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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

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News of the Fortnight

Rev. Pradeep Kawah, Programme Coordinator, NEI DBSS shares about the JanaSunwai - first of this kind of public hearing in Assam.



May 28th, 2007 will remain as a historic occasion for the DBSS, North East India (NEI) Diocese to rejoice and celebrate. We feel proud to report that on that day, the First Jana Sunwai was successfully organized by the Purbanchal Nari Jagriti Sangram Samiti [a federation of women's organization –developed by DBSS at the Community Center Hall, at Khanamukha. This is the first "Jana Sunwai" in Sonitpur district, as reported by Addl. Deputy Commissioner. This is probably the first in the history of the state of Assam.

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Michael Daniel from Lucknow Diocese reports the victorious struggle of SHG women for just wages and also about the PRI awareness

Victory of women-power

Girdharpur Village in Hollagarh Block is one of the reference areas of Diocese of Lucknow. Ganga Swayam-Sahayata Samuh is a self-help group with fifteen women who earn their bread by working as daily-wage laborers. But they are united and aware of the happenings around.

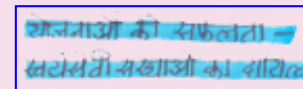
Hamari Panchayat, Hamare Saath

In Dhandupur Village Saraon Block, DBSS Lucknow works closely with GramSabha and facilitates them on the issues of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI). The discussions deal with various issues. Local SHGs and Community members take readily part in these meetings as they learn more about functions, roles and responsibilities of the local self-government.

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NGOs PRESSURISE GUJRAT GOVT. FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES

The People in the state are unhappy over yet one more failure of the Government. Rather, they are loosing their faith in the Local Govt. Last year the NREGA was launched all over the country. The objective of which was to curb the migration of the village people to the cities and states and to save them from starvation. Under this Act in the same village 100 days wage was assured.



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GENDER POWER - SBSS & DBSS Staff's interaction with Ms Ritama David



"We want women's names on the land-pattas as they have equal ownership; they work more and harder than the men, Men must undergo Gender Sensitivity Programme, Even young girls should get their space in Gram-Panchayat..." asserted the women leaders from different dioceses in an interactive meeting with Ms Ritama David, Consultant, SCINDeA – one of the CFC organisations in FCFC network.

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