



## 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

Till now thousands of rulers and patterns of governments have come and gone but none could succeed in sustaining Justice and Peace. After

## News of the Fortnight

### Extend SC status to SC converts to Christianity : Christian community pleads to the President.

On behalf of the entire Christian community, the delegation put forth their request through the President of India to the UPA government to implement the recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) Report by granting Scheduled Caste status to Scheduled Caste Converts to Christianity during forthcoming Session of the Parliament. A delegation team lead by Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Coordinator & Secretary, CNI SBSS and Rt Rev. PL Kamble, Bishop of Nasik met Her Excellency Smt. Pratibha Patil, the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on September 4, 2007 and submitted her the Draft of Memorandum in person regarding Equal Rights to Dalit Christians.

[Click here for the Draft of Memorandum regarding Equal Rights to Dalit Christians](#)

### Enterprise Solutions to Poverty and Role of the Church



"Optimum utilization of the resources available especially the infrastructures is the main key towards sustainability and development" stated Rev Dr Enos Das Pradhan while inaugurating the workshop on Enterprise Approach to Poverty and Role of the Church. He further stressed

that we must aim towards identifying new efforts – initiatives facilitated by the Church and concentrating on scaling up the existing ones.

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### Land to the Landless! : People's Verdict

"We are landless and we are here to claim our land!", "We deny the development that displaces us..." "Meet our demands, we ask you and walking towards the Parliament for acquisition of our rights" roared thousands of Adivasis, Dalits and other Marginalised landless labourers as Janadesh – the People's Verdict!



The large programs being planned in India is to have 25,000 people march 350 kilometers to Delhi from Gwalior and profile the power of more than 100,000 people demanding their land rights through a campaign on "Retrieving People's Dignity through Land and Livelihood" and it aims to have people take up non-violent struggle and civil disobedience in their communities at the local, national and international levels throughout the world in the future. The progression of building a People's Verdict from the grassroots to the global level will culminate in a large action in Oct 2007.

[People's Verdict](#) [Why Janadesh?](#) [SBSS and Janadesh](#)

going through your Vision statement, it is heartening to see that you are still hopeful that humans will be able to bring justice.

**Jovial Beatty**  
**Ex DBSS-Diocese of Rajasthan**

### **Do No Harm... the Local Capacity for Peace**

"Let us abide with 'Do No Harm' principle in our lives, in our organizational framework and pass on the mantra to whomever we meet to bring in reality the dream of peaceful world to live in" voiced unanimously the delegates in the Local Capacity for Peace (LCP) Working Group's Meet & Application Training was held on August 12-14, 2007 at Teri Gram, Gurgaon Haryana



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### **Accompaniment accelerated at RCSA Ranchi**

The series of events in latter half of the August swung the CNI Resource Centre of Social Actions (RCSA) for Tribal Identity and Indigenous Rights, Ranchi into high action.

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### **Contribute and Earn . . .**

For every contribution you make towards, Synodical Board of Social Services (SBSS), the justice and development wing of the Church of North India (CNI), you will get fifty per cent tax exemption. The Office of the Director of Income Tax (E) New Delhi, on the verification of the facts stated, has approved and granted the Synodical Board of Social Services – Church of North India (CNI SBSS), the order under section 80G (5) (vi) of the Income tax Act, 1961 for the period 2006 to 2009.

Thus, any donation from an individual will be exempted from the income tax which would be up to fifty per cent. CNI SBSS requests/ appeals to those who empathise with CNI SBSS' pro-poor justice and development work to contribute generously and support the struggle of the marginalised with your resources.

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**On the Spot brings you the latest news on what is happening in CNI SBSS with its communities and stakeholders.**