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DIRECTOR'S DESK



XISA has come a long way in enriching the lives of tribal destitute. The more it engrosses deeper into the issues, the more avenues open up for the Institute to work towards the betterment of the society. For the phase, capacity Building was enrooted amongst the youth to inculcate Leadership and safeguard the cultural identity of the tribals. The important thing is to realize that Tribal culture is also influenced by the changing lifestyle and globalization. Being vulnerable, it is equally important to preserve the tribal culture and identity for the upcoming generations to savor and sustain the same. The unsecured livelihood position in terms of lack of legal entitlements of the resources used by the tribals push them into deeper socio-economic vulnerability.

- Fr. Binod, SJ

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Mission Statement

Action oriented intervention for emancipation and development of human communities towards building a just and prosperous society.

XISA is a Jesuit run organization. It is the fifth Xavier Institute in the Central-Northern part of the country followed by Xavier Labor Relations Institute (XLRI), Xavier Institute of Social Services (XISS), Xavier Institute of Management (XIMB) and Xavier Institute of Development Action & Studies (XIDAS).

After the formation of Chhattisgarh on November 1, 2000, the Madhya Pradesh Jesuits seriously thought of establishing a centre in Raipur, which would function as nodal resource centre for development of the newly formed State in terms of project implementation, training, research, networking and advocacy. It was also envisaged that this centre would facilitate the process of lobbying with the government on behalf of the Tribals, the Dalits and other deprived sections of the community. As it is located in the capital city of the State, the centre also has a task of information dissemination on development and related fields. These thoughts of Jesuits have been actualized as Xavier Institute of Social Action.

Vision

An egalitarian, just and people empowered society.



Jesuit presence in Southern part of Chhattisgarh was there as Xavier Institute of Development Action and Studies (XIDAS), Jabalpur had an extension centre in Raipur. This extension centre was made because then Madhya Pradesh State was geographically too big and XIDAS wanted to do development work in then South Eastern part of the State. With the help of Broederlijk Delen (BD) a Belgian agency, XIDAS worked with and for Panchayati Raj Institutions for socio-economic development of four Panchayats of Bastar (now these Panchayats come under Kanker district).

The extension centre was in a rented house. After the construction of XISA building, the President of the Institute asked the Director of XIDAS to shift the extension office to XISA. Till 31st December 2010 XIDAS extension programme was managed from XISA. During this period all the programmes of XIDAS extension at Raipur were executed by XISA.

XISA is a charitable non-profit social and developmental Institute. It is registered under the Chhattisgarh Society Registration Act, 1973. It engages in implementing programmes, conducting action research, training & capacity building programmes for holistic development of the deprived and vulnerable people. Institute is working for the empowerment of disadvantaged and deprived masses, especially poverty-stricken men, women, youth and children. Its services, benefits and resources are available to all irrespective of caste, creed, race or sex.

Objectives

- *To ensure and support community based people's organization for development interventions.*
- *To build self-reliance among the people by mobilizing resources, capacity building, creating employment opportunities, increasing assets and ensuring economic security.*
- *To assure social justice to the less fortunate members of the society who have been denied.*
- *To propagate participatory approaches in development.*
- *To sensitize the Tribal communities towards their rights and entitlement.*
- *To promote sustainable livelihoods of the marginalized especially Tribals.*
- *To promote health awareness and Education*

MAJOR PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED

- A. Youth Leadership IGSS
Workshop**
- B. Oraon Adivasi Kalyan Samiti:
Workshop on Cultural identity**
- C. (SRLM) State Rural Livelihood
Mission**
- D. JJVS, Jashpur Jan Vikas Samiti,
Jashpur**
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- F. Teaching Methodology for
School Teachers**
- G. PESA:20: Drafting: Forum:
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A. Youth Leadership IGSS Workshop

More than 200 urban youth including boys and girls participated in the leadership workshop organized by IGSS in 6 different phases from February 18 to 26, 2022 at XISA to inculcate leadership qualities and personality development amongst the youth. Different attractive group activities were conducted in the auditorium and in playground where boys and girls participated. All the group activities instilled self-confidence, self-esteem, positive attitudes, aims in life, leadership qualities, respect for others, mutual cooperation, team work, optimism etc.

RESOURCE PERSON

Roshni Sahu

Durga Vishwakarma

Swati Yadav

Sapna Tandi

Shalini Nag

Pushpa Chandrakar

Anita, Sonis Nayak

Swati Yadav

PARTICIPANTS: 218



RESOURCE PERSON

Serenius Toppo

Nehru Lakra

Dominic Xaxa

Pancratius Panna

PARTICIPANTS: 75

B. Oraon Adivasi Kalyan Samiti: Workshop on Cultural identity

More than 75 tribal men and women belonging to Oraon Tribe residing in Raipur and from different parts of Chhattisgarh participated in the workshop to discuss about their cultural identity. Participants deliberated on the rich Tribal culture in terms of language, songs, dress, artefacts etc. being unique in nature among the indigenous people. They also realized that the rich tribal culture is disintegrating since recent past decades. An action plan to save the tribal customs, culture and traditions of Oraons was prepared in the workshop.



C. (SRLM) State Rural Livelihood Mission: Field Workers Capacity Building

Field work staff from Chhattisgarh came together to participate in the workshop during which a major amount of time was devoted in evaluation, documentation, account keeping, regular report writing, collaboration and networking etc. As many as 53 participants took active part in the workshop organized by SRLM at XISA.

Participants constituted mainly the staff and field workers involved in the field with the beneficiaries.

RESOURCE PERSON

Pramod, Dhananjay

Ishwar Markaam

Rameshwari Korram

Roshan K. Gupta

Kamlesh

PARTICIPANTS: 53



RESOURCE PERSON

Mamta Kujur

Praful

PARTICIPANTS: 37

D. JJVS, Jashpur Jan Vikas Samiti, Jashpur

The workshop was organized for the staff, field workers, supervisors to have an awareness and update their knowledge and documentation, accountancy, collaboration and networking



E. SSI: Sight Savers International

The NGO is related to the beneficiaries facing problems with the eye either from birth or after. Participants discussed extensively on the reasons of eye problems in the field area and found ways and means to resolve the problems of the beneficiaries related to eye problems.

PARTICIPANTS: 27



RESOURCE PERSON

Norbert Menezes

PARTICIPANTS: 90

F. Teaching Methodology for School Teachers

About 95 teaching staff from Champion School and Holy Cross Theresa Academy, Raipur participated in the 2 days orientation workshop organized at Champion school, Raipur. Resource person Norbert Menezes, Patna deliberated on the teaching methodology in a simple, elusive and professional manner. He stressed that students stand at the centre of our teaching. Human and moral values should be imparted in the mind and heart of staff and students in the school, he asserted.



G. PESA:20: Drafting: Forum: Sarva Adivasi Samaj

Think Tank Tribal leaders from Chhattisgarh brainstormed together to amend the PESA law having a number of loopholes against the tribals. Various terms were changed and misinterpreted. The drafting committee worked together and submitted the amended copy to the Governor at her residence.

RESOURCE PERSON

Dr. Vincent Ekka
Binay Prakash Ekka
Ashok Chaudhari
Sonau
Ram Netam

PARTICIPANTS: 53

