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CESR- At a Glance

Genesis

Centre for Environmental and Socio-economic Regeneration (CESR) is a non-government organisation (NGO) working for environment protection and socio-economic development of tribal and economically backward communities. CESR was founded by a group of development professionals with hands on experience in agriculture, horticulture, social work, health, education, women and child development, and management. The organisation was registered in Kolkata in 1993.

CESR works in the communities and villages of tribal, marginalised and economically backward people in West Bengal. Since its inception in 1993, CESR has been working in the tribal and backward caste dominated villages in Purulia district of West Bengal. At present, the organisation works in 211 villages in the community development Blocks of Hura, Puncha, Kashipur, Manbazar-II, Bandwan, Barabazar, Bagmundi, Arsha, Jhalda-I & II and Purulia-I in the district of Purulia in West Bengal. The villages were selected because of their socio-economic backwardness and environmental degradation due to deforestation.

Our Vision

We envision – Social empowerment and economic development of tribal, backward and marginalised community, and protection of the environment through responsible use and management of natural resources.

Our Mission

Our Mission is to create an enabling environment where people, especially the disadvantaged and marginalised community can participate in development process with equity and bring about overall well being of masses by restoring and sustaining the productive natural resource-base.

Our Strategy

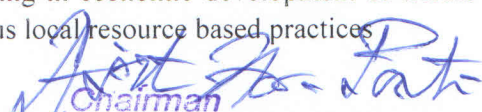
Our strategy is built on the organisation's deep-rooted presence in the tribal and backward areas, understanding the lives, practices and issues of the people living in those areas, and its knowledge of how to promote social justice, equity and dignity for all citizens, especially the socially excluded and economically marginalized citizens and communities.

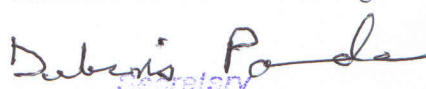
CESR's strategy to achieve its Mission comprises of three inter-related elements:

- To mobilise local people, particularly the tribal and marginalised community, plan and implement long term programs for sustainable environmental and socio-economic development through active participation of people.
- To work with various development organizations, government and Partners in implementing various projects on environmental and socio-economic regeneration
- To support various development partners in building their capacity , implementing and managing their activities through training , consulting , research & studies

Objectives

- To promote ecologically sustainable development and improvement of Quality of Life (QOL) through strategies for collective well being.
- To bring in economic development of tribals and economically backward communities through various local resource based practices


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- To design and promote strategies and conduct advocacy for responsible use of sustainable natural resources, preservation of biodiversity, reduction of pollution, reduction of socio-economic and gender disparity, and better health care.
- To build community awareness about the issues related to environment, population, health, water and sanitation.
- To preserve cultural heritage with special emphasis on folk and tribal culture in rural areas and codify indigenous knowledge systems.
- To empower poor women economically, and give them a voice, increase awareness of women's rights, and ensure their access to basic services, control over natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services.
- To create legal awareness among the poor and marginalised people.

Projects in 2019-20

IIMPACT- Girl Child Education Project

The main reasons for low enrolment and high drop out of girls at the primary level are: parents' seasonal migration, sibling care, and domestic work. Lack of awareness among the peer group also contributes to child marriage and child trafficking cases.

With a view to increasing the poor literacy rate among women in Purulia district, CESR initiated 25 learning centers under the Girl Child Education Programme at Purulia-I and Bandwan blocks with financial support from IIMPACT, New Delhi. IIMPACT is an initiative of alumni of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India.

The Programme has been taken up with the long term vision of transforming the lives of women, families and entire communities in India by education and empowerment of the girl child.

The mission of the programme is to mobilize and motivate non-school going girls, between the ages of 6 and 14, from economically and socially backward rural areas of India, and put them firmly on the track of literacy through quality primary education.

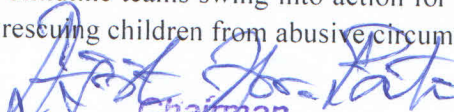
Girl Child Education Programme focuses on primary education of underprivileged girls who have never gone to school because of the prevailing


Girl child education centre under IIMPACT

village norms. Educating the girl child helps transform her gait and confidence level. She becomes an agent for change. Later, in her turn, as a mother, she ensures the education of her children and objects to child marriages and other social ills.

Childline-1098

Childline-1098 is a phone outreach based intervention model whereby on receiving a call for help the local Childline teams swing into action for direct intervention. Intervention covers a range of actions from rescuing children from abusive circumstances, providing immediate SOS attention, to registering


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a case at the Police station, presenting a child to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in the city and developing the papers for onward action as directed by the CWC and so on.

Each case consumes time based on its individual requirements. Childline's operational model involves the team activating a variety of linkages among the allied system institutions such as Police, municipality, health care, education and transport institutions along with the judiciary, child care NGOs, local state and central governments. More than often, the team has to provide unique solutions that require a relevant interpretation of legislations such as the Juvenile Justice Act and others and sensitize allied institutions to issues.

Internet Saathi (May'2019 to January'2020)

Digital Literacy Programme

CESR, Purulia, successfully completed its four consecutive phases of the Internet Saathi Project in twelve (12) respective blocks of Purulia District & in six blocks of Bankura District. Afterwards, similar work started in remaining 16 other blocks of Bankura District, all blocks of Uttar & Dakhin Dinajpur during May'19 to January'2020 with the support of FRENED, Gurgaon (A Joint initiative of Google India Pvt. Ltd & Tata Trusts). For smooth implementation of the project in two new locations, we have made partnership with local level NGOs like Naari Mukti Mahila Samiti (NMMS) for Dakhin Dinajpur & Shripur Mahila -O-Khadi Unnayan Samity (SMOKUS) for Uttar Dinajpur.

Overcoming hurdles and establishing rapport in newly adopted two new Districts, CESR kick started its fifth phase successfully.

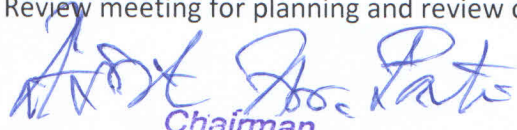
District presence of Internet Saathi program:

District Name	Number of Block	Villages	No of Internet Saathi
Bankura	16	1816	458
Uttar Dinajpur	9	1048	286
Dakhin Dinajpur	8	1083	311
Total	33	3947	1055

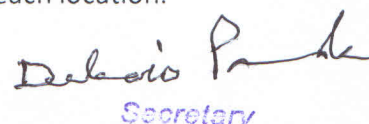
ACTIVITIES

The Preliminary Activities were as follows:

- State Coordinator for all three districts, District coordinator for each District and 35 nos. of Block Co-ordinators for the proper implementation of the project were hired.
- **Village Mapping:** As per project norms, District Coordinator & each Block Co-ordinators created a cluster of 4 villages (for each and every saathi) basis Census Village list 2011 provided through Google and Tata Trust sources (FRENED).
- Selection of 1055 Saathis (458 from Bankura, 286 from Uttar Dinajpur & 311 from Dakhin Dinajpur) from all the blocks of three Districts.
- Orientation Programme for all the Saathis of three Districts.
- Training Programme for the Saathis by PMG group in presence of PMG representatives and IL&FS trainers, in all the Districts.
- Review meeting for planning and review of the programme in each location.


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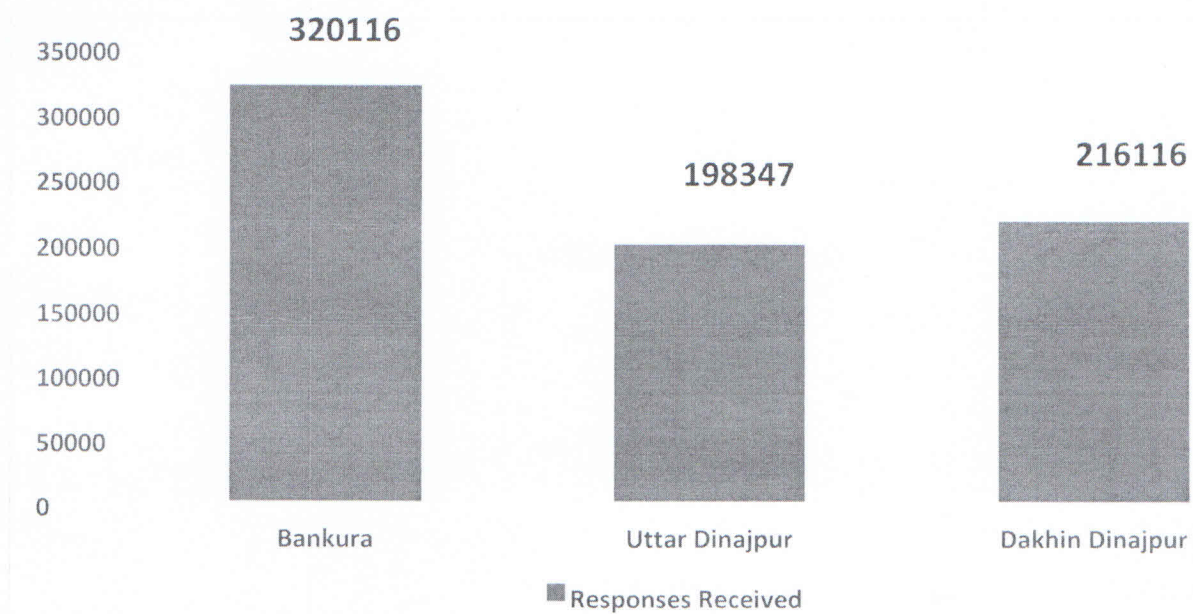
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Performance Analysis:

The overall District-wise performance of Saathis is mentioned below –



Adolescent Empowerment Programme

Adolescence is a period of transition from childhood to adulthood. It is characterized by rapid physical, biological and hormonal changes resulting in psycho-social, behavioral and sexual maturity in an individual. Adolescents are leaders in the making their ambition, creativity, curiosity, drive and eagerness create a fertile ground for planting seeds for their bright future. However, at this stage adolescents struggle with self-identity, peer acceptance, parental approval and overall societal belonging. During this second decade of their life they begin to question the meaning of life, inherited family beliefs, values and norms. They are extremely self-conscious of actions, behaviors and characteristics, continuously judging themselves through a critical lens. Both boys and girls have limited knowledge, skills and exposures to handle their problems and challenges within the existing environment. Anemia and malnutrition are also major factors which affect adolescent's physical development. In adolescent girls, it has been observed several times that nutritional deprivation among them reduces their school attendance, learning ability and overall performance. Adolescent boys in India face different sets of problems; their own inhibitions do not allow them to express their problems and needs easily. More than 33% of the disease burden and almost 60% of premature deaths among adults can be associated with behaviors or conditions that began or occurred during

Workshop & training Programme with Peer Educators at Barabazar B.P.H.C

adolescence- for instance tobacco and alcohol use, poor eating habits, violence, sexual abuse, and risk taking behavior. Of the total population of the Purulia district, nearly 20.23% are adolescents.

CESR has been implementing the Adolescent Intervention Programme at Barabazar block of Purulia district of West Bengal with the objectives of reducing the incidences of child marriage, increasing the adolescents' enrolment in secondary education, and reducing adolescence pregnancy and motherhood.

The programme has been working hard towards strengthening various government schemes for adolescent girls and boys, re-enrolment of out of school children, strengthening VLCPC, creation of awareness on the evils of child marriage, participation in government meetings and Training on

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Artificial gems & jewelry programmes, sensitization of PRI functionaries about the adolescent programmes etc. All these activities will contribute to achieving the objectives of the programme.

Our People

Executive Committee

The names of the members of the Executive Committee are given in the following table.

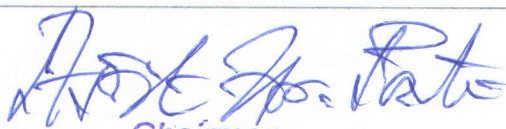
S.No	Name	Educational Qualification	Years of experience	Designation in the Executive Committee
1.	Mr. A. K. Pati	M.S.W.	49	Chairman
2.	Mr. D. Panda	M.S.W.	33	Secretary
3.	Mr. Puranjit Banerjee	M.Com., PGDMM	27	Asst. Secretary
4.	Mr. Sudhakar Ghosh	M.S.W.	35	Treasurer
5	Shikha Roy Chatterjee	MA, B.Ed.	35	Member
6	Sagar Mondal	BA, LLB	32	Member
7.	Mr. D. K. Patra	M.S.W.	32	Member

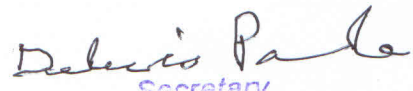
Besides the member professionals of the Executive Committee the services of other professionals who are general members of CESR are also available for planning and implementation of different types of activities.

Human Resources

CESR has a strong strength of professionals from various fields, general staff and volunteers working in different projects. The details of human resources are given below:

Sl no	Programme	Total Staff	Professional	General staff	Volunteer
1	Supplemnetary Education Programme	30	2	28	0
2	Girl Child Education Programme	29	2	27	0
3	1098 CHILDLINE Services	9	3	6	0
4	Sabla-Kanyashree Convergence Programme	3	2	1	0
5	Adolescent Intervention Programme	4	1	3	0
6	eVidyaloka	206	1	4	201
7	Internet Saathi	4	0	4	0
8	CESR General activities	42	17	0	25


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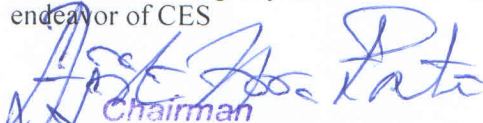
Future Plan of Activities :


PROPOSED PROGRAMMES FOR 20120-2021:

1. Continue the Transfer of Low-cost or no-cost technology for improving ago-based production systems of the resource poor farm families.
2. Continue to organize different types of awareness and training programmes for environmental and socio-economic development.
3. Start various types of location specific income generating programmes for the poor women.
4. Promote Nutritional garden for each family in the operational area of the organization.
5. Organize Training programme for animal resource development.
6. Wasteland development with special emphasis on dryland Horticulture and Medicinal Gardening.
7. Crop demonstration on cereals, oil seeds & pulses.
8. Organization of village level youth organization in the selected villages.
9. Leadership development training for youth leaders of the selected villages.
10. Organize Vermi compost training and demonstration programme for poor farmers.
11. Extension of education, health, child protection, adolescent empowerment and internet Sathhi programmes in all the selected blocks 9n the district of Purulia.
12. Start various training and developmental programmes for adolescent.

Our Thanks to: -

1. Save the Children, Bal Rakhsha Bharat, Kolkata
2. Konrad Adeneuer Foundation, New Delhi.
3. Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal 4. Deptt. of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal.
5. Deptt. of Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal
6. Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. Of India
7. Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India.
8. Childline India Foundation, Mumbai
9. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalyan, Purulia
10. Panchayat Institutions at the Village, Block and District level.
11. The Block & District level Administration of Purulia district.
12. Jan Sikshan Sansthan, Purulia.
13. The office of CMOH, Purulia.
14. The Office of DPO(ICDS), Purulia
15. All individuals, groups, and community based initiatives who have helped in the endeavor of CES


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