



CJP : A Gen Z Movement

In May 2026, a remark by the Chief Justice of India comparing some unemployed young people to “cockroaches” caused strong reactions across the country. Many young Indians, already discouraged by unemployment, exam paper leaks and uncertainty about their future, felt deeply hurt by these words. The next day, *Abhijeet Dipke*, a young Indian based abroad, launched an online satirical movement called the *Cockroach Janta Party*, with the slogan “Voice of the Lazy and Unemployed”. What began as humour quickly became a symbol of frustration among many young people.

Within days, the movement attracted millions of followers on social media, and many have now taken to the streets across the country, demanding accountability



The concerns of the youth are increasingly becoming the concerns of entire families.

from those responsible. The educated, unemployed and frustrated youth are determined to continue their peaceful, non-violent protests, but the government has not yet broken its silence.

The movement is spreading rapidly and the authorities have yet to respond. Will their cry be heard? Only time will tell.

Our project, too, has often found itself confronting corruption and, whenever possible, fighting against it. The *Dugawar* project recently stood firmly by the poor and chose not to remain silent. Here are the latest happenings from *Dugawar*.



The complaint filed by Priyanka, Brijesh, Nitu and Kanchan shook the administration and brought the truth to light.

When the System Fails the Poor

Under the *Right to Education (RTE) Act*, 25% of the seats are



Deserving children were denied the government-sponsored places meant for them this year.

reserved for children from disadvantaged families living near the school. For the last few years, *St. Anthony's Schools* have been identifying eligible children, especially girls from nearby villages, under this programme.

This year, *St. Anthony's Dugawar* received a list of 40 children selected under the scheme. When we studied the details, we were astonished. None of the children we had identified appeared on the list, while many of those selected did not seem to fulfil the eligibility criteria for free education.

We looked into the matter and learned that a middleman had allegedly collected large sums of money from parents in exchange for securing admission through false documentation. *Priyanka, Brijesh, Nitu and Kanchan*, four mothers from *Dugawar village* whose children had been rejected, organised themselves and decided to lodge complaints with local and higher authorities.

The process was not easy. Some officials were reluctant to listen, some were rude, but the women persisted. Their complaint eventually reached the *District Magistrate* and the *education department*. RTE admissions were temporarily suspended and an official inquiry was launched.

In the following days, investigation teams visited *St. Anthony's Dugawar*. We strongly encouraged them to go beyond the paperwork and meet the families in person. Our staff ac-

companied the officials from village to village. One after another, inconsistencies emerged, and many situations appeared very different from what the documents suggested.

Among the many stories that emerged during the investigation, one was almost worthy of a comedy film. A village leader who had allegedly bribed middlemen to secure an RTE seat for his son least expected the inspection team to arrive at his home. On learning that they were coming, he tried to divert them from his residence. He asked his wife to dress like a poor village woman and welcome the officials at their farmhouse, a simple hut used by workers resting in the fields.

The inspectors immediately sensed that something was wrong and asked to see the kitchen and living conditions of the family. Realising that the situation was becoming difficult, the lady rushed back home, changed into her usual clothes and prepared to appear as a completely different person before the team. The inspection team soon reached the actual family residence and confronted the *pradhan* and his wife, who pretended not to recognise the woman from the farmhouse.

This event shook up the administration. While the investigation was underway, two government officers disappeared from their offices. All the illegally selected admissions were eventually cancelled. It is a powerful example of what can happen when ordi-



nary villagers — especially women — become informed, organised and determined to bring about change.

Solar Energy: A Promise Fulfilled in Dugawar

Last year, we shared with you the challenge faced by *St. Anthony's School in Dugawar* during the hot summer months. Frequent power cuts meant classrooms without fans, computers that could not be used, and difficult conditions for both students and teachers.

We are happy to share that an important step has now been completed. A new 60 KW solar power system has been installed at the Dugawar campus. This system now provides reliable electricity for the school, which welcomes more than 2,250 students.

During the day, the school can use solar energy directly. When needed, the system is supported by batteries and by the public electricity supply. This means that fans, lights and computers can function more regularly, even during power cuts.

This project represents a major investment, but it will help reduce electricity costs in the long term and provide a more com-



The sun at work: 60 KW of solar energy bringing comfort and learning to more than 2,250 students.

fortable environment for learning. In a region where summer heat can be very difficult, this is not a luxury, but a real necessity for the children. Each passing year seems to become hotter, and this year, by mid-May, the heat had become unbearable and the schools closed for the summer holidays ahead of schedule.

The older 6 KW solar system, previously used in Dugawar, has also found a new purpose. It has been moved to Jadwar, where it now helps provide electricity for staff residences and emergency support for fans during the hottest months.

Women Building a Better Future

Over the years, our vocational training centres have played a vital role in the economic empowerment of women in the Dugawar and Rahrai projects. After acquiring new



As summers grow hotter each year, reliable electricity has become not only a necessity, but a protection for our children.

This training is conducted in collaboration with RSETI (*Rural Self Employment Training Institute*), an initiative promoted by banks in partnership with the Government of India. We have been working with RSETI and benefiting from their services in *Dugawar* for nearly two decades. Present in every district, RSETIs provide practical skill training to rural youth and women, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, helping them start small businesses or find employment. Beyond teaching technical skills, these programmes also build confidence, leadership and entrepreneurial spirit. Through this collaboration, many participants take their first steps towards economic independence and a more secure future.



A journey beyond the village:
discovering new opportunities
and new markets.

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