



**ONDEDE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

Ondede is a Kannada word for convergence. By recognizing and acknowledging existing movements, Ondede endeavors to link these different, but interrelated groups to various media platforms to foster productive community discourses, conduct research, and instigate action on dignity-voice-sexuality, and most crucially from the perspective of sexual minorities and transgender community. We envision a society that provides access in a non-discriminatory and gender-just way. We have also been working towards establishing linkages between different social movements, to increase evidence based advocacy in policy and to practice and provide platform for people and movements to come together.

## **CONCEPT BACKGROUND**

Sexual minorities are usually termed as lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender persons etc. Their sexual orientation, gender identity, practices and even family/institutional support structure are distinctly different from the majority of the society. It is only in the recent decade that the sexual minority and the transgender community have come to the fore front of the society as marginalized and discriminated groups based on their gender, sexuality and identity.

The need of the hour, we believe, is to understand and ensure a just, equitable and a more inclusive society, for these groups often have to face and deal with unsympathetic families, patriarchal and prejudiced society, disgruntled spouses or lovers who turn hostile or become extortionists.

Violence faced by these communities is often invisible or under reported in mainstream media. Further, an insensitive criminal justice system and a pre-colonial provision of Section 377 of the India Penal Code make reporting even more difficult.

## **ACTION PLAN and METHODOLOGY**

In this context, Ondede has taken a small initiative to understand sexual violence, domestic violence, sexuality rights and transgender rights from the perspectives and experiences of these communities by documenting the stories of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, Jogappas, transgender persons, gender non-confirming, intersex etc from across the State of Karnataka. Perspectives on these four themes will also be gathered from different stakeholders like the police departments, NGOs working with sexual minorities and women, government departments, State Human Rights Commission, hospitals etc.

The methodology used will draw upon the tools of feminist participatory research and seek to foreground personal testimonies while drawing out the larger context for the stories.

## **PURPOSE**

As an Organization working with the grass root communities, these case studies will help us in understanding and voicing the struggles of individuals from the sexual minority and the transgender community. It will also help us to analyse the current legal frame work by demonstrating the stark realities of harassment, abuse and violence that has become a part of their day-to-day existence and need to be included in the wider discourse on sexual and domestic violence as also on human rights and dignity. These case studies can also be used in the growing body of knowledge on these marginalized and invisible communities that could inform on-going activism and advocacy, even while developing a more informed and sensitive analytical framework for understanding the lives and realities of sexual minority and transgender communities.

### **Ondede Logo meaning**

The letter O in the logo represents “convergence”, and the little twirl moving out to say something new will emerge...

### **Vision**

Ondede envisions a society that provides access is non-discriminatory and gender-just.

### **Mission**

To create a space for dialogue and support and strengthen action to visibilize issues of Dignity-Voice- Sexuality in relation to children, women and sexual minorities

### **Objectives**

- To establish linkages between different social movements in three inter-connected areas
- To provide platform for people and movements to come together to interact and dialogue
- To increase evidence based advocacy in policy and practice and creation of a knowledge hub

### **Approach**

- Partnerships with community based organizations, social movements and other individuals – by building contacts, linkages and solidarities
- Engagement with the state and other actors
- Amplifying voices through use of community media
- Conduct research, documentation and campaigns

### April 2017

- Convergence with State Government of Karnataka today here with Chief Secretary of GOK, Chairperson of Human Rights Commission on Safe city is a smart city



### May 2017

- In an important discussion about #Ondede the advisors/cofounders meet to relook convergence ! 13th July 17 in SCMI, Bengaluru

### June 2017

- Student Christian Movement of India organised Memorial lecture at Trivandrum of Kerala where the rights of sexual minorities was emphasised on 27th June. What's the movement status of sexual minorities in India meet at UTC , Bangalore on 29th 30th June silent protest to condemn atrocities against minorities in country on 28th June at townhall



## July 2017

- Baba Saheb Ambedkar international conference organised by Government of Karnataka to rethink Social Justice, Equity, Democracy and Freedom today in Bangalore. Being as speaker to speak about exclusion, communal harmony and identity. Ahead to develop social inclusive policy ! Ondede's Convergence! Jai Bheem



## September 2017

- From Sultanate of Oman, Mar Thoma Church Gulf Youth Conference 2017, to National Law School of India University orientation on Sexual Minorities and the law to Journalist Gauri Lankesh's assassination condemning meeting to Rallies, planning meetings, public meeting to #Nimhans, #Ondede and #Swatantra jointly organised National meeting on Sex Reassignment Surgery at Nimhans today. Experts from eight states including transgender community and medical experts came together how we take the process forward ! Ahead followup
- Ongoing Regional/National #Transgender and #Sexual #Minorities Meeting to envision the movement in India @ Student Christian Movement of India, Bengaluru. Participants from West Bengal, Manipur-North East, Delhi, Tamilnadu, Seemandra, Telangana, Karnataka ! Ahead in building leaders #Ondede #Citizen Rights Matters in 21st century



- At the Transgender meeting on movement, discussion about future today in scm house, Bangalore



- On 27th In Mangalore, freedom and fraternity March , Zero discrimination event at St Alosyious college , speaking on the Positive developments at Sarang radio station , Transgender and the Law event in Raichur organised by Aptamitra organisation ! Experiences makes change



October 2017

- [BanjaraAcademy](#) on [#Transgender](#) and [#SexualMinorities](#). A layer to build councillors who will be playing vital role in people's life! [#Ondede](#) and [#Swatantra](#) team on 3rd October 2017



- Save democracy meeting at Student Christian Movement of India organised by civil society movement [#Ondede](#)





- Critique and Understand the way forward on the Transgender policy approved on 26th October 2017 by Government of Karnataka discussion held on 6th November 2017 at SCM house Bangalore. Individual community representatives, Ondede, Swatantra Payana Sarathya Jeeva ksmf KTS Navasoorthi sangha\_bijapura, Sneha society\_ Gulbarga, ashraya samudaya sangatane \_udupi, Pragathi seva sangha\_gulbarga, Milana sangha\_bagalkot, Sanjeevani Nagar graeenabhirudhi samudaya seva samste\_ haveri came together for Community interest



**November 2017**

- Aangan (Angala) Women's informal group Pleasure to extend our convergence with feminists through group discussion! 18th November 2017



- Meeting with Mayor of Bengaluru on the two crore budget allocated implementation for Transgender community on 13th November 17 representatives from Ondede and other organizations attended!



Transgender remembrance day at Trivandrum and Centre for Child and Law in Bangalore on gender non conforming children and intersex !



**December 2017**

Ondede to educate the importance of Transgender bill and on sex reassignment surgery with community on 2nd December.



UNAIDS organised Transgender bill discussion with Minister Tawar Chand Gehelot in his residence! No support to the bill which is not consultative . Sana the advisory member of Ondede attended on 3rd December 2017.



Teachers all set to aware children on gender non conformity, Transgender and Sexual Minorities community issues. Ondede in its limited network with child rights movement trying to build convergence ! CMCA organised at YWCA bengaluru



Ondede continues to educate the importance of Transgender bill and on sex reassignment surgery with community members on 5th December.



In a depth discussion about the future of Ondede. Ondede endorses the voice to appoint Chairperson for Human Rights Commission through joining agitation. Members in a media interaction against transgender protection bill which will be introduced in thr parliament this month.

Members from the Community addressing concerns in Pressclub against Draconian Transgender Protection of Rights Bill Today. Tomorrow a protest organized at MYSORE BANK CIRCLE between 3 to 6 pm. Join us in large numbers to show support for our oppressed community !



Thinking beyond victimization and Stand to raise voice against structural discrimination. With a new forum for women for Magadi Taluk under Janawadi Mahila Sangatane on 15th December ! Also at Kamala school and at Joseph's on sex education and youth challenge !

Ondede represented at DEVELOPING TRAINING MODULE FOR SENSITIZATION OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE & STAKE HOLDERSorganised by Centre for Equity & Social Developmentand NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & ANCHAYATIRAJ, Hyderabad on 18th to 20<sup>th</sup>



Report released 22nd December on the socio medical status of transgender persons in India-sex reassignment surgery 2017 organised by #NIMHANS#Ondede and #Swatantra at Victoria Hospital Government of Karnataka.



Institution development meeting on [#convergence](#) on 23d December at Ondede office.



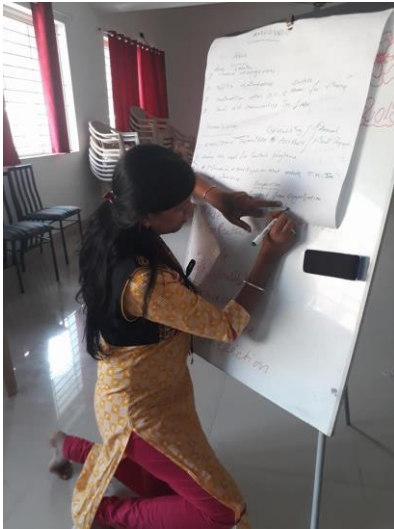
## January 2018

- On the 8th Indian Institute of Management organised a discussion on the way forward of [#TransgenderPolicy](#) introduced by [#GovernmentofKarnataka](#) & [#TransgenderRightsbill](#) and [#ipc377](#) Principal Secretary of Women and Child Development Department and Mr Rajeev Gowda Honble Member of Parliament and other policy makers from various sector were part of it. [#Ondede](#) critiqued pros and cons of the policy .

Same day Supreme Court has accepted to hear 377 petitions filed ! Members of Ondede gave reaction in welcoming the move of Judiciary !



- At National Student Union of India organised manifesto meeting for upcoming assembly Election and ward committee meeting organised by Environment Support Group ! On the 19th Jan 17
- Staff induction about #Ondede Organisation. Try to understand self positivity and negativity in a group to work for #Convergence. With Editor #Varthabharthi #kannada #newspaper today at office



### March 2018

- How marginalised community issues not addressed in the federal and state budgets from governments. Being part of Tribal community, Dalit community, poor women, class minorities. Was a platform to bring Transgender and sexual minorities which is still not addressed by governments.

People's Budget Initiative organised national consultantion at Delhi India Habitat Centre  
Learn from mistakes !



- New Board of Trustees to Ondede formed

### Ondede Trustees Members as per the governing structure

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Pronoun</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Managing Trustee/President	Mr. Elengovel.P	Cis Man (Gay)	He	Information Technology Company
Trustee/Director	Dr. Akkai Padmashali	Transgender woman	She	Social Activist
Trustee/Treasurer	Mr. Hemanth Kumar M.G	Cis Man	He	Handloom Business and Farmer Activist
Trustee	Ms. Archana B.C	Cis Woman	She	Activist
Trustee	Mr. Avinash Suvarna	Transgender man	He	Finance Officer
Trustee	Anindya Hajra	Transgender	She	Social Activist
Trustee	Siddappa Alagond alias Siddamma	Jogappa	She	Begging/Telling Saga stories

### Ondede Advisory Members

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Pronoun</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Advisory	Ms. Shakun	Female	She	Women's rights activist

Member	Mohini			
Advisory Member	Ms. Madhu Bhushan	Female	She	Women's rights activist
Advisory Member	Dr. Shaibiya Saldhana	Female	She	Gynaecologist and Trustee- Enfold
Advisory Member	Ms. Kavita Ratna	Female	She	Director, The Concerned for working Children (CWC)
Advisory Member	Ms. Jayna Kothari	Female	She	Lawyer
Advisory Member	Dr. Daya Prasad	Male	He	Doctor
Advisory Member	Ms. Poojitha	Transgender woman	She	Community Member

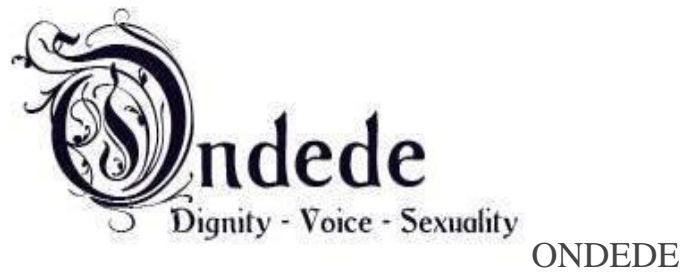
**List Staff of Ondede**

1. Dr Akkai Padmashali - Director
2. Prerana Kodur – Program Manager( Finances cum Admin)
3. Amulya – Community Advocate

**Interns and Volunteer**

1. Tiana - Volunteer (Frances)
2. Jemy Anna Jacob (Christ College)





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