



CNI-SBSS' e-publication for internal circulation

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Meditation

"In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" - *Psalm 16:11* [Read more...](#)

SBSS



Interaction to Intervention in Goa

The CNI SBSS board members, staffs from headquarters, four resource centres and DBSS along with People's representatives from the community took time out to be with each other at Goa from November 5th -9th for the CNI SBSS Board and Business meeting and retreat. for his future endeavors. [Read more...](#)

Representatives from Dioceses visit CNI SBSS headquarters

50 participants from the DBSS attending the National Public Hearing on the Climate Crisis, visited the

headquarters. There was interaction with the headquarters' staff and also among the various representatives from the DBSS. They shared their experiences and concerns. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear the experience from the people working in various capacities at the Diocesan level. Some shared their happiness to be a part of the work of DBSS while others were disappointed that they could not be associated with the DBSS work due to Church politics.



Meeting with Anne Bohrer October 28th

Anne Bohrer from EED visited the CNI SBSS headquarters along with Sanjay Patra and Sandeep Sharma from FMSF to discuss some concerns and issues pertaining to communication from CNI-SBSS, Follow up of evaluation, status and progress of Speaking Out...



NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP



We the people to bring change in Politics of Climate Change

700 people especially from the marginalized communities from all over India assembled at Constitution Club, Delhi from November 11th -13th, 2009 for public hearing on the Climate Crisis and The National Action Plan on Climate Change. It was a wonderful opportunity to listen to the issues of climate crisis from the most vulnerable communities and the civil society on one platform. It was organized by a civil society coalition on climate justice and equitable development. 50 representatives from the DBSS came to Delhi to participate in the event. [Read more...](#)

LCP Coordination Committee Meeting in Kathmandu November 3rd -4th

Rev. Manjari Nanda and Ritu from CNI SBSS attended the LCP Coordination Committee meeting at Kathmandu. There were representatives from Pakistan,



Bangladesh and Nepal along with India. There was organizational level sharing from all the participants, other than the sharing about our work Manjari di also shared a document prepared on 'Gender Strategy in the context of LCP'. The document was well appreciated and has been considered to be incorporated to the LCP manual. . [Read more...](#)



AGAPE Consultation

Joy attended the AGAPE Consultation on linking Poverty, Wealth and Ecology in Asia and the Pacific from November 2nd – 6th, 2009 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Consultation gave space to discuss the perspectives of the Church, Indigenous Peoples, Women and Youth on the links between poverty, wealth and ecology in Asia and the Pacific. [Read more...](#)

Visit to Praxis

As a follow up on the *International Commune on Participatory Development Workshop* attended by 10 participants from our organization, Dr. Shailendra Awale, Elizabeth and Ritu visited the Praxis office and met up with Tom, Pradeep and Rafaela. Dr. Shailendra Awale shared his concern that the training workshop should not be an isolated event and there should be some partnership relationship developed between Praxis and CNI SBSS. Tom and Rafaela had some encouraging words to share about the participants from CNI SBSS and offered their support to any organizational development activity proposed by us.

IPAP Meeting at Christian Aid Office and Head Quarter October 1st and 27th

The progress, reporting and budgeting of the IPAP programme in North East India was discussed in details with Sandeep Tirkey at the Christian Aid office on the October 1st 2009. Subsequently Sandeep visited the CNI SBSS headquarters to discuss the discrepancies in the IPAP reporting. He mentioned gap in the number of villages stated in the proposal and the number of villages where DBSS has intervened in the reporting period. There is change in the area of intervention. [Read more...](#)

RCSA



Delegates from Christian Aid visit Agra DBSS

A team of delegates Christian Aid visited the field of Agra DBSS to know the impact of their long association with the life of poor and deprived communities as supporters in rural India. [Read more...](#)

Maha Rally Gumla October 14th

CNI SBSS with its partner Chotanagpur DBSS is accompanying

Adivasi Moolvasi Astitva Raksha

Manch (AMRAM) to safeguard the interest of the adivasi (tribal) brothers and sisters; they have been an integral part of all the activities embarked on under the banner. With the anti Mittal cry is getting louder each day with the adivasis (tribal) ready to fight 'till the end' to safeguard their Rights over water, forest and land AMARM organized a Maha Rally in Gumla. [Read more...](#)



Renewed partnership with Cuttack DBSS

The Diocese of Cuttack expressed its intention to renew the partnership with the CNI-SBSS, after a year-long discontinuation, through communication sent to the CNI-SBSS chairman. Since the initiation of the partnership, the Cuttack DBSS Board has taken efforts to identify probable field areas in Ganjam, Puri and Khurda districts. The Diocesan Board of Social Services inaugurated its new office located at Cedar's in Cuttack on the 16th of November 2009. The diocese has provided the DBSS with a large room that can host meetings and their day to day work. The Rt. Rev. Samson Das (Chairman, DBSS) along with Pravanjan Jena (Treasurer, DBSS) were present with the diocesan office staff and local presbyters.



Joint Board Orientation of the DBSS

There was a Joint Board Orientation of the DBSS, Diocese of Cuttack, Phulbani and Sambalpur on the Theme 'Affirming Partnerships-Ensuring Accountability & Transparency' from the 14th-15th November 2009. It was a unique event that brought together the Board Members of the 3 Odisha development wings of the Diocese. [Read more...](#)

Hearty Greetings...

Birthdays & Anniversaries in December '09

Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers – **Amos (5th December), Manjari di (10th December), Santosh (13th December)** and May Lord Almighty bless them abundantly and be with them always.

We also remember family of our accompaniers celebrating their Wedding Anniversary and offer prayerful wishes for the long companionship of **Mrs. & Mr. Khan (7th December), Mrs. & Nanda (16th December), Joy & Shashi (28th December), Amos & Lavanyamayee (29th December) and Moni & Surojit (30th December)**.

Prayers and wishes for **Bibhu and Sudeep** who are representing CNI SBSS in the United nations Climate Change Conference at Copenhagen. [Click here for Bibhu's sharing..](#)

Please also pray for **Joy** who is in Amsterdam attending the 8th Annual Global Linking & Learning Programme on Human Rights Based Development.

Christmas Celebration



RCSA Pune had their celebrations on December 2nd; RCSA Agra has planned their celebrations on December 12th and RCSA Kolkata on December 15th. The headquarters staffs have plans of special Christmas celebration this year, will update all about it in the next news letter. Till then **Wishing you all a Very Happy and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!** [Read more...](#)



Days to remember in the month of December '09

- December 1 - World AIDS Day
- December 4 - Navy Day
- December 7 - Armed Forces Flag Day.
- December 10 - Human Right Day.
- December 10 - International Day of Broadcasting
- December 18 - Minorities Rights Day
- December 23 - Farmers Day [Kisan Divas]