

Volunteers distributed IEC to people. The pertinent grief in their mood clearly showed how they were almost pushed by the health system to buy medicines. They took the claim form to write and send the apex authority to understand the people's problem.

The program was well covered by different main stream media The Pioneer, Orissa Post, Nitidin and Web news.



"YES DEMOCRACY CAMPAIGN"

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Report of Pay My Bill, Campaign



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Pay My Bill Campaign:

In phase III and phase IV round of the Yes Democracy Campaign as per the decision Sahayog took the responsibility of organizing “Pay My Bill Campaign” in state level. It was also decided that maiden day of the first Monsoon session of the newly formed Government will be the best one to start the week long spike on 25th June 2019. Bhubaneswar Railway station being one important entry point to commuters from across Odisha as well as many patients with their family members decided as prime option to kick start the spike.



On 25th June 2019 morning at 8 a.m. 'Sahayog' kick started the week long spike with 50 volunteers, TB Champions, community leaders coming across different Blocks of Khordha and Cuttack district. They create a human chain holding placards and giving slogans to make quality health service and education free for all. Volunteers engaged with rail passengers coming in and going out of Railway station. They disseminated leaflets to passerby and sensitized about the health and education right as well as entitlements for them by our democratic elected government. They described to the people that the same parties in both centre and state came to power in 17th general election. So, it's the day when the first monsoon session of new Assembly is also sitting. And here with reminding the government about



their poll promise in election manifesto and many things which have not get place the aspiration wish of citizens in health and education. A country or state can't strengthen if the popular government is undermining citizen's health and education needs. Though both Centre and State have been introducing and implementing so many schemes like (Niramaya, Sampoorna, Sunetra, Nidan, and Health Insurance) but reality is quite different. The benefit of all schemes never reached the people the way it should be. Hence the financial burden on them for health and education pushed them to below poverty line. Government should make sure health care (Medicines, Doctors, diagnosis, ambulance, infrastructure, and service providers) freely available and accessible to all in priority basis. All the government schools need to well equip otherwise government should control privatization educational institutions to protect the interest of own citizen.

Now the government should pay the amount already paid by citizen for getting education or health services and treatment. The commuters from both in and out of state were so happy with this type of programme and many of them readily engaged as the part of this Pay my Bill campaign. Many people readily gave bite to the media that these types of campaigns are the need of hour. Representatives of Oxfam India, Mr. Santosh Patra and Miss. Bijayalaxmi Rautaray Secretary of Sahayog, Bikram Swain President of Sahayog managed the program and gave vote of thanks to all participants, Medias as well as rail passengers those who make the program a success.



On 28th June 2019 consecutively Sahayog with 25 volunteers continued the programme at Kalpana Labour hub. As a rain fed day laborers were not there and passerby was almost scanty. Hence, decided to shift the programme to Capital Hospital Bhubaneswar. Instead of holding placard volunteers moves around the patients and their family members. Personally interacted with them those were returning from Niramaya counter and moving towards Chemist shops in and around the hospital.

