



# Accompanier

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



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## Meditation

"So the people that have the last place now will have the first place in the future. And the people that have the first place now will have the last place in the future." - *Matthew 20:16 (ERV)*

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## SBSS



### Farewell to John Suresh Kumar

John was given a formal farewell on September 17th in the company of the Resource team from Agra and the headquarters' staff. Dr. Shailendra Awale and the present accompaniers spoke of their experiences, both good and bad with him as they wished him the very best for his future endeavors.

### Banamali's Birthday Celebration

We at headquarters celebrated the birthday of Banamali Mohhanty on September 15th. Dada as he is fondly known by one and all has been associated with CNI SBSS for more than 20 years and will be completing 4 years at the headquarters in December 2009.



## NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP



### Delegates from 'Uniting World' visit CNI SBSS

Rev. Laurie Fitzgerald and Rob Floyd from 'Uniting World' Australia visited CNI SBSS headquarters on September 21st. 'UnitingWorld' is the Uniting Church in Australia's agent for purposeful, effective partnerships between churches and communities worldwide. [Read more...](#)

### Joy's participation in the Faithshare visitor programme

September 2nd – 24th, Joy was in Scotland representing the Adivasis of Jharkhand in the Faithshare visitor programme 2009 that was designed and scheduled in collaboration with the World Mission (Church of Scotland) and Christian Aid (Scotland). [Read more...](#)



### Climate Change adaptation programme with LEAD India

Pragya Verma and Tara Mann from LEAD India visited the CNI SBSS headquarter on September 1, 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to take forward the plan of Integrating Livelihood Security and Climate Change Adaptation in our ongoing project. [Read more...](#)

### Core group meeting of Civil Society Coalition on Climate Justice and Sustainable Development

600+ people are gathering in Delhi for the Public Hearings on the Climate Crisis from November 11th – 13th. A Planning Meeting of Civil Society Coalition on Climate Justice and Sustainable Development was held in YWCA on September 14, 2009, to finalize the participants, dates and venue for the meet. Ritu and Deepsikha attended the meeting on behalf of CNI SBSS where

the panel for discussion and jury members was also confirmed after much discussion.

### **National Consultation on 100 days of UPA Governance**

*Wada Na Todo Abhiyan* conducted National Consultation on 100 days of UPA Governance; Popular Aspirations, Promises, Commitments and Missing Links from September 15 – 16, 2009 in India International Center. [Read more...](#)

## **RCSA**

### **RCSA Agra staff meeting**

The team members of CNI Resource Centre for Social Actions on Livelihood and Food Security, Agra conducted their staff meeting at the headquarters in the presence of the Chief Coordinator on September 18th and 19th. Please click the following link for the minutes of the meeting. [Read more...](#)

### **LCP in Durgapur**

Elizabeth visited Durgapur for the first orientation of LCP for the DBSS. It was perspective building program on CBO, PO and PM from 14 – 16 Sep '09 but could only spare one day for LCP orientation due to the tight schedule. DBSS Durgapur is working on new vision that is "Building new heaven and new earth". There were 13 participants and 3 SBSS staff. The process was participatory in which she integrated LCP into the frame work of CBO and PO. DBSS Durgapur is planning to integrate LCP in the next planning.



### **Adivasis force Mittal to quit**

Mittal's dreams of establishing Rs.40,000 crore Greenfield integrated steel plant project goes kaput and we at CNI SBSS, RCSA Ranchi and JID take pride in being an integral part of the People's movement that forced Mittal to reconsider. But our struggle continues as the proposed alternate site, Gumla also falls in our intervention area. A Maha Rally has been organized in Gumla district on 12.10.09 where people of 8 blocks will come together and put forth their dissent against the company and government anti poor policy. On 5th November '09' a state level Dharna has been organized at Ranchi where people's organization, NGO from every corner of the state will come together to submit the

memorandum as per their issue. [Read more...](#)

### **'Let the Poor Say' programme of IPAP in North East India**

NEI has successfully completed the first six months of the three year project 'Let the Poor Say'. The partners are appreciative and encouraging about the People's Movement in the DBSS and has encouraged us to involve them more in our activities.

### **Training - Workshops attended...**

Rev Pradeep Kawa, Rev P K Aksal, Sudeep Tigga, Prashant Bhonsle, Nikhil Kumar, Vikram Jadhav, Shweta Guria, Sandeep Ddungdung, Clement Kerketta, and Indu Toppo are attending the 13th International Commune on Participatory Development Workshop organized by Praxis Institute of Participatory Practices in Kerela from September 30th – October 9th.

### **Hearty Greetings...**

## **Congratulations**

Moni and Surojit were blessed with a daughter on 7th September. Simi and Amen were blessed with a daughter on 19th September. Nikhil and Suman have also become the proud parents of a baby girl. We at CNI SBSS would like to extend our greetings and best wishes to the new parents.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries in October '09**

Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers – **Elizabeth Martin (14th October) and Lovey Massey (30th October)**. May Lord Almighty bless them abundantly and be with them always.

We also remember family of our accompanier celebrating their Wedding Anniversary and offer prayerful wishes for the long companionship of **Mrs. & Mr. Christo Sebok Das (13th October)**.

## **Forthcoming events**

CNI SBSS Board members and staff will be gathering in Goa from November 5-8 for the board meeting and retreat. The staffs are requested to be available on these dates and also prepare a five minutes' presentation on the activities they are involved in.

## **Days to remember in the month of October'09**

**International Day for the Elderly** on October 1

**International Day of Non-Violence** on October 2

**World Habitat Day** on October 3

**World Animal Welfare Day** on October 4

**International Teacher's Day** on October 5

**World Humanitarian Action Day** on October 8

**World Postal Day** on October 9

**World Sight Day and World Arthritis Day** on October 12

**International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction** on October 13

**World Standards Day** on October 14

**World White Cane Day (guiding the Blind) and International Day of Rural Women** on October 15

**World Food Day** on October 16

**Anti Poverty Day** on October 17

**UN Day and World Polio Day** on October 24

**World Thrift Day** on October 30

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