

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

Presently, the program is covering a population of two million in 900 villages in 27 districts through 15 Dioceses of CNI in seven states: Punjab, Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Delhi and Maharashtra.

CNI SBSS through dioceses is facilitating various Government programs on different Social Security Schemes, Forest Rights Act, Food Security Act, Land Acquisition and Resettlement through empowering Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) and Gram Sabha. CNI SBSS has initiated intensive processes to create an enabling environment for social transformation through networking with individuals, organizations, groups, Church institutions and NGOs.



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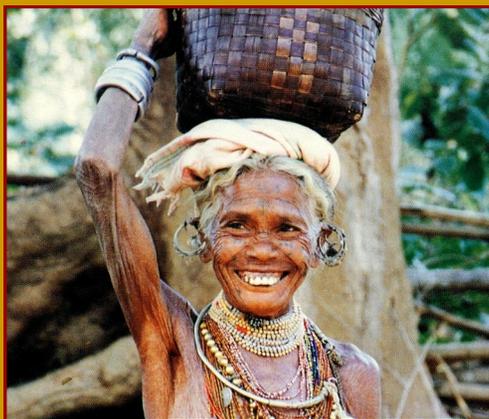
SYNODICAL BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA



*...that they may have life and
have it abundantly*

Introduction:

The Synodical Board of Social Services is the development and justice board of the Church of North India. CNI SBSS's program is guided by promoting social and economic inclusion of the most disadvantaged by engaging the communities and congregation in the Mission of God, who fight for the justice of all, especially the marginalized: Dalits (Schedule Caste) and Adivasis (Schedule Tribes).



Historic Note:

CNI SBSS was established by the First Synod of the Church of North India held at Punjab in 1971. The Vision and Mission of CNI SBSS was evolved in the Calcutta Consultation in 1978 and it became directly involved with planning and implementing programs. The approach of the CNI SBSS evolved from a welfare model to a rights based approach, which is a paradigm shift from social service to social action. The approach recognizes and develops the capacity of communities to identify and analyze their own situation and subsequently develop programs to resolve their problems.

What we do:

CNI SBSS is working with the most vulnerable section of the society- the Dalits, Adivasis, Women and Children; to promote and facilitate socio-economic transformation. A multidimensional approach towards poverty reduction will set free these communities from age old clutches of poverty and will ensure that these communities receive an equitable share of the country's growth. Extreme poverty is an extreme deprivation from opportunities of growth, as a result of which the basic web of life is destroyed. CNI SBSS's program focuses on the following that in turn contributes to the country's growth:

- Ensuring entitlement rights over different Social Security Schemes of Government.
- Access and control over productive livelihood resources.
- Promotion of sustainable livelihood options to combat poverty.
- Empowering people's organizations for participation in Governance.
- Building models of Church Mission engagement.
- Local Capacity Building for Peace, which strengthen the Planning Monitoring and Evaluation system to address issues of rising conflicts during program management.
- Undertake research and studies on important subjects for knowledge dissemination.

Decadal Perspective Plan : "Resistance and Hope" (2005-2015)

To address these issues, in 2005 the new phase "towards building a community of resistance and hope", a 10 years perspective plan was introduced. This perspective plan was divided into three phases and each phase was designed to have a Strategic Action Plan for three years.

Phase I: "Let Justice Roll" (2005-2008);

Phase II: "Speaking Out..." (2008-2012);

**Phase III: "See...a reign in righteousness and rule with justice"
(will conclude in 2015).**

