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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

" I would like to thank to all the staffs who are involved in making a positive change while country is in global

News of the Fortnight

MadhyaPradesh Congregations commits to the cause of the poor!



"We, as Congregation of Church of the poor commit ourselves for the poor and needy and shall be in solidarity with these deprived brothers and sisters to empower them, joining hands together building communities of resistance and hope" confirmed unanimously the Church representatives in the CME programme held by Jabalpur DBSS.

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Transparency & Accountability – need of the time : Jill Hawkey, Director, ACT



"Mechanisms to ensure transparency and accountability in CNI SBSS is really impressive; and I am sure it contributes the transformational development of communities", said Ms Jill Hawkey, Director, ACT (Action by Churches Together) during her goodwill visit. She also appreciated the efficient young team committed for the cause.

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Dang adivasis affirm their Livelihood Rights

The Dang Adivasi Vikas Samiti (DAVS) working among the Dang (one of the tribes in Gujrat) communities has gained recognition for its interventions and success in National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREG) Programme and was invited by the All India Radio (AIR) for an interview.

Mr Avinash Bhoje, Community Enabler, DAVS expressed his views, concerns and shared experiences in local Dangdi dialect on behalf of the community DAVS has been working with. The arrays of discussion were on the identity of the DAVS, the relevance and success of NREGA, interventions and hurdles. This interview recorded on June 25, 2007 in AIR Studio was broadcasted on June 28, 2007 between 9:15-9:30pm. RajeevPrasad coordinated the team for this programme.



There is an upcoming programme on AIR focussing on the NREGA again and the team is preparing for this.

"We deny the development that displaces us!" say Jharkhand Adivasis.

order. Tracing and tracking the changes in micro and macro situation is important to find a changing role in the whole new context. "

KHAGENDRA NATH DAS.



Collating the present trend in Jharkhand with regard to socio-economic and cultural development, the delegates from different Civil Society Organisations and Community Based Organisations vehemently stated that they do not need any developmental projects

in Jharkhand if adivasis are driven out of their homelands.

"Development on whose cost?" was one of the major concerns raised along with other issues like PESA and Fifth Schedule, Mega Project and Land Alienation, MoU, SEZ and Industrial Corridor, Traditional Self Rule and PRI, Women and Indigenous Society.

As a first step towards identifying issues leading towards partnership building by initiating dialogue, exploring the possibilities of collaboration and networking between NGOs and CBOs and to prepare strategy for future intervention, a three-day meet was organized by CNI RCSA Ranchi with ChotaNagpur and Patna DBSSes, organizations like Judav, Jharkhand Ulgulan Manch, Abhiyaan, Koel-Karo Manch during June 23-25, 2007. Social activists like Dr Rose Kerketta, Prof Ramesh Sharan and Shri Ghanshyam were the resource persons.

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