



Known as 'Pittsburgh of India', Jamshedpur is a city that was designed by Tata to house the employees of its giant steel plant. Unfortunately almost none of the Santhals who were displaced by the steel mill received employment or compensation. Their village of Jujai Saloud at the edge of the mill is now a slum where they scrape a living by selling bits of coal gleaned from the mill's slag-heap.

Jujai Saloud slum, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, 2005.

PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES AGAINST MINING PROJECTS IN THE EASTERN STATES OF CHHATTISGARH, JHARKHAND & ORISSA

JHARKHAND

Chatra: Struggle against expansion of coal mines in Tendwa by Coal India Ltd.

Seraikela: Struggle against Tata's steel plant in Tentoposi village. Villages fear takeover of their lands.

Gumla and Khunti: Struggle against Arcelor Mittal's iron-ore mining project.

Dumka: Protests against Jindal's coal-mining project

Latehar: Struggle against Abhijeet Infrastructures Group's coal-mining project at Chitarpur as well as against HINDALCO's bauxite-mining project.

Hazaribagh: Struggles against displacement by NTPC's coal-mining project in Karanpura valley, which is also the site of 5000-year-old megaliths. The project is likely to displace about 14000 people.

East Singhbhum: Struggle against Bhushan Steel's land acquisition for its steel and power plant. Also agitation against Uranium Corporation of India Ltd's plan to mine uranium at Pundihansa.

Dhanbad: Protests against Bharat Coking Coal Ltd's plan to evacuate thousands of people from Jharia, which is sitting on fires in the mines underneath.

CHHATTISGARH

Raigarh: Protests against Jindal's coal-mining project that will affect five villages. Also protests against the profusion of extremely-polluting sponge iron plants.

Bastar: Agitation against displacement by Tata's steel project in Lohandiguda, and by National Mineral Development Corporation's steel plant in Nagarnar.

Dantewada: Agitation against forcible acquisition of land by Essar Steel in Dhurli and Bhansi villages.

ORISSA

Jajpur: Tata's steel plant in Kalinga Nagar and Tata's chromite mines in Sukinda, dubbed as one of the 10 most polluted places on earth.

Angul: Protests against coal-mining projects of several companies including Tata, Jindal, Bhushan Steel, and NALCO.

Jagatsinghpur: Protests against land acquisition by the Korean company POSCO's steel plant.

Jharsuguda: Struggle against Vedanta's alumina smelter plant and sponge iron plants of various companies.

Kashipur: Struggle against mining of bauxite by HINDALCO.

Kalahandi: Struggle against Vedanta's alumina smelter in Lanjigarh as well as against its plans to mine bauxite from the Niyamgiri Hills, the abode of the endangered Dongria Kondh Adivasis.

Sambalpur: Farmers' struggle against indiscriminate use of Hirakud reservoir water by mining corporations such as Bhushan Steel and Vedanta. Protests against dumping of effluents from mining and sponge iron plants into the Mahanadi, Orissa's largest river.

Dhenkanal: Protests against grabbing of land and repressive tactics by Bhushan Steel.

Keonjhar: Protests against new iron-ore mining projects by corporate giants like Arcelor Mittal and POSCO, in this already heavily-mined district. About 100 mines are already in operation.

Koraput: Protests against Vedanta's bauxite mining project.