



Accompanier

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



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Meditation

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” - *Proverbs 3: 5-6*

SBSS

Strategic Action Plan on JID

A team from SBSS gathered at the RCSA Barrackpore from the 2nd to 4th July and developed CNI SBSS' Policy and Strategic Action Plan of JID through a participatory process. The goal of this plan is to ‘Create a critical mass by developing political consciousness among the Adivasis and other original settlers for autonomy and self rule.’

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Towards Learning Movement

For SBSS, training is one of the important tools through which perspective, values, ideas and actions are evolved among its grass root level social workers, activists and development professional to engage with communities and fulfil their aspirations better. A team from SBSS comprising, Moni, Prashant, Amen, Shweta and Indu developed a perspective based and value driven capacity building initiatives for advocacy and action ‘Towards Learning Movement’ at RCSA Barrackpore. [Read more...](#)

Relief work after Aila

A seven member team consisting of representatives from People's Organisation, DBSS, and SBSS visited the Aila affected areas on 5th July. They went to Pachim Samnamaskar, a village located in Gosafa Island to see the situation and the status of relief and rehabilitation. This is one of the villages where DBSS accompanied by SBSS distributed relief materials in the aftermath of the disaster. Here SBSS is mobilizing communities to assert their right to relief. [Read more...](#)



LCP Workshop



As a follow-up for the earlier meeting held in April'09, the Local Capacities of Peace (LCP) Working Group from various DBSS met again in New Delhi during 8th-11th July 2009 at CNI SBSS Delhi HQ. The group-members on the 8th afternoon after being welcomed by Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Coordinator & Secretary, CNI SBSS, had an interaction with Mr Pramod Kumar Singh, social activist. Different Social Security Schemes with their entitlements and

other provisions were discussed in detail. [Read more...](#)

NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP

Protest against the amendment of Rehabilitation & Resettlement policy

Leaders of *Adivasi Moolvasi Astitwa Raksha Manch* a People's Organisation from Jharkhand participated in a protest seeking the abolition of the R & R amendment policy. These POs have risen against the industrial and mining projects that have grabbed the *Adivasi* land questioning their very existence. A team from CNI SBSS comprising of Dr. Shailendra Awale, John and Ritu accompanied them to join the other PO representatives from all over India at the Jantar Mantar on the 23rd -24th July for the *dharna*.



Capacity Building & Advocacy Workshop on EU- India Free Trade Agreement

CNI SBSS and INSAF on behalf of FCFC organized a 3 day workshop on Capacity Building & Advocacy Workshop to sustain the debate & protest against EU- India Free Trade Agreement. This was from 10th - 12th July in New Delhi. More than 30 participants from across FCFC network participated in this workshop. [Read more...](#)

III Dr. Badal Sengupta Memorial Lecture

A group of staffs from DBSS and SBSS attended the III Dr. Badal Sengupta Memorial Lecture organized by the 'Badal Sengupta Memorial Trust' at the India Habitat Centre on the 10th July. 'Societal Peace & Development' was the topic for the lecture. Dr. Badal Sengupta was a visionary and a charismatic personality. His idea on the concept and realisation of Grass Roots Development appealed many and remains relevant even today. He was the embodiment of humaneness, empathy and life. He always lived for others, for the marginalized, for the disadvantaged and for the excluded people. He epitomized 'living for others'. He pioneered the idea of people's participation. He worked relentlessly for dialogue between cultures and political affiliations. Mr. Ram Puniyani' Professor, IIT Mumbai, Renowned Author & Social Activist was the Chief Guest, he spoke on 'Societal Peace' and Prof. Achin Vinayak, Head of Department Political Science Delhi University was the guest Speaker who spoke on 'International Peace'.



RCSA

Accompaniment services

RCSA Barrackpore had its Staff meeting on the 1st of July, the objective of the meeting was to get acquainted with the present situation of RCSA Barrackpore and to make certain strategies/decisions to explore wider in terms of activities. A team comprising Amos, Archana and Clement visited the Diocese of NEI for Financial Monitoring and Facilitation and also to identify gray areas with relation to the IPAP programme from the 13th-16th July.

Internal Participatory Assessment

After completion of one year interim phase DBSS Rajasthan and Lucknow underwent an internal participatory assessment that was conducted by Bidyut, Amos, Elizabeth, Amen and Sandeep.

“Grain not Iron” assert Adivasis of Jharkhand on 30th July 2009

Adivasis of Jharkhand who have congregated under '*Adivasi Moolvasi astitwa Raksha Manch*' a PO of tribals & other original settlers say no to land grabbing of Mittal authenticated by the Jharkhand Government which is saying that Mittal a citizen of UK (not even India) is original settler of Jharkhand. JID (Jharkhand Initiative Desk) accompanied the aspiration & protest of more than 3000 people belonging to indigenous communities at the Governor's residence in Ranchi with slogan "we want grains not iron". Sudeep and Joy from JID say that this movement of the local community in the immediate future will focus on the rights and entitlements of the people over 'Jal Jungle Jameen' will not be compromised at any cost.. [Read more...](#)



Karyashala

RCSA Pune is conducting a *Karyashala* in Bhandara, Maharashtra from the During this *karyashala* the members will visit the field Kesalwada, Kitadi, Panse, Khairi, Garada, Chikli, Pimpalgaon, Adyal, Pawna, Saikheda and Neha Kurd to meet diff people's groups like SHGs and POs who work on livelihood, land and organic agricultural process, for instance the group will meet people who are struggling for distribution of bonus for *Tendupatta* in Khairi and to meet

the group which has been forcing the chairman of *vansamiti* on right to land. The *karyashala* also will initiate a dialogue on land struggle on SEZ. This *karyashala* like previous *karyashalas* is processed through several field visits followed by reflections on different aspects of Peoples groups, POs, their struggles challenges and the way forward. Participants include staff from various DBSS.

Meetings/ Conferences/ Training - Workshops attended...

Ritu Tiru attended a three days workshop on 'Communalism and Violence against Women' conducted by Jagori from the 7th-9th July.

Hearty Greetings!

Birthdays in August

Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers – Satish Yepure (7th August), Bibhudutta (8th August), Sunil Mahajan (18th August) and Deepak Singh (21st August). May Lord Almighty bless them abundantly and be with them always.

Days to Remember in the month of August '09

6st August – Hiroshima Day,
8th August – World Senior Citizens Day ,
11th August – CNISBSS Board Meeting ,
15th August – Independence Day ,
18th August – International Day of the world's Indigenous People

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