctioned projects have been embargoed by the movement . 6 years and to date they cannot even enter the area

SN	Project	Types of project	Company	Block/ District	No of Affected Villages
1	Chiro-Kukud Bauxite Mines	Bauxite mining	Hindalco Industries Ltd.	Mahuadanr (Latehar)	27
2	Chitarpur Power Project	Thermal Power Station/Project	Corporate Ispat Alloys Limited	Balumath (Latehar)	15
3	Chitarpur Coal Block	Coal Mining and Washri	Abhijit Infrastructure Ltd.	Balumath (Latehar)	7
4	Aluminium Smelting Plant	Aluminium Plant Water Storage & Township	Hindalco	Sadar Block (Latehar)	45
5	Tubed Coal Project	Coal Mining & Thermal Power station	Hindalco/ Rungta/ TATA	Sadar Block (Latehar)	26
6	Magadh Project	Coal Mining	C.C.L	Tandwa (chatra)	
7	Sisai Brinda coal block	Coal Mining	Abhijeet Infrastructure Ltd.	Tandwa (Chatra)	3
8	Amrapali Project	Coal Mining	C.C.L	Tanndwa (Chatra)	
9	Keredari Dam	Water Storage	NTPC	Keredari (Hazaribagh)	
10	Kampura Power Project	Thermal power station/ Township	NTPC	Keredari/Tandwa (Hazaribagh)	26
11	Pakri Barwadih Coal Block	Coal Mining	NTPC	Barkagaon (Hazaribagh)	20
12	Badam Coal Block	Coal Mining	AMTA	Barkagaon (Hazaribagh)	8
13	Baledawari Coal Block	Coal Mining	NTPC	Keredari(Hazaribagh)	5
14	Bariyatu Coal Block	Coal Mining	NTPC	Keredari(Hazaribagh)	6
15	Steel Plant	Spong Iron	Bhushan Steel	Keredari(Hazaribagh)	2

16	Steel Plant	Spong Iron	JVK	Keredari(Hazaribagh)	8
17	Steel Plant	Spong Iron	Rungta	Keredari(Hazaribagh)	3
18	Raut-Para Coal Block	Coal Mining	DVC	Keredari(Hazaribagh)	11
19	Moitra Coal Block	Coal Mining	Niko Jaisawal	Barkagaon (Hazaribagh)	7
20	Netarhat Field Firing Range	Firing Range/Township	Defense Ministry	Mahuwatand (Latehar), Chainpur , Bishunpur (Gumla)	229
21	Serendag Bauxite Mines	Bau xiteMining	Indian Alu minum Corporation Ltd.	Bishunpur (Gumla)	
22	Kujum Bauxite Mines	Bau xite Min ing	Indian Alu minum Corporation Ltd.	Bishunpur (Gumla)	
23	East Parej Coal Project	Coal Mining	World Bank Funded CCL	Mandu (Hazaribagh)	13
24	Steel Plant	Coal Mining / Spong Iron / Stone Crusher	CCL/Rungata	Churchu (Ramgard)	13
25		Coal Mining & Thermal Power Station	ESSAR	Chandwa (Latehar)	
26	Jindal Steel Plant	Steel Plant	Jindal	Patratu (Ranchi)	7
27	Rabodh Coal Block	Coal Mining	Jindal	Rabodh (Churchu-Hazaribagh)	
28	East Jharia Field, Munidih	Coal Mining	BCCL	Bhaghmara (Dhanbad)	125
29	Uraniu m Plant Mining	Uraniu m Min ing	UCIL	Turamdih ,Jamshedpur(East Singbhum)	
30	Uraniu m Plant	Uraniu m Min ing	UCIL	Jadugoda ,Jamshedpur (East Singbhum)	
31	Iron Ore	Mining	TATA	Nowamundih (West Singbhum)	
32	Iron Ore	Mining	Dempo/Sail/ Tata/Rungta	Manoharpur (West Singbhum)	
33				Charhi( Hazaribagh)	
34	Pandra Pat Bauxite Mining	Bau xite Min ing	JINDAL	Bagaicha ( Jashpur)	
35	Hydro project	Dam &Project of Water Storage	Hydro Pvt. Ltd.	Manora (Jashpur)	

## Thinking points

There is no 'good mining' or 'bad mining'

There are no 'good companies' verses 'bad companies'

Mining is inherently violent, irreparably destructive both socially as well as ecologically

# Thinking points contd

Mining or the extractive industries are at the heart of this economy and therefore their destructive character not only impacts us economically & politically, but also defines the very character of our social system

Any argument, suggestion or attempt to reform or correct the industry can only deviate us from our mission to save our lands

# Thinking point contd

If we believe that our land is sacred then we should also believe that the minerals within it are also sacred

If like our land, our minerals are sacred, then how can we let the politicians and industries control it?

How can we permit such wanton waste of our sacred minerals?

How can we permit our sacred minerals to be used for the weapon industry to kill masses of people?

# Thinking points contd

Therefore it is very important that we work to legitimise and legalise our ownership rights to minerals

Only then can we control and regulate a policy for minimum mining to avert maximum destruction and our very survival as Indigenous nations

Thank You  
*Johar !*