



## About Us

### Vision

"Where there is justice in the land, fields and forest every living being will dance and sing"



### Mission

In the spirit of service and sacrifice of Christ, CNI-SBSS would like to accompany DBSS and its partners to engage with the reference communities, so that they will develop the capacity (skills and assets) to negotiate with the policy makers and to realize their rights and emerge as an alternative political force. To move towards this direction, communities would be sensitized socially, politically, economically and culturally to organize themselves and claim their rights over livelihood means while protecting their identity.

### Our Resource Centres

CNI Resource Centre for Social Action on Livelihood and Food Security, Agra

CNI Resource Centre for Social Action on Land Rights and Dalit Studies, Pune

CNI Resource Centre for Social Action on Tribal Identity and Indigenous Rights, Ranchi

CNI Resource Centre for Social Action and Research, Kolkata

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## Readers Speak

Appreciate your efforts towards bringing "Transparency and Accountability" in the organisational culture. I think it is high time that all

## News of the Fortnight

### 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 (PO) and North East India DBSS accompanied by the CNI’s Synodical board of Social Services (SBSS) assisted them in this process, sensitizing the people about their rights and entitlements.



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### ChristianAid officials visit CNI-SBSS



"We at ChristianAid are amazed at the way CNI SBSS has emerged in last few years efficiently covering almost all the areas leaving an impact on us all. We always count on SBSS as we see it on the forefront wherever there is struggle and there SBSS not only succeeds but evolves exemplary models"



Dr Belinda Bennet, Head of Regions, South Asia, CA visited CNI-SBSS on August 1st 2007 with Mr AnandKumar Bolimera, India Representative, CA.

"Mr Robin Greenwood, Head of Asia and Middle East –

ChristianAid visited CNI Resource Centre for Social Action (CNI RCSA) on Livelihood and Food Security at

Agra during July 14-15, 2007 visiting the reference areas of DBSS and interacted with the communities. He also spent time with the Bishop of Agra and the CNI RCSA Staff.



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From Agra, Mr Robin came to New Delhi on July 16, 2007 and met the CNI SBSS Staff.

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### Carrying forward Badal'Da's legacy...

organisations work in the same direction and that too honestly (with transparency!!!). I do hope that you and your team become a catalyst in igniting such issues in future too.

***Prashant Behary***



Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Coordinator and Secretary, CNI SBSS carried the greetings from CNI SBSS in solidarity with all the partners in strengthening the struggle of Dalits and adivasis and defeating ongoing economical liberalisation process at the biennial Partner's Meeting held on August 6-7, 2007 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa. He was attending the first memorial lecture series dedicated to Late Dr Badal SenGupta and the publication ceremony organised by the Forum of Collective Forms of Cooperation (FCFC) and Orissa Development Action Forum (ODAF).

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### **Ensuring Transparency and Accountability**

The first draft copy of Finance Manual prepared by CNI SBSS' Finance Team was shared with Ms Kiran Jeremiah, Honorary Treasurer, CNI SBSS.

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 and participatory accompaniment.

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