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Fr. Stanislaus Lourduswamy an octogenarian Indian Jesuit priest hailing from Jamshedpur province was illegally arrested on the 8th of October 2020. This has stirred up the air mainly in India and some parts of the world. It has been over 120 days of incarceration of Fr. Stan in jail despite the continuous effort taken by Jesuits, collaborators, various CSO's, NGO's, Human Rights groups, several Jesuit institutions and prominent leaders etc, to release Fr. Stan.

At the outset, there have been protests, agitations, online campaigns etc, on various platforms i.e, through writings, marching on the streets, hoisting placards, posters and conducting webinars, online events, campaigns etc. Some of the major steps taken so far to release Fr. Stan Swamy have been very rigorous.

A National Solidarity Day was observed on 12 October 2020 in different parts of the country. To show the efforts of people to release Fr. Stan a dedicated website for the release of Fr. Stan Swamy has been created, where news, updates, events, programs etc., related to Fr. Stan are updated on this website. The url for the website is: <https://standwithstan.jcsaweb.org/>. The updates of Fr. Stan Swamy also reflects in <https://jcsaweb.org/> which has so far 2,09,727 viewers. Next, a signature campaign was launched where over 1.5 lac people have signed with change.org and appealed for the release of Fr.Stan. Moreover, a postcard campaign was conducted where the target was atleast 100,000 people would send postcards to Shri. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to listen to the voices of people and provide justice to Fr. Stan. Many letters from embassies, consulates, prominent leaders have been sent to Shri. Prime Minister Modi.

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During the time of Christmas, a campaign was conducted namely Christmas with the undertrial campaign where people could send gifts to the prisoners in jail. Furthermore, an appeal campaign was conducted regarding the situation of human right defenders in India, particularly Fr. Stan Swamy SJ, addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to release Fr. Stan and other Human Rights defenders on bail. Have published the news and happenings of Fr. Stan on various national and international news, magazines, web portals, journals etc.

People never stopped praying for the injustices happening in India. To fight against the evil, an online Deepotsav Inter-religious & Catholic prayer was broadcasted which has 629 and 676 viewers respectively. A National vigil for the constitution & Human Rights Defenders program was conducted in which a theme song for Fr. Stan Swamy was launched namely 'Hum Honge Kamyab' which has 4600 plus viewers. Also, a program on democratic right to dissent - Youngistan with Kanhaiya Kumar, a student leader who turned out to be an Indian Politician was conducted which has 900 viewers.



Due to pandemic, it has been difficult to typically gather physically in a traditional way and do protest, rallies and processions. Therefore, online platform had been a great exploration to continue to express, and speak out against the wrongs in the society. Dedicated pages on FB, Twitter and other social media platforms have been created to give the ground the right information about the issue which is constantly trending. Also, a Stan Storm was organized on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and



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WhatsApp along with JCSEA on different occasions. Some of the hashtags that have been widely prominent in the whole scenario are: #StandWithStan, #SipperForStan, #FreeStan and #FreeStanSwamy

Many provinces are doing a lot of activities in the context of releasing Fr. Stan. All of them have been consolidated and placed in a dedicated google drive for each province. The drives have been created as communication campaign, advocacy campaign and general information regarding Fr. Stan which gets updated as and when any activity is done by any province.

On the occasion of the Republic day on 26th January 2021, an online event was conducted, We the people-reclaiming the republic for which there are 1300 plus viewers. This event was conducted to observe the constitution of India and to understand how it has been exploited by the injustices of the country. Based on the number of days of incarceration of Fr. Stan regular posters are being created.

People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) meeting was conducted where more than 110 civil organisation and over 12000 viewers had participated. Adding to that, Day of Fast was observed on the 30th January 2021 - Martyr's Day: Recalling Gandhi's Vision of Freedom and Liberty as creating an Inclusive, Plural, Tolerant India with a Sense of Humour! This event commemorated the values of Gandhi who stood for by demanding that the state should,

- Repeal the UAPA
- Release all those falsely arrested under UAPA
- Stop using UAPA as a tool of harassment
- Respect the constitutional right to freedom of speech and expression
- Develop a sense of humour

The sole purpose of keeping the momentum of Stan ministry is to take up real issues of the country, like Farmer's Bills, Anti-Conversion laws, among others and to generate solidarity as responsible Jesuits. The success lies on the impact made by the actions to bring justice and achievement in true sense would be the continuation of Online Ministry and educating people as responsible Jesuits.