

The Organisation : Jhansi Catholic Sewa Samaj (JCSS)

Jhansi Catholic Sewa Samaj (JCSS) is the official relief and development organisation of the Catholic Diocese of Jhansi. JCSS came into existence in the year 1985 and was registered in the same year under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. It was the time when the people of UP were facing the onslaught of severe drought. The prime task of the organization was to release the people from the cruel clutches of drought and its subsequent hunger and thirst. JCSS thus took the initiative to help the victims of drought through various development projects related to agriculture and irrigation.

It has been serving the people of Bundelkhand since 33 years as the social action forum of the Catholic Diocese of Jhansi. The diocese comprises of seven districts in U. P. namely, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jalaun, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur and Chitrakoot. JCSS has to its credit 33 years of commitment in animation, covering 483 villages with different programmes to capacitate and develop the people of the target area. It has succeeded in bringing attitudinal and behavioral changes among the villagers through self-help, awareness programmes, trainings, seminars and workshops.

JCSS dares where no one cares. It has reached remotest villages in the middle of the forest area of Madawara Block Lalitpur and Manikpur Block Chitrakoot in Bundelkhand region where Sahariya, Gode and Koll tribes dwell. JCSS is striving to impart education to the less-privileged children, helping these tribes to sustain their livelihood, providing them their basic needs of food, clothe and shelter through the community development programmes and enabling them to demand for their basic needs and rights from the Government.



Vision : To up bring a just society where human values are nurtured and dignity of the person and quality of life is upheld.

Mission : To capacitate, develop and bring up the poor and oppressed such as women, people living below poverty line, person with disability and excluded community to raise their voice and demand their rights and entitlements to be a part of the society where decisions are taken collectively and resources are distributed equally.

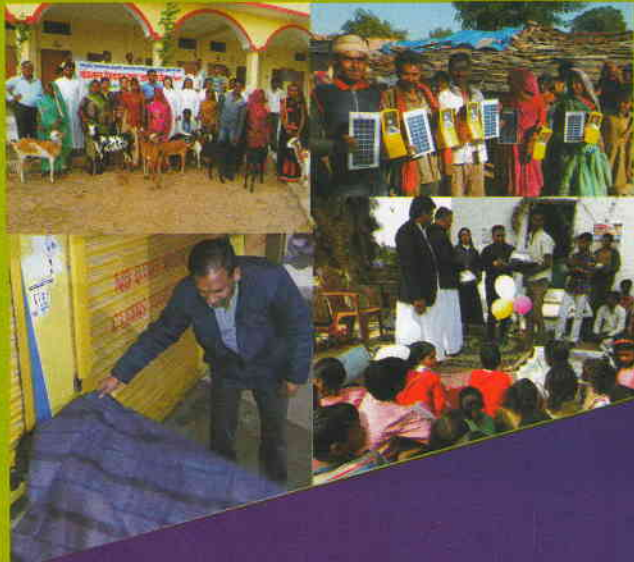
Motto : Inform Inspire and Ignite

Goal :

To capacitate and develop the target people through empowerment and action to dream plan and work to bring self reliance.

Objectives of JCSS :

- ❖ To empower the marginalized.
- ❖ To increase literacy rate and to improve quality education through innovative methods
- ❖ To develop skills and human resources.
- ❖ To promote leadership among the priority groups.
- ❖ To organize the unorganized youth for mainstreaming them.
- ❖ To facilitate holistic health care in rural areas.
- ❖ To empower women to be agents of social change.
- ❖ To strengthen community based organizations (CBOs).
- ❖ To generate awareness among the people for ecological balance.
- ❖ To bring about reconciliation through dialogue for a peaceful society/to be promoters of peace through dialogue and reconciliation.
- ❖ To strengthen GO-NGOs networking and collaboration.
- ❖ To identify, educate and rehabilitate children at risk.



JCSS Primary Area of Focus

- Income Generating Programmes
- Non-Formal Education
- Work for disabled Children
- Health
- Gender Issues and Rights
- Self Help Group formation
- Good Governance
- Disaster, Relief, Mitigation, Preparedness



Animation and capacity building programme:

The priority sector of the organization is animation and capacity building of the target people to bring them together to develop a sense of unity and strength through community based organizations. Leadership, motivation, group mechanism, social responsibility and social analysis and micro planning are the some of the tactical issues that JCSS consider for capacity building of the CBO members. Capacity building of the members is very essential for the strategy of organizational development.

Empowerment of Women :



JCSS has been playing a key role for the empowerment of the women in the Bundelkhand region from its commencement. The empowerment of the women includes formation and strengthening of the village level women's organizations. These organizations give them a platform to organize themselves at the grassroot level and give them place to discuss their problems and difficulties and take right solution and decision. These empowered women are taking part in the Gramsabha/Panchayat meetings, interact with government officials and advocacy for their right and entitlement.

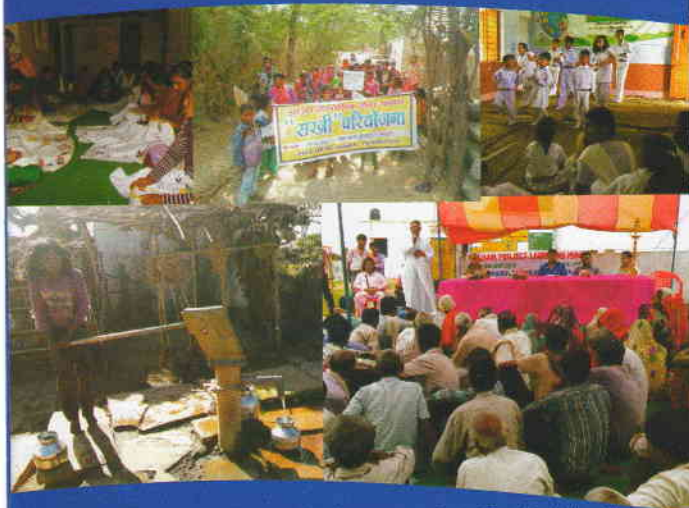
Rights and Entitlements:

Rights and entitlements are the second focus to increase the livelihood opportunities in the target villages. Through establishing village information centre (VIC) which displays and provides information about the government schemes especially livelihood based which contributes to the social security as well as food security of the target people.

Community / Institution Based Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

Sustainable Agriculture through Organic farming

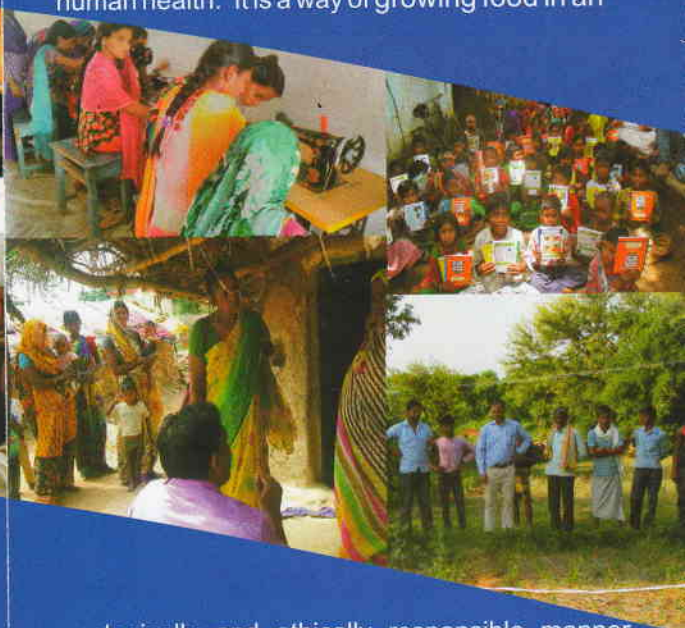
Sustainable agriculture can feed the world without damaging the environment or threatening human health. It is a way of growing food in an



Every self-transcended person is affected by the sufferings of others and such people are not only drawn to the suffering but commit themselves to the mitigation of suffering. JCSS goes a step ahead to bring DIVYANG Children to main stream of the society through inclusive education, family counseling awareness camps and giving them skill development and vocational training. What makes life richer is not wealth but kindness and compassion.

Vocational Training

We uphold the spirit of charity, but committed to make people self-reliant. We concretize charity that empowers through different vocational-training programmes. Embroidery, tailoring, beautician, computer, cookery are for girls whereas computer, mechanical works, diesel engine repairing, mobile repairing. Our aim is to free people from the clutches of poverty through skill-development which offers them a sustainable of source of income for a dignified life.



ecologically and ethically responsible manner. Sustainable crop production practices can lead to higher yields without expensive and environmentally damaging inputs. JCSS promotes organic farming with small and marginal farmers in villages level the farmers clubs have been formed to manage organic farming. JCSS motivates the farmers to practice organic farming in their places to bring good results.

Community Based Organizations:

The formation and strengthening of the Community Based Organizations are other major focus which ensures the accountability of the local self government and government departments to implement the government developmental programmes properly to fasten to developmental process of the target villages. The organizations also ensure a sense of strength and unity among the community which is very much required for sustainable development.

DEVELOPMENTAL STRATEGIES

- Animation Programs.
- Orientation and initiation towards empowerment
- Awareness creation on AIDS, women rights, Dalit rights, legal literacy and Panchayatiraj system.



- Leadership Development Programs.
- People Led Development process based approach
- Formal and Non-formal Education (Non-Formal methods of Education and assistance in formal education of children).
- Formation and Strengthening of CBOs and SHGs
- Community Health programs.
- Food security and food sovereignty Programs.
- Skill training - Motor Mechanism, Tailoring, Typing, Computer and so on.
- Disaster Management Programs.