



# Accompanier

*Journeying Together Towards Building Communities of Resistance & Hope . . .*



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## Meditation

*Jesus said to the crowd, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. Consider carefully what you hear. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you – and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."* Mark 4:21-25.

## ChristianAid visits CNI-SBSS



*"I am amazed the way CNI SBSS has emerged in last few years efficiently covering almost all the areas leaving an impact on us all. I always count on SBSS as I see it on the forefront wherever there is struggle and there it not only succeeds but evolves exemplary models" admitted Dr Belinda Bennet, now promoted as the Head of Regions, South Asia, ChristianAid (CA) during her goodwill visit on Wednesday, August 1st 2007. She was accompanied by her colleague Mr AnandKumar Bolimera, who has been recently appointed in her earlier position as India Representative, CA - the linkage between the partners.*

*Responding to this positive take, Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Coordinator & Secretary, CNI SBSS credited the success to his colleagues and the team dedicatedly involved in the fields. He stressed that during this entire course of SBSS' journey, CA's role was significantly strengthening and supportive. The team also interacted with CA Officials especially with Mr Anand, introducing themselves, sharing their work and experiences.*



*"I have been hearing about SBSS and its constructive contribution towards communities from long time. At this stage, I see SBSS as a lighthouse – a model-guide to other organisations. And to sustain this excellence, you all need to constantly evaluate and evolve so that it would positively reflect in your work" said Mr Anand visibly pleased and impressed with the SBSS team's passionate involvement with the issues. He also affirmed saying that it's the commitment, passion and theological basis that make us different from other professional social-workers because we are here by conviction not by vocation so let's continue the noble work...*

## Our Prayers Answered !

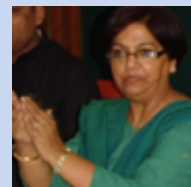


*We thank Lord Almighty for our Chairman The Rt Rev PSP Raju, Bishop of Calcutta's good health as since last few days he was not keeping well. He was remembered in prayers.*

*On July 24, 2007, Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Coordinator & Secretary, CNI SBSS paid a good-will visit to Bishop Raju in Kolkata. They also discussed about the forthcoming meeting of CNISBSS' Board and Governing Body scheduled on August 29, 2007 in Kolkata.*

## Ensuring Transparency and Accountability

*Ms Kiran Jeremiah, Honorary Treasurer, CNI SBSS expressed her pleasure with the latest developments in finances shared to her by the CNI-SBSS' Finance Team - Santosh George, Bidyut Ranjan Sagar, Sunil Mahajan, Amos Deep and Subir Kisku during their Nainitaal Visit. The team briefed her on the coming up finance manual. The team explained compiling process since its initiation in August 2005 as how with series of meetings and workshops held, the content was discussed and developed. Ms Jeremiah wished the best and said that this manual would indeed prove helpful to SBSS and its partners. The team was also advised to develop SBSS' own accounting package as the presently used 'Tally' application needs frequent orientation and capacitation sessions for the DBSS staff.*



*Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Co-ordinator & Secretary, CNI SBSS applauded the team for their achievement, motivating them saying that as a core team we need to strive to perform better and grow systematically.*

*This soon to be published finance manual shall incorporate new topics like SBSS' Financial Policy and Financial Management System. It would serve as a guideline to all the stakeholders and shall also explain others about SBSS' initiatives like cost-reimbursement model, participatory accompaniment...*

### Jan-Sunwai : Amplifying the voice of the communities



*July 25, 2007 shall be always remembered by the communities from Dhirai Majuli Village, Sonitpur District, Assam as they had their first JanSunwai-Public Hearing Meet in which they not only put forth their grievances but also demanded corrective measures with prompt action from the government. SWARAJ - The People's Organisation and North East India DBSS assisted them in this process, sensitizing the people about their rights and entitlements. This mass-event, widely covered by the media has not only shook the district officials but has also attracted the attention of the State forcing them to have a look into the matter. This empowerment has boosted the morale of the people giving them a new confidence and strength to fight against the corrupt social & political structure for the equalization of power and basic rights. (detailed report shall be arriving soon in your inbox)*

### Days to Remember in the month of August :

- 09 - International Day of the World's Indigenous People,
- 15 - Independence Day,
- 29 - Meeting of CNI SBSS' Board and Governing Body at Kolkata

### Hearty Greetings...



*Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers on their Birthdays - Satish Yepure (7th August), Bibhudutta Sahu (8th August), Sunil Mahajan (18th August), Deepak Singh (21st August) and Subir Kisku (25th August). May Lord Almighty bless all of them abundantly and be with them always as they are serving Him being an important actor in His mission.*

### Adieu...

*Our accompaniers Amita, Prashant, Timothy and Marcus have decided to take a different course in their journey of life putting a request forward to relieve them from their services. At this juncture, we thank Almighty for the services they have rendered while serving CNI SBSS and wish them the best for their future endeavours.*

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