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ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) is the social face of the Catholic Church for facilitation, coordination, development, strengthening administrative and programmatic systems of institutions and people engaged in social work with non-profit motive in the region. It was constituted by the Bishops of Madhya Pradesh on 25th September, 1998, and was registered under the Madhya Pradesh Firms and Societies Registration Act 1973 with the registration no. 6387/98. Nine Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) of Madhya Pradesh region are our direct partners. We have FCRA, 12 A and 80 G registration.

VISION

A society where everyone enjoys equal rights and opportunities based on peace, love and harmony with one another, nature and the Divine.

MISSION

Restoring human dignity and empowering people, especially, the marginalized for sustainable and equitable development through facilitation.

MPSSS MANDATES

- ❖ System strengthening and organizational development support to all partners to meet all compliance criteria.
- ❖ Initiate and assist partners at all levels of Project Cycle Management (PCM) for thematic development
- ❖ Collate and interpret lessons learned, share among partners and network with members to widen the visibility of church in action.

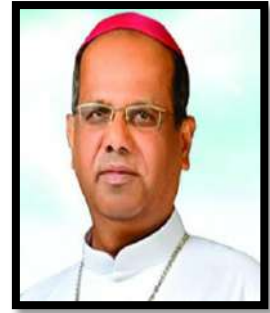
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Message from President

Dear all,

It is with great honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I present to you the annual report of Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) for the past year. As I step into the role of President, I would like to begin by expressing heartfelt gratitude to +Rt. Rev. Bishop Gerald Almeida for his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to the mission and values of MPSSS. His guidance has been instrumental in shaping the organization's path and impact.



Over the past year, MPSSS has continued its journey of empowering marginalized communities and promoting social justice, equality, and compassion. These achievements are a reflection of the collective efforts of our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and supporters, whose resilience and passion drive our mission forward.

Our initiatives have remained rooted in our vision of a just and inclusive society—one where every individual is treated with dignity, has equal opportunities, and lives in harmony with each other, nature, and the Divine. Through programs focused on organizational strengthening, community-led development, and peace-building, we have made meaningful strides toward fostering harmony and bridging social divides.

We have also remained steadfast in advocating for accessible education, quality healthcare, and social welfare, striving to close the gap between the privileged and the underprivileged. These efforts reaffirm our belief that sustainable and equitable development is only possible when no one is left behind.

As we look ahead, we acknowledge the many challenges that still lie before us. Yet, with your continued support and faith in our shared mission, I am confident that we will rise to meet them—together, as a united force for good.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement, generosity, and partnership. Let us continue working hand in hand to create a society where compassion, justice, and solidarity are not just ideals, but lived realities.

Warm regards,



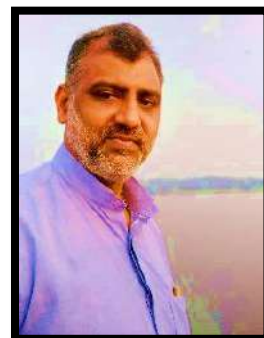
Most. Rev. Dr. Bp. Vazhan Arasu

President, Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Members and Supporters,

As we step into another year of purposeful service and transformative action, I am filled with immense gratitude for your continued commitment and support to our shared mission. It is with great pride and hope that I present this annual newsletter for the year 2024–2025, which captures our collective journey—celebrating achievements, confronting challenges, and charting the way forward.



At Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS), our vision remains steadfast: to nurture a just and inclusive society grounded in peace, love, and harmony—among people, with nature, and with the Divine. Guided by this vision, our mission continues to centre on restoring human dignity and promoting sustainable, equitable development, particularly among the marginalized and underserved.

This year, we deepened our work across various sectors—organizing communities through Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), advocating for quality education, improving functional healthcare systems, and championing environmental conservation through Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM). Our ongoing commitment to peace-building and social harmony remains central to our outreach and engagement efforts.

We are excited to share that MPSSS has launched significant initiative this year:

- **SAMARTH – Empowering ASHA Workers:** This project focuses on building the capacities of frontline health workers, equipping them with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to better serve communities and promote holistic healthcare at the grassroots level.

In addition, our efforts to bridge socio-economic divides continue through livelihood promotion, education reform, and capacity building—ensuring that every individual, regardless of background, can access opportunities and resources necessary for growth. Our People-Led Development approach has further empowered communities to take ownership of their development, ensuring sustainability and resilience.

Our internal emphasis on organizational development and Project Cycle Management (PCM) remains strong. We have worked closely with our partners to ensure transparency, compliance, and impact in all our initiatives.

Looking ahead, we are committed to reflecting on the lessons learned, sharing best practices with our partners, and expanding the reach and visibility of the Church in action—offering hope and lasting change in the lives we touch.

I remain inspired by the unwavering spirit of the MPSSS team, our partners, and community members. Thank you for walking with us on this journey. Together, we will continue to build a world where dignity, justice, and equality prevail.

Wishing you a year filled with renewed collaboration and meaningful impact.
With warm regards,

Fr. Shinto Abraham
Executive Director,

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Major Activities of the Year

I. System strengthening and organizational development support to all partners to meet all compliance criteria.

Staff Meetings – Annual Overview 2024–2025

Throughout the year 2024 - 2025, Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) consistently held monthly staff meetings in Bhopal, under the leadership of Executive Director Fr. Shinto Abraham. These meetings served as vital platforms for project teams to review progress, celebrate achievements, address challenges, and collaboratively plan for the months ahead.



Monthly meetings were conducted on the following dates:

- **2024:** April 5, May 13, June 5, July 8, August 6, September 5, October 7, November 6, December 9
- **2025:** January 13, February 12, March 11

Each meeting featured detailed presentations by project staff, reflecting on key accomplishments from the preceding month and outlining action plans and strategies for upcoming initiatives. Regular discussions covered major thematic areas including Community Health, Vihaan CSC, Targeted Interventions, and PLDP.

Notable highlights included:

- **December 2024:** Updates on the launch of *Samarth Project Phase-III*, advancements in the CSR project for *CHAMP*, and strategic preparations for the *Manos Unidas* team visit in January 2025.
- **First Quarter 2025:** Strategic focus on the implementation of *Samarth Phase-III*, progress on the *CSR Nandani Project*, and planning for the upcoming *Bhutan exposure visit*.

The meetings fostered a spirit of collaboration and knowledge-sharing among teams and reinforced MPSSS's commitment to impactful and community-centered development. Concluding each session, team contributions were acknowledged, and emphasis was placed on strengthening organizational synergy and regional impact. Project teams were appreciated by the Director for their effortless contribution for the success of the projects.

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Regional Strategic Planning (RSP) and Strategic Engagement Meeting

On May 23, 2024, a successful Regional Strategic Planning (RSP) and Strategic Engagement Meeting for Diocesan Partners took place at MPSSS, Bhopal, gathering 20 participants, including directors and key staff members from various partners, with the exception of representatives from Indore and Sagar. Mr. Christophar welcomed all the participants to the meeting,

emphasizing the significance of aligning diocesan activities with the Key Strategic Pillars (KSP) and Regional Strategic Plan (RSP). Led by Dr. Saju MK, Zonal Lead of Caritas India, the sessions focused on Key

Strategic Pillars (KSP) and the development of an effective Regional Strategic Plan (RSP), alongside a discussion on vital organizational policies. The meeting culminated in collaborative group discussions that resulted in actionable plans aimed at enhancing organizational effectiveness. Mr. Balendra Singh, Regional Program Officer of CHAMP, delivered the vote of thanks, emphasizing the meeting's success in equipping diocesan partners with the insights and strategies needed to achieve their strategic goals.



Skill enhancement training of Village Volunteers & Community Volunteers on PAR Tools

From July 2nd to 3rd, 2024, a two-day training session on Participatory Action Research (PAR) tools was held at AICUF Ashram Bhopal. The event included by 41 participants from five partner organizations. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS inaugurated the training program. The training aimed to enhance the skills and competencies of village and community volunteers in using PAR tools effectively. The



facilitators Ms. Rajkishori Tigga-KDSS, Mr. Aneesh Jose, Ms. Natasha, and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi PLDP Program team-MPSSS provided an in-depth understanding of various tools of PAR including: Focused Group Discussion (FGD), Participatory Community Mapping, Transect Walk, Historical Timeline, Seasonal Calendar, Venn or Stakeholder Diagram, Fish Bone – Analysing Causes and Consequences of social issues, Spiderweb Diagram etc.

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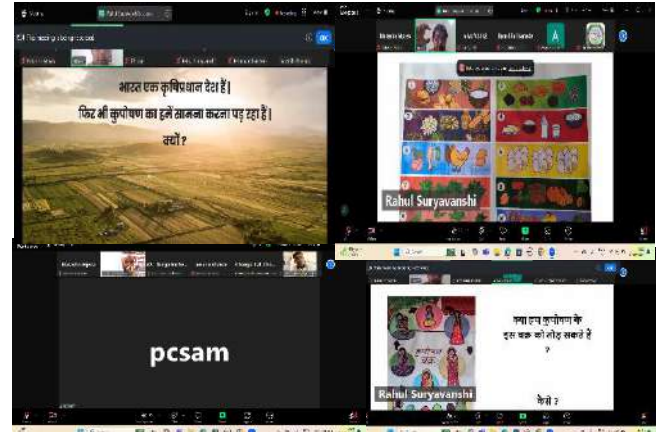
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"Nourishing Our Future: Celebrating Poshan Maah with Nutritious Diets for Everyone!" -an online session

An online session on Nutritious Diets for Everyone, was held on September 5th, 2024 Organized by MPSSS, Bhopal, led by Mr. Krishna Ranawat, participants—including field staffs, community volunteers, Asha workers, and MPSSS team—gained valuable knowledge on the importance of nutrition for overall health. The session highlighted various food varieties and their nutritional benefits while fostering a deeper understanding of National Nutrition Month initiatives. Together, we're not only improving dietary habits and making healthier food choices but also strengthening our community's commitment to health and nutrition. Let's continue to collaborate and promote vibrant, nutritious lifestyles for all.



Empowering Future: Capacity and Skills Enhancement Training

On September 10th and 11th, Nirmal Training Centre in Ujjain hosted an enlightening workshop focused on malnutrition and hunger, organized by MPSSS, Bhopal, bringing together 43 participants, including community and village volunteers, and MPSSS PLDP Team. Esteemed resource persons, Mr. Vishmabhar Nath Tripathi from Vikas Samvad, and Sr. Lissy Paul alongside Mrs. Virmati from Vedruna Holistic Health Care Centre, led engaging sessions on health, nutrition, and the power of herbal medicine. Participants left with a richer understanding of the vital role nutrition plays in well-being, practical knowledge of medicinal plants, and insights into integrating herbal remedies into daily life. This initiative is a significant step toward fostering healthier communities.



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Training on CSR funding by INDIAdonates

India Donates organization conducted a transformative two-day training program from 11th to 12th November 2024 for MPSSS staffs on fundraising and communication strategies at MPSSS office, aimed at enhancing organizational growth and impact. Ms. Hema Khatri, an expert in strategic fundraising led the workshop focused on developing local fundraising strategies, strengthening communication frameworks, and building effective partnerships. Participants gained valuable insights through SWOT analysis, creative proposal writing, CSR databases, and social media strategies, with actionable steps for revenue generation and visibility enhancement. The session empowered MPSSS team to strengthen its role as a resource hub, fostering sustainable growth through innovative fundraising approaches and strategic communication.



Online monthly meeting with INDIAdonates

On November 27, 2024, the monthly meeting with India Donates focused on revamping the organization's website to enhance visibility and user engagement. Key discussions included streamlining content, optimizing images, and improving navigation for a seamless user experience. The team emphasized clear storytelling, impactful visuals, and a logical structure to showcase the organization's work and impact effectively. Design improvements such as interactive features and content tailored for corporate partners were also explored. The next steps include finalizing content and collaborating with the web developer to bring the new design to life, ensuring a dynamic and engaging online presence.



GCSS, Gwalior Organization Development visit

On January 30th, 2025, a successful visit was held at GCSS, Gwalior, under the project "Organizational Development and Key Strategy Plan Dissemination." The visit focused on strengthening safeguarding policies, discussing child protection strategies, and exploring opportunities in agriculture, disability inclusion, and skill development. Key discussions also centered around strategic partnerships with CSR, NABARD. The visit highlighted the importance of collaboration for sustainable development, and the team is now working on finalizing project proposals to address key community needs. The visit was undertaken by Ms. Ayushi Pagare & Ms. Natasha Sharma- Regional Program Officers MPSSS.



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Samarth Induction Program at Kesla Block

The Induction Training for the Samarth Project was held on 9th January 2025 in Kesla Block, with key officials including Dr. Shailesh Shakalya (Deputy Director, Asha Cell, NHM), Fr. Shinto Abraham (Executive Director, MPSSS), Mr. Shailendra Shukla (DCM), Dr. R.S. Meena (BMO), Dr. Piyush Goyal (Ex-BMO), Dr. Satish Raguvanshi, Mr. Gajraj Singh (BEE), Mr. Rupesh Viswakarma (BPM), Mr. Mukesh Vyas (BCM), and Mr. Balendra Singh (RPO CHAMP). The session was highly successful, with all officials expressing their appreciation for the Samarth Project and extending their best wishes for its upcoming phase.



Samarth Induction Program at Budhni Block

A successful Induction Training session was conducted at CHC Budhni on 30th January 2025, with participation from 20 ASHA workers, 1 ASHA supervisor, and 8 government officials along with members of the MPSSS team. The event was attended by distinguished officials, including Dr. Prince Soni (BMO In Charge Budhni Block) and Fr. Shinto Abraham (Executive Director, MPSSS Bhopal). The training aimed to introduce the objectives of the Samarth Project and foster collaboration with ASHA workers for the next two years. Key topics covered included the project's goals, ASHA worker responsibilities, hygiene practices, reporting formats, documentation, and effective communication. The training greatly enhanced participants' understanding of the Samarth Project, strengthened their competencies in record-keeping, hygiene, and reporting, while also enhancing their enthusiasm and preparedness for the upcoming phases of the program. The presence and encouragement of dignitaries highlighted the project's strong potential to positively impact community health.



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Meeting with Internal Evaluator

On 12th February 2025, a meeting was held at MPSSS, Bhopal with Mr. Sam Chelladurai, the evaluator, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director, and the MPSSS PLDP Program team. The primary objectives of the meeting were to interact with Fr. Shinto Abraham and the PLDP Program Team, and to gather valuable insights for the ongoing PLDP program. The discussion focused on strengthening collaboration and improving the impact of the program.

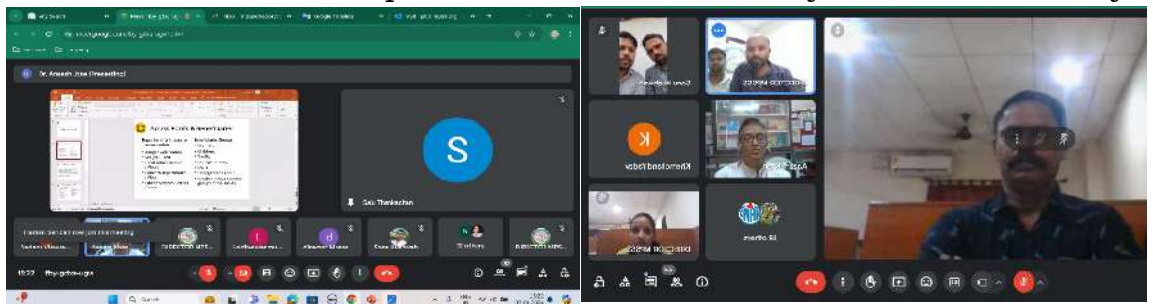


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Online Session on Government Schemes

Online session was conducted on Developmental and Social Security Schemes of Madhya Pradesh on 3rd April 2024.

Meeting started with key note address and sharing of



objectives by Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director, MPSSS. 82 participants from PLDP partners organizations, Asha Worker's, MPSSS PLDP team were part of the meeting. Session was facilitated by resource person Mr. Azam Khan from Sochara organization. To get the benefits of the schemes who will be the access points were informed by the resource person. The main schemes discussed in the meeting were social security schemes, women & child development, health & family welfare and Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department.

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MVSS Accompanying & Handholding visit

A two-day visit to the Manav Vikas Seva Sangh, Sagar PLDP area, took place on April 9th and 12th, 2024. During this visit, the team visited two villages: Aamapani in the Gairatganj Block and Besar in the Sanchi Block. The primary objective was to interact with the community to review their work and introduce the PAR (Participatory Action Research) tool. Using the PAR tool, the community identified the issues facing their villages, assessed the steps they have taken so far, and discussed further actions needed to achieve success and foster development in their villages. Visit was undertaken by PLDP MPSSS team members.



One day cross Learning

On April 23rd, 2024, a one-day cross-learning, sharing, and reflection session on best practices was held at the MPSSS office in Bhopal. The reflection included 12 participants, among them were Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS Bhopal; Fr. Ajo from the Samaritan Social Service Society, Satna; Mr. Manu, Coordinator from Samaritan; Mr. Chhanga Prasad, a Village Volunteer from Samaritan; Mr. Susheel, Program Executive of KDSS; Ms. Rajkishori, Community Volunteer of KDSS; Mr. Udit Patel, a Village Volunteer with KDSS; Fr. Aliyas Ninama, Director of Pragati; and Mr. Balwant, Community Volunteer and PLDP MPSSS team, alongside Dr. Aneesh Jose, Ms. Natasha Sharma, and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi. The session began with a discussion on the impact of the PLDP concept. Participants were given questionnaires to assess their understanding of PLDP, with specific questions designed to test their knowledge. Dr. Aneesh Jose from the PLDP Program team then provided an in-depth presentation on the history and background of PLDP, covering its inception, the initial implementation location, and a thorough explanation of the PLDP concept. Following this introductory session, individual presentations by the partners organizations commenced, showcasing their achievements and best practices.



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Pragati, Jhabua Accompanying and enhancement visit

A two-day visit to the PLDP area of Pragati Sanstha in Jhabua took place on the 9th and 10th of May 2024 by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi-Health Coordinator. On the first day, the team received a comprehensive orientation on Participatory Action Research (PAR) and the roles and functions of the Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Committee. This session aimed to equip the team with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively engage with



the community and implement PAR tools. On the second day, the team visited two villages in Meghnagar block: Kaliyaviran and Pavagoi Chhoti. During these visits, they actively engaged with the community members, applying the PAR tools they had learned about. This hands-on approach facilitated meaningful interactions and allowed the team to gather valuable insights directly from the community, furthering the project's goals of enhancing health, sanitation, and nutrition at the village level.



Video documentation visit

A series of RECCE visits for video documentation were conducted to preserve the traditional practices of local tribes. On the 23rd and 24th May 2024, a visit was made to the Bhariya tribes in Patalkot, Chhindwara. Following this, on the 26th of May 2024, another visit was conducted to document the Sahariya tribes in Sheopur. The team comprised Mr. Prem Prakash Dhurve, Mr. Aayush, community members, and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from MPSSS. These visits aimed to capture and document of the rich cultural heritage and traditional practices of these indigenous communities through video recordings, ensuring their preservation for future generations.





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Satna Accompanying and Enhancement visit

On May 21st and 22nd, 2024, Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from the MPSSS-PLDP team conducted a two-day visit to the PLDP area of the Samaritan Social Service Society in Satna. The visit included team orientation on Participatory Action Research (PAR) and the Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Committee, followed by practical field engagements.



On the first day, the team visited Babupur village in Uchehara block, meeting with SHG women to discuss their savings

practices and village issues, such as road and water problems. On the second day, they visited Nayapura and Harkutta villages in Sohawal block. In Nayapura, a food fair and discussions on organic farming and nutrition were held. In



Harkutta, the team met with SHG women to address their challenges, particularly poor road conditions, and emphasized collective action. They also visited the Poshan Vaadi, a community nutrition garden. The visit underscored the need for issue-based discussions and motivating villagers towards proactive community involvement.

Video Documentation on Baiga tribes

From June 14th to 16th, 2024, a team visited Dhurkutta village in the Samanpur block of Dindori district to document post-death rituals. In the villages of Ajgar, Rajni Sarai, Limouta, Pauri, and Dhaba, they learned about the Baiga community's history and traditional livelihood, which include medicine, farming, hunting, and forest gathering. The Baiga community, who speak only Baigani and



Chhattisgarhi, shared their customs related to marriage, birth, and death. On the final day, the team visited Patnagarh village in the Karanjia block, where they gathered information on Gond art as well as the customs and traditions of the Gond community. The visit was undertaken by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi-MPSSS-PLDP team.

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Video Documentation of Bhariya Tribe in Chhindwara District

From the 10th to 13th of June 2024, a videography was conducted to document the traditional practices of the Bhariya tribe in Chhindwara District. On the first day, the team attended a wedding ceremony in selected village, capturing traditional Bhariya group dances and wedding rituals accompanied by the Dhol instrument. The second day focused on daily activities in selected village, including corn grinding, kitchen activities, Mahua liquor making, and cleaning Gulli. The third day involved visiting Jad village to shoot and leaf collection in the forest, and with the villagers. The visit was Rahul Suryavanshi-MPSSS-PLDP videography team.



the hunting, fruit farming activities undertaken by Mr. team and the

Documenting Bhawai Festival: Korku Tribes in Khandwa

On June 14th, 2024, a video documentation team visited Khandwa District to capture the Bhawai Festival celebrated by the Korku Tribe. This festival, held before the onset of the rainy season, involves community prayers and rituals calling for rain. The participants included the video documentation team, Ms. Rajkishori Tigga from KDSS, village volunteers, community members, and Dr. Aneesh Jose from MPSSS. This documentation aimed to preserve and highlight the cultural significance and traditional practices of the Korku Tribe related to their agricultural cycle and community bonding.



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" A Journey into the Lives of the Baiga and Gond Tribes of Dindori "

A video documentation visit to the Baiga and Gond tribes in Dindori District was conducted from 10th to 15th July 2024. The participants included Mr. Prem Prakash Dhurve, Mr. Aayush, Mr. Dhurv (Videography Team), community members, and Rahul Suryavanshi from MPSSS. The outcome of this video documentary was the successful



capture and preservation of traditional practices on video, ensuring they are safeguarded for future generations. The team also gained valuable insights into the rich culture and traditions of the Gond tribe.

Accompanying & Handholding Visit to KDSS Khandwa

Two days visit was held at KDSS, Khandwa from 24th to 25th July, 2024. The participants included community members, Village Volunteers, Community Volunteer, Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi & Ms. Natasha Sharma-PLDP MPSSS team. First day on 24th July 2024 two villages Gondwadi & Garangaon were visited. Second day on



25th another two villages named Malgaon & Jhirniyamal were visited. The field visits across villages revealed significant progress through SHGs, including improved confidence, self-reliance, and the adoption of organic farming practices. Communities are actively engaging in collective actions, such as creating kitchen gardens, addressing infrastructure issues, and supporting the needy through the "Ek mutthi anaaaj" initiative. Despite challenges like poor road conditions and water scarcity, these villages are making strides in education, nutrition, and preserving traditional practices. The support from KDSS and other initiatives has empowered these communities to pursue sustainable development and improve their overall well-being.

Research Study on the impact of PLD Approach in Madhya Pradesh

A series of research studies on the impact of the PLDP (Peoples Led Development Process) in-Madhya Pradesh were

conducted across various locations in July 2024. The studies took place



from 11th to 12th July at Samaritan, Satna, followed by sessions from 26th to 27th July at GCSS, Gwalior. Further studies were held on 29th July at MVSS, Sagar, and on 30th July

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at ANWC, Bhopal. These studies aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of the PLDP Approach in enhancing community engagement and development outcomes across the state. The field visits conducted by the



research team provided invaluable insights into the impact of the PLD approach in Madhya Pradesh over the past decade. The data collected from a diverse range of participants and communities will serve as a



foundation for further analysis and recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of PLD initiatives in the region.

The visits were attended by Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, along with Fr. Kiran Olakkengil, Research Consultant, and Regional Program Officers Mr. Aneesh Jose, Mr. Christopher, and Ms. Natasha Sharma.

Nurturing Prosperity: Pisciculture Training Empowers Jhabua Farmers

A training session on pisciculture as an alternative livelihood was conducted on 13th August 2024 at the Pragati Office in Jhabua. The session aimed to equip farmers with essential knowledge and practical skills for sustainable fish farming. It saw active participation from 56 farmers representing 8 villages, along with 18 staff members from Pragati and MPSSS. The session was facilitated by Fr. Aliyas Ninama, Director of Pragati, and featured expert guidance from Mr. Kailash Muvel, Inspector from the Fishery Department, Jhabua.



Representatives from the PLDP Pragati team and MPSSS, including Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi and Ms. Natasha Sharma, also shared important insights on the key dos and don'ts for initiating pisciculture practices.

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Accompanying & Handholding Visit to Jhabua

From 13th to 14th August 2024, a focused visit was conducted in the Meghnagar Block of Jhabua District, led by Pragati Society. The agenda included site assessments for fish farming within six villages namely Kaliyaviran, Naharpura, Naganwatbadi, Ochka, Pavagoibadi, and Kadwapada under the PLDP area. The visit aimed to orient the Pragati team and farmers on pisciculture, with in-depth discussions held with SHG members and



farmer groups. Participants included community members, Fr. Aliyas Ninama (Director, Pragati Society), community and village volunteers, and representatives from MPSSS, including Ms. Natasha Sharma and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi.

"Living Legacy: A Visual Journey into the Daily Life of the Korku Tribe in Khandwa"

From August 2nd to 5th, 2024, a video documentation was done in Khandwa, focusing on the traditional practices of the Korku tribes. Among the participants were videography team, Village Volunteer and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi from MPSSS. This video captured vital aspects of their culture, including fish farming, daily household activities, and birth ceremonies. The initiative plays a crucial role in preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Korku community, ensuring these practices are recorded and remembered for future generations. The video documentation conducted in Khandwa successfully preserved key cultural practices of the Korku tribes.



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Accompanying & Handholding visit to MVSS field

From September 23rd to 24th 2024, MPSSS team including Mr. Aneesh, Mr. Rahul & Ms. Natasha-PLDP Program team visited the MVSS Sagar field, engaging with vibrant communities across four villages—Peepalpani, Pengava, Bhagwanpur, and Khemkhedi. With the active participation of over 250 community members, we celebrated the Poshan Maah, emphasizing the importance of nutritious diets and sustainable practices. Highlights included the formation of kitchen gardens, self-help groups, and innovative initiatives like "Ek Mutthi Annaj," which supports vulnerable families. Community members shared their achievements, such as well-deepening projects and enhanced access to clean water, while identifying key needs for further development. These interactions not only fostered awareness of health and nutrition but also strengthened community bonds, paving the way for continued collaboration and empowerment.



Capturing the Essence of the Korku Tribe

From September 2nd to 4th, 2024, a dedicated team including videographer Mr. Dhurv, along with Mr. Rakesh and Ms. Laxmi field staff from KDSS, documented the vibrant traditions of the Korku Tribe. Key events such as births, traditional dances, bull racing, mahua wine making, farming practices, and the Pola festival were beautifully captured. This initiative not only preserves the rich cultural heritage of the Korku community but also ensures that their unique practices are recorded for future generations, highlighting the tribe's distinct identity and fostering greater appreciation for their traditions.



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Preserving Sahariya Heritage through Video Documentation

From September 16th to 19th, 2024, a team, including Mr. Prem, Mr. Ayush, Mr. Lochan, Mr. Shivam, Mr. Harry, community members, and Rahul Suryavanshi from MPSSS, carried out an enriching video documentation focused on the Sahariya community in Sheopur and Shivpuri. The initiative aimed to capture essential aspects of their cultural heritage, including traditional architecture, rituals on birth, food systems, household chores, and agricultural practices. The video shoot also documented the community's unique relationship with forest resources, hunting, gathering, and labor migration, alongside traditional songs and medicinal practices. This vital work not only preserves the rich cultural identity of the Sahariya people but also ensures that these unique traditions are recorded and remembered for future generations.



Accompaniment and Handholding Visit to Samaritan Villages

A field visit was carried out from October 22–23, 2024, across four villages—Lokhariha, Mahulikhar, Alaknanda, and Mora—in Satna as part of the Accompanying and Handholding Visit. During the visit the participation of 180 community members, including Self-Help Groups (SHGs), adolescent groups, and farmer groups, alongside Ms. Natasha Sharma, the Regional Program Officer from MPSSS. The objective was to engage with community and village volunteers, interact with local members, and implement the Participatory Action Research (PAR) tool to address pressing community issues. The visit highlighted key challenges such as migration for livelihood, lack of sanitation facilities, and inadequate infrastructure. Through active discussions, community members identified and prioritized issues like water access, toilets, roads, and housing. They reflected on past actions and committed to further advocacy, including submitting applications to local officials and pursuing collective community efforts. The visit also emphasized the revival of traditional



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agricultural practices, organic farming, and the importance of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for financial empowerment. Overall, the engagement fostered a sense of collective responsibility, with the communities actively taking steps to address their challenges and enhance their livelihoods.

Research Visit to Kripa- Ujjain

A research study on the impact of the People Led Development Process (PLDP) in Madhya Pradesh (2012-2022) was conducted in 3 villages of Kripa Social Welfare Society from October 22nd to 23rd, 2024. Key participants for study included Fr. Shinto Abraham (MPSSS), Fr. Sunil George (Kripa Social Welfare Society), Fr. Kiran Olakkengil (Researcher), Dr. Aneesh Jose (MPSSS), community volunteers, and village members. Field visits to villages like Ganeshpura, Satendi, and Meher Khedi provided valuable insights into the successes and areas for improvement of the PLDP approach. The findings offer strategic recommendations to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of future PLDP initiatives.



One Day Cross Learning at Jhabua

Cross learning meeting was held from 29 to 30 October 2024 at Pragati, Jhabua. On October 29, 2024, discussion on policy revision was held, focusing on enhancing organizational policies to better serve marginalized communities. The event was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Peter Kharadi, with Fr. Shinto Abraham delivering the keynote on the importance of clear policies for accountability and effectiveness. Key sessions were led by Ms. Supriya Mukherjee from Catholic Relief Services, who discussed safeguarding policies, and Dr. Saju MK, who facilitated discussions on policy review, strategic planning, and the development of a regional roadmap. The workshop emphasized the need for resilient policies, alignment with organizational goals, and regional collaboration to strengthen policy frameworks across Madhya Pradesh. Second day 30th October 2024 discussion was held on sharing of experiences from the DSSS's on the achievements and progress of their work for the Phase IV and MPSSS discussed about the



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upcoming State level Program to be organized on 29th November 2024. MPSSS presented their future plan of PLDP phase V with the diocesan Directors.

"Video Documentation of Gond, Baiga, and Sahariya Tribes in Patalkot & Dindori"

A video documentation visit on 16th October 2024 in Patalkot and Dindori explored the rich cultural heritage of the Gond, Baiga, and Sahariya tribes. Among the participants

were videography team, Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director-MPSSS, Mr. Sinoy T-Admin cum Finance Officer and Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi-

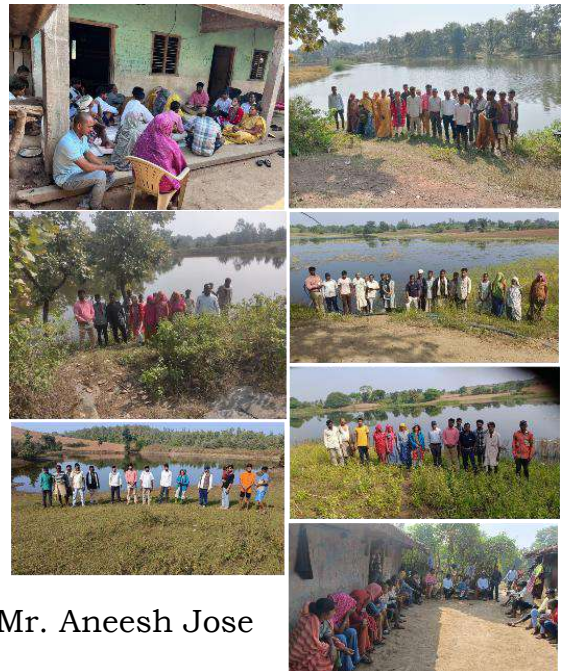


MPSSS PLDP Program team. The footage captures the unique traditions, customs, and lifestyles of these indigenous communities, highlighting their deep connection to nature, art, and community life. This visual documentation offers valuable insights into their diverse cultural practices, preserving these stories for future generations and fostering greater understanding of tribal heritage.

Accompaniment & Handholding visit Jhabua

In November from 13 to 15 ,2024, a field visit was conducted to Pragati Society's initiatives

in Jhabua, where seven villages namely Jamaniya, Naharpura, Naganwat badi & Ochka, Bavadipal & Agasiya, Kadvapada were engaged in a variety of livelihood and development activities. The visit highlighted the positive impact of the People Led Development Process (PLDP), particularly in pisciculture, agriculture, and women's empowerment through Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Communities in villages showed significant progress in fish farming, with the introduction of fish seeds improving local incomes. Despite challenges such as inadequate infrastructure and slow government responses, the communities remain optimistic and committed to furthering these sustainable initiatives with continued support. the visit was undertaken by Mr. Aneesh Jose & Ms. Natasha Sharma-PLDP Program team.



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Video documentation

From December 5th to 7th, 2024, an attractive video documentation visit was conducted in the Shivpuri region, focusing on the vibrant Shivpuri Sahariya tribes. The shoot beautifully captured the serene natural landscapes, showcasing the profound connection the tribe share with their environment. Highlighting their rich cultural heritage, the documentation also featured a close picture of a traditional marriage ceremony, offering a rare glimpse into the tribe's unique customs and rituals. This project not only preserved the tribe's cultural practices but also celebrated the environmental beauty of the region, ensuring these treasures are safeguarded for future generations.



Online Meeting with Partner Directors

On December 9th, 2024, an online meeting was held with the MPSSS Director and DSSS Directors to discuss the upcoming proposal for PLDP Phase V. The session aimed to gather insights and feedback from partners regarding the MPSSS proposal and to address the specific needs of partner organizations. It provided an opportunity for collaborative deliberation on the proposal's details and alignment with partner priorities.

Launching of Samarth Project Phase III

The Samarth Project "Empowering Asha's" Phase III Launch Meeting, along with the observation of World AIDS Day, took place on 1st December 2024 at Somukheda village. This significant event brought together key stakeholders Village Sarpanch, BCM, Asha Supervisor & President (Janpad Adhyaksh) to discuss the earlier project's progress and future goals empowering the Asha's while raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, highlighting its importance in the community.



Accompaniment and Handholding Visit to KDSS, Khandwa

The two-day visit to KDSS, Khandwa from 9th-10th January, 2025 focused on supporting

volunteers and engaging with communities to assess progress in improving nutritional status through the People Led



Development Process (PLDP). The visit covered Sitabedi, Tediimli, Boriya, and Baiphali

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villages, where discussions highlighted on community-driven achievements in health, nutrition, women's empowerment, and agricultural practices. Key activities included awareness sessions on malnutrition, seasonal diseases, and health risks, along with the promotion of organic farming and skill development. Self-help groups (SHGs) have played a vital role in increasing women's financial independence, and infrastructure improvements such as better road access and water supply were noted. However, challenges like exclusion from government schemes and issues with agricultural practices, such as bird damage to crops, were also identified.

MVSS Accompaniment & Handholding Visit

The MVSS Sagar field visit from January 16-17, 2025, highlighted the power of community engagement, leading to the adoption of organic farming, strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and increased health and nutrition awareness. Villagers actively addressed local issues such as road quality, water



supply, and midday meal discrepancies, fostering a sense of collective responsibility. The visit also emphasized the importance of retaining receipts for application submissions, empowering communities to engage with authorities. Moving forward, efforts should focus on reducing school dropout rates, ensuring consistent monitoring of SHGs, and promoting women's health and sanitation awareness for long-term well-being. The visit was led by Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi, Health Coordinator, and Ms. Natasha Sharma, Regional Program Officer, MPSSS, Bhopal.

Interim External Evaluation of People Led Development Process (PLDP)

In February 2025, an Interim External Evaluation of the People Led Development Process (PLDP) took place

across five districts in Madhya Pradesh, led by external evaluator Mr. Sam Chelladurai from the READ Centre, Bangalore. The evaluation focused on assessing the field project's progress in 5 Districts including KDSS-Khandwa 7-8 Feb; Pragati- Jhabua 9-11 Feb; Kripa- Ujjain 13-14 Feb; MVSS-Sagar 15 Feb; Samaritan-



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Satna 17-18 Feb engaging with volunteers, and gathering key data. Initial findings revealed impressive strides in community participation and local leadership, with well-structured volunteer networks. However, challenges in resource mobilization, capacity building, and coordination still need attention to drive further progress.

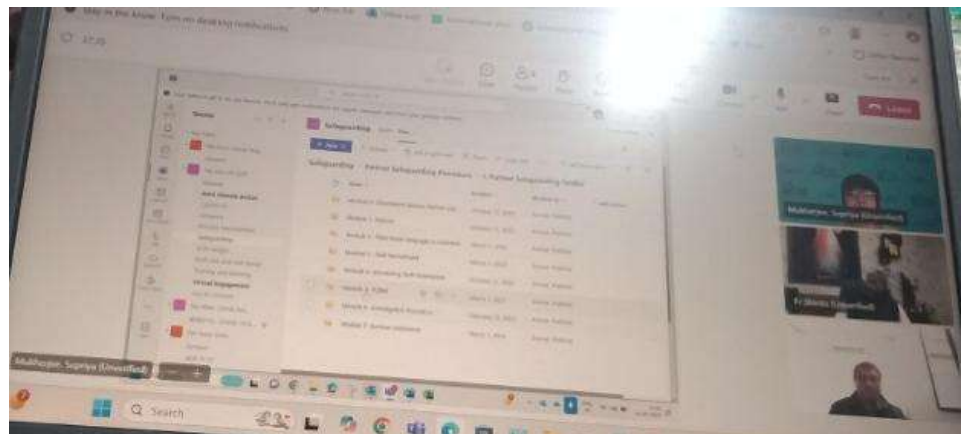
"Empowering the IDSSS Team on Safeguarding Policy and strategic plan"

On February 12, 2025, a vital safeguarding orientation was conducted for the IDSSS team in Indore, led by Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, and Mr. Ramesh Yadav, Regional Program Officer. The session offered a thorough overview of the safeguarding policy, emphasizing its significance, the individuals it protects, and how to effectively integrate it into daily practices. The interactive session encouraged open dialogue, allowing staff to raise questions and gain clarity. This orientation not only strengthened the team's ability to safeguard vulnerable individuals but also reinforced MPSSS's dedication to fostering a safe and nurturing environment for all, ensuring a lasting positive impact in the community. Orientation was also given on preparation of DSSS level strategic plan.



Meeting on Safeguarding by CRS

On February 14, 2025, an online orientation meeting on the Safeguarding Policy Standard 5 & 6 was conducted by Ms. Supriya Mukherjee from CRS. The session focused on enhancing understanding and implementation of safeguarding standards, emphasizing key protocols and best practices to ensure a safe environment for all. Participants gained valuable insights into the policy framework, reinforcing the importance of safeguarding within organizational settings.



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Field visits under Samarth Project

A series of productive meetings were held with ASHA workers across various villages in Budhni and Kesla blocks. On 10th February 2025, ASHA workers from Pandoda and Khandavar



villages discussed on activities carried out in February 2025 and received guidance on filling out the Monthly Report Format. On 11th February 2025, a similar meeting took place with workers from Parsvada, Hatleva, Hirani, Ramnagar, and Jahanpur villages. On 14th February 2025, ASHA workers from Mallupura, Suiya, Dodi, and Saheli villages in Kesla block participated in a similar session. As a result, all ASHA workers gained a clear understanding of the format and successfully completed their reports.

Monthly Meeting for Asha Workers

The ASHA Monthly Meetings under Samarth Project were successfully held in both Kesla and Budhni blocks. In Kesla, in the month of February 2025 in which 22 ASHA workers attended, while 19 participated in Budhni.



During the meetings, the registers and monthly report formats were thoroughly reviewed and explained. As a result, all ASHA workers gained a clear understanding of how to correctly fill out the registers and monthly report format, ensuring accurate documentation moving forward.

"Capturing Success: Pisciculture Follow-up at Pragati Jhabua Field"

A video documentation was conducted for the pisciculture follow-up at the Pragati Sanstahn, Jhabua field, supported by MPSSS, Bhopal on 11th March 2025. The documentation was done to highlights the ongoing efforts in promoting sustainable pisciculture practices within Pragati's field area. The documentation provides valuable insights into the program's impact on local communities and the surrounding environment, emphasizing the role of sustainable aquaculture in improving livelihoods and promoting ecological balance.



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Field visit under Samarth

On March 12th & 13th, a field visit was conducted under the Samarth Empowering Asha program, covering multiple villages across Kesla and Shahganj Blocks. The visit included Mariyarpura, Somukheda, Badchapda, Bhadbhud, and Barda villages in Kesla Block, and Gawadiya, Rampura, Borda, and Neemkhedi villages in Shahganj Block. These visits aimed



to engage with local communities and support the ongoing efforts of the health program in these areas by empowering the Asha Workers. Additionally, the 21st March visit took place at the CSC Bhudhni Block, where a productive meeting was held with the BCM to discuss further strategies and enhance collaboration for the program's success. The field visits serve as an essential part of monitoring progress and ensuring the empowerment of local communities through Samarth.

Monthly meeting of Asha Worker

The monthly meeting of Asha Workers in Kesla Block under the Samarth Project was held on 27th March 2025. The meeting brought together 20 ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists) along with Mr. Tarun, the Block Lead. During the session, various key topics related to community health, ongoing initiatives, and challenges faced by the ASHAs in their respective areas were discussed. This platform allowed for sharing experiences, learning from one another, and reinforcing the importance of their role in improving healthcare delivery at the grassroots level. The meeting further strengthened the commitment of the ASHAs and the Samarth Project team to serve and support the community effectively.



"Samarth Project: Quarterly Progress Meeting" - The quarterly meeting of Asha Workers, held on 20th March 2025, with representatives from both Kesla and Budhani



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blocks, along with block leads Mr. Tarun and Mr. Ankit. The session began with a warm welcome speech by Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS. A key highlight of the meeting was a session on Menstrual Hygiene, delivered by Ms. Shalini Kapoor, the State Program and Technical Head for LEHS/WISH from Madhya Pradesh. Following this, the progress made by the Asha Workers during the quarter was reviewed, with presentations from both block leads. The session concluded with an overall assessment of the work, presented by Mr. Saju T, Program Lead at MPSSS, showcasing the success of the efforts undertaken during the quarter.

SMALLHOLDER ADAPTIVE FARMING AND BIODIVERSITY NETWORK SAFBIN ACTIVITIES:

Project Coverage

The project is being implemented in the Mandla Block of Mandla District, Madhya Pradesh, covering a total of 10 villages. It reaches 1,785 households, with a demographic composition including 275 Scheduled Caste (SC), 1,200 Scheduled Tribe (ST), 121 Other Backward Class (OBC), and 89 General category households, encompassing a total population of 9,457. Programme coverage extends across 6 panchayats, with services accessible through 13 Anganwadi Centres and 2 Community Health Centres (CHCs), ensuring a broad and inclusive approach to community development in the region.

Benefits through Govt Schemes:

A range of government schemes have benefited a total of 907 individuals or households, with a cumulative disbursement of ₹1,52,73,025. Under the Lentils Seeds (MINI KIT) program, 125 beneficiaries received ₹1,11,225, while the Khet Talab Yojna supported 25 out of 1200 applicants with a substantial ₹1,25,00,000. The Old Age New Pension Scheme aided 13 individuals, providing ₹7,800. For community infrastructure, Drainage Construction work reached 675 residents, with a funding of ₹9,25,000. The PM Awas Scheme extended housing support to 67 out of 280 applicants, totalling ₹16,75,000, and the Sprinkler Pipe distribution benefitted 2 recipients with ₹54,000.

Outcome-1 - Ensured Local Food Security of Smallholder Farmers - 547

The project strengthened food security among smallholder farmers across 10 villages by adopting climate-resilient and community-led interventions:

- **Climate-Smart Crop Planning:** Main food crops and millets were selected after climate vulnerability analysis. Mixed cropping trials were conducted on Kharif plots with 29 farmers using seeds like local paddy, pigeon pea, kodo, sesame, black gram, and various millets.
- **Farmer Capacity Building:** 30 lead farmers across 10 villages were trained in risk assessment, evaluation, and resilience planning. Post-harvest training on safe storage and crop grading was conducted in 4 villages.



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- **Input Support for Rabi:** 25 farmers received 703 kg of diverse seeds including peas, mustard, coriander, linseed, gram, and lentil. Crop outputs demonstrated significant productivity (e.g., 503 kg peas yielded 2,352 kg).
- **Inclusive Market Initiatives:** A village market was launched under the SAFBIN project with Panchayat support. It enabled 27 SHFC farmers (men and women) to run small enterprises in vegetables, groceries, cosmetics, hotels, and grains.
- **Women's Empowerment:** On International Women's Day, the PHE Minister pledged infrastructure grants for women-led microenterprises, including ponds, community buildings, and road connectivity.
- **Water Conservation through Community Action:**
 - ✓ On World Water Day, over 40 farmers built a sack bund in Dhouranala's Bertola village through *shramdaan*.
 - ✓ On International Zero Waste Day, Rantola farmers constructed a similar bund to conserve water in the Bade Narwa drain.



Outcome-2 - Improved resilience of SH farmers and their farms (climate change, pandemics and volatile market) - 269

- 161 farmers have chosen mixed crops in the Rabi season and have inspired other farmers through trial plots and have been motivated to reduce the negative impact of climate change.
- 383 farmers have adopted improved seeds for the Rabi crop, whose germination percentage has been comparatively higher. This has changed the behaviour of farmers towards the selection of seeds.
- 9 SHF farmers in 10 villages have developed trial plots for different crops of Kharif season. These include Barnyard, Finger Millet, Sorghum and Pearl Millet etc.
- 125 Farmers got Improved seeds (Lintels, Chickpea) from Agriculture departments for winter crops.
- 20 Trial plots for climate resilient mixed crops for 25 small farmers Input support and practice was provided to small farmers for production of climate resilient adapted crops.
- In FFS, farmers have a practical understanding of the cost of agriculture through comparative study, observation, use of organic fertilizers and organic pesticides and the adverse effects of chemical fertilizers on health and have an understanding of adopting sustainable agricultural practices.



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- 80 poultry inputs were supported to 20 farmers for nutrition and income generation. 10 hens hatched 120 eggs. This provided an opportunity for female small farmers to earn nutrition and generate additional income.
- With the aim of ensuring variety and nutrition in the mid-day meal of children, Systematic Nutrition Garden has been developed in 5 Anganwadi centres under the support and supervision of teachers.
- 125 farmers received improved seeds (lentil, gram) from the agriculture department for winter crops. In the Rabi season, small farmers used organic fertilizers and organic pesticide management and this year the average production was 4-5 quintals per acre. In the Rabi crop, small farmers adopted mixed crop management as per the SAFBIN method, which reduced the infestation of pests in the crop to a great extent.

Outcome-3 - Increased income and recognition of SHFs for their ecosystem services

- As per the IFS model, 3 SHFC farmers in 2 villages have started fish farming units in public ponds. Earlier these ponds were not used. Farmer groups started 3 fish farming units with the support of SAFBIN project. They contributed Rs. 3700 as their contribution. In the month of March, 150 kg of Katla fish was caught and sold to the people of the village and promoted home nutrition of underprivileged children.
- One SHFC farmer has started a piggery farm unit in which the farmer is rearing 3 piggeries by purchasing them for Rs. 24000, which is SAFBIN's contribution amount of Rs. 10000 and his own contribution amount of Rs. 14000.
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- Small farmers are being motivated and encouraged to adopt sustainable agriculture system, IPM and INM in crop management by Kisan Field School by linking 30 resource farmers in 10 villages with capacity building training on sustainable agriculture system, IPM and INM.
- Local stakeholders, CBO leaders of 10 villages have been made accountable for food diversity by capacity building on climate change resilience adapted agriculture system, nutrition and safe food diet.
- With the start of Haat-Bazaar in village Silpura, 27 SHF farmers are earning additional income by setting up shops of vegetables, women's cosmetics, grocery etc. from their agricultural produce, nutrition garden. They are being motivated and trained to move towards micro enterprise.
- 10 SHF farmers have developed multi-layer vegetable production gardens with the aim of generating nutrition and additional income. By adopting nutrition and food diversity, they have earned additional income of about Rs 80000.

Additional activities under SAFBIN Project:-

CBOs Meetings & Training

- 30 Resource farmers capacity building training on sustainable agricultural System, IPM & INM.
- CBO leaders' capacity building training on Climate Change resilience, Nutrition and Safe Food dietary.
- CBO leaders' capacity building on sustainable agriculture System.
- Child Parliament meeting & Training on importance of child parliament, child rights.
- Training for women groups associated with NRLM to join micro enterprises and haat-bazaars.
- Orientation training for youth for self-employment in haat-bazaars developed locally.



Community Based Organization Details

The community-based organizational network comprises a diverse and active membership across several key groups. There are 30 Farmers' Groups (SHFC) with a total of 452 members, reflecting a strong agricultural base. Complementing this are 8 Women Farmers' Groups involving 90 members, which highlights the growing role of women in local agriculture. The presence of 18 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) with 212 members underscores a commitment to financial and social empowerment at the grassroots level. Additionally, 3 Adolescent Girls' Groups with 27 members focus on youth development and gender inclusion. The Nature Club, with 15 groups and a robust 333-member participation, showcases an environmental consciousness within the community.



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Together, these organizations represent a vibrant ecosystem of engagement, resilience, and participatory growth.

Innovations & Best Practices Introduced for improving programme effectiveness

- 3 Community Managed Nurseries have been developed by the SHFC farmers.
- With the aim of nutrition and earning additional income, 20 farmers were provided with chicken to start backyard poultry farm units.
- 10 Multi-Layer Nutrition Garden developed by SHFC for nutrition and additional income.
- Under SAFBIN project Haat-Bazar started in Silpura village.
- 1 Farmer started 1 Piggery Farming unit.

III. Collate and interpret lessons learned, share among partners and network with members to widen the visibility of church in action.

Refresher training with a focus to support in establishing a comprehensive PML system

A two-day training session on Participatory Monitoring and Learning (PML) was held under the PLDP program at the Samarthan Office in Bhopal from April 29 to 30, 2024.

The training brought together 25 participants from six partner organizations: MVSS-Sagar, Kripa-Ujjain, KDSS-Khandwa, Pragati-Jhabua, Samaritan Social Service Society-Satna, and MPSSS-Bhopal. The participants included Directors, Coordinators, and field staff, reflecting a diverse mix of leadership and operational roles. The workshop aimed to review progress from previous sessions, understand a system-based approach to monitoring and learning (M&L), refine the Management Information System (MIS), and build skills in mobile/software applications for data collection and management. On the first day, the focus was on



developing M&E systems, discussing qualitative and quantitative indicators, M&E stages and elements, and tools for indicator analysis. The second day began with a recap of the first day's learnings. Participants then engaged with the MWater portal, sharing developed survey formats, learning to capture responses, and creating field staff IDs for dummy data collection. Facilitators provided hands-on guidance in using mobile applications for surveys. Resource persons for the training were Ms. Marita Ishwaran, Mr. Yogesh Kumar, and Mr. Rishi Mishra.

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Networking & Linkages Meeting with Like Minded NGOs & PLDP Partners

On April 22, 2024, a networking & linkages meetings with like-minded NGOs and PLDP partners convened at MPSSS Bhopal, drawing together 52 participants from diverse organizations. The gathering centred on fundraising, grappling with the evolving landscape of FCRA rules. Reverend Dr. Fr. John P.J., Principal of Bhopal School of Social Science (BSSS), graced the occasion as the esteemed Chief Guest, while Ms. Uttama Pandit from India donates, New Delhi, shared invaluable insights as the Resource person. The event commenced with a warm welcome from Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, setting the stage with the meeting's objectives and contextualizing the challenges faced by organizations.



Participation in workshop on heat wave

In response to the current heat wave affecting Madhya Pradesh, the Disaster Management Institute (DMI) organized a half-day workshop on 22nd May 2024 in collaboration with UNICEF and the inter-agency groups of Madhya Pradesh. The event took place at the Disaster Management Institute in Bhopal. Participants included representatives from various government departments such as the Health Department, SDRF, State Disaster Management Authority, Indian Meteorological Department, and Press Information Bureau.



Among the NGO partners present were MPSSS, FHI, Reliance Foundation, Aakashvani, PFHD CCI, CHAI, Oasis, Samarthan, CARD, and Evidence Action. Dr. George V. Joseph, the Director of DMI, Bhopal, facilitated the workshop and provided a brief introduction to the session focused on heat waves.

Children Parliament Meeting in Awalikheda

On 8th May 2024, a visit was held at Awalikheda, where two significant events took place. The first event was a meeting focused on the formation of a Children's Parliament



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and career counselling. A total of 45 children participated in the meeting. The main objective was to discuss the formation of the Children's Parliament and to highlight its importance. During the meeting, members of the Child Parliament, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Environment Leader, Education Minister, Communication & Information Minister, Health Minister, and Home Minister, were elected through a democratic process. The second session provided career counselling for adolescents and youth from higher grades. This session aimed to guide them on various career paths and help them plan for their future aspirations.



Follow-up visit at Awalikheda on 27th May 2024.

The second meeting of the Children's Parliament took place on 27th May 2024, as scheduled by the CP members. The primary focus of this meeting was to orient the members about their specific duties and responsibilities. During the session, detailed explanations were provided to ensure that every member, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Environment Minister, Education Minister, Communication & Information Minister, Health Minister, and Home Minister, clearly understood their roles within the Children's Parliament. The orientation aimed to empower the members with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively perform their duties, promoting active participation and effective governance within the Children's Parliament.



AGBM of MPSSS

The Annual General Body meeting of MPSSS took place on June 20, 2024, at BSSS (IAS) College, Bhopal. The meeting was attended by newly appointed Bishop Most Rev. Bp. Vazhan Arasu from Jabalpur, along with Most Rev. Bp. Gerald Almedia, President of MPSSS, and Most Rev. Bp. Sebastine Vadakel, Vice President. Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS and Secretary cum Treasurer, also participated, along with Sr. Pavana CJ, Dr. Saju M.K. from Caritas India, Fr. Ajo, Director of Samaritan Satna, and Fr. Martin, Director of IDSSS. The



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four new Bishops of the MP Region—Bp. Augustine of Khandwa, Bp. Peter Karadi from Jhabua, and Bp. Thomas Mathew Kuttimackal from Indore —were warmly welcomed at the meeting. The meeting included presentations on the progress of activities and the financial overview for the year.

Online webinar on World Environment Day

An online webinar was organized by Caritas India on World Environment Day. The webinar was facilitated by Mr. Saju M.K, Program Manager at Caritas India, and featured sessions

led by experts from various locations. Topics covered included land-based climate solutions, toxin-free lifestyles, nature-based solutions, and agricultural resilience in North



India. The experts discussed a range of strategies for achieving sustainable agriculture, such as adopting eco-friendly practices like the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, and recycle), focusing on sustainable crops, and enhancing climate resilience to secure



livelihoods in a changing climate. Additionally, the webinar highlighted the importance of reducing plastic use and promoting large-scale tree plantation. These discussions aimed to provide actionable insights and practical tips for adopting a more sustainable lifestyle and mitigating the impacts of climate change. On this day tree plantation too was done by the team MPSSS.

Annual Meeting of Workers India Federation (WIF)

Workers India Federation Annual meeting was held at Bangalore from 8th to 10th June 2024. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director-MPSSS was part of the meeting. Meeting have participation from various regions. During the meeting Fr. Shinto Abraham was elected as a National Team Member of Workers India Federation.



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Caritas Review Meeting

Review meeting of Caritas India Project was held at Bangalore from 22nd to 23rd June 2024. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director-MPSSS and Mr. Christopher-Regional Program

Officer-MPSSS was part of the meeting. Meeting had presentation from all the participants came from various



forums. MP (Madhya Pradesh) Forum presented its activities and its achievements presented by Mr. Christopher-Regional Program Officer from MPSSS, Bhopal.

Workshop for Capacity Enhancement on Advanced Fundraising



On 1st July 2024, INDIAdonates hosted an in-person workshop on advanced fundraising at The Golkonda Hotel, Hyderabad, led by Dr. Gary G Hoag. The event, which was part of the Capacity Enhancement Project, provided participants with valuable insights into brand building, multi-channel communication, and social media strategies. Attendees left the workshop feeling inspired and equipped with new strategies to enhance their fundraising efforts. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director & Mr. Aneesh Jose- Program Lead from MPSSS

were part of the workshop.

Misereor Consultant Visit to MPSSS

A two-day meeting was held on July 4th and 5th, 2024, with the consultant at Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) in Bhopal. The primary focus was to review and discuss the achievements of the activities outlined in the project proposal.

The sessions were facilitated by Ms. Marita Ishwaran, Misereor's consultant, who guided the team in reflecting on the progress made so far. Additionally, the meeting resulted in the development of a strategic action plan for the upcoming months, ensuring the continued success of the initiatives.



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Children's Parliament Review Meeting in Awalikheda

The review meeting of the Children's Parliament was held on 17th July 2024, as scheduled by the CP members. The primary focus of the meeting was to reinforce the members' understanding of their specific duties and responsibilities. The session also included leadership skills training for the members and engaging, energetic games designed to enhance their overall development and teamwork.



Workshop on the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013

On July 26th, 2024, Vikas Samvad organized a State-Level Workshop on the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 at Hotel Palash in Bhopal. The event brought together key stakeholders, including government officials, NGO representatives, and community members, to discuss the implementation of NFSA and share ground experiences. Key discussions focused on the challenges and best practices in food security, with an emphasis on ICDS services, PDS, and MDM schemes. The workshop concluded with a commitment to ongoing collaboration to improve food security in Madhya Pradesh. The workshop included the participation of Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi and Ms. Natasha Sharma from MPSSS, Bhopal.



CBMP Bishops Meeting

A Meeting of Bishops and Diocesan Directors of Madhya Pradesh was held at the Pastoral Centre, Bhopal, from August 9th to 11th, 2024. On August 11th, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, delivered a presentation highlighting the achievements of MPSSS and the CHAMP initiative over the past year.



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Workshop on Sustainable agriculture

On August 12th, 2024, a Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture was held at Maple Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi in which Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director & Mr. Aneesh Jose-Program Lead-MPSSS participated. The workshop brought together key stakeholders, including directors, program managers, and experts from various organizations across India. The day began with participant introductions and context setting by Amit Khurana, Director of Sustainable Food Systems at CSE. The sessions that followed provided a platform for participants to present their work related to sustainable agriculture and climate, highlighting the challenges they face and the emerging solutions. In-depth discussions focused on key sector challenges, including policy gaps, capacity building, market access, and financing, followed by collaborative brainstorming on practical solutions and areas for collective action. The workshop concluded with a commitment to ongoing collaboration and the identification of potential synergies among partners to advance sustainable agriculture initiatives in India.



WIF National Governing Body Meeting

From 24th to 25th August 2024 Worker's India Federation Meeting was held at CBCI Office for Labor in Delhi. Fr. Shinto Abraham-Executive Director was part of the meeting.



WIF Meeting at Pastoral Centre

On September 22nd, 2024, MPSSS Bhopal hosted a significant meeting of the Workers India Federation (WIF), at the Pastoral Centre, marking the formation of its committee at the Bhopal Diocesan level. The gathering, inaugurated by Most Rev. A. A. S Durairaj, SVD, Archbishop of Bhopal brought together dedicated members to discuss strategies for enhancing worker rights and community welfare. This meeting not only reinforces the commitment to social justice and empowerment but also paves the way for collaborative efforts in addressing the challenges faced by workers in the



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region. The formation of the committee signifies a crucial step toward fostering stronger community leadership and advocacy.

Empowering the MP Forum Team on Safeguarding

On September 30th, 2024, the MP Forum team participated in an essential safeguarding orientation led by Mr. Christopher, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS. This engaging session provided staff with a comprehensive understanding of the safeguarding policy, detailing its importance, who it encompasses, and how to effectively implement it in their work. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions, fostering a collaborative atmosphere where concerns were addressed and clarity was achieved. This orientation not only enhances the team's capacity to protect vulnerable individuals but also reinforces MPSSS's commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for all. By prioritizing safeguarding, the forum is poised to make a positive impact in the community it serves.



Munster Parish Donar's Visit (October 9-14, 2024)

Mrs. Carola and Mr. Johakim from Munster Germany visited and the program was hosted by Fr. Shinto Abraham -Executive Director, MPSSS, was a truly inspiring experience. Over the course of six days, they were engaged with children at Aashta Hostel and Awlikheda village, nursing students at St. Joseph Nursing College, and tailoring students in Sohan Kheda. The heartfelt interactions highlighted the positive impact of the Munster Welfare Initiative on education and vocational training, fostering hope and empowerment among underprivileged communities. The tour reinforced the importance of support in helping individuals achieve their dreams, creating a lasting impression of community resilience and the potential for positive change.



Online session on World Food Day

On 16th October 2024, the Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) hosted an online session for World Food Day, focusing on food security and nutrition. Led by Mr. Devendra Dubey, Food Security Officer, Bhopal, the session brought together 65 participants, including



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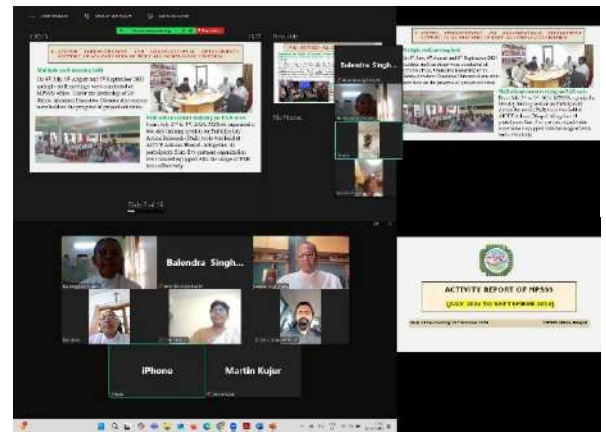
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field staff, ASHA workers, and community beneficiaries. Mr. Dubey addressed key issues related to food access, the impact of nutrition on public health, and government initiatives aimed at improving food security. The session successfully raised awareness and encouraged participants to advocate for better nutrition and collaborate with government programs to enhance food access in their communities.

Governing Body Meeting conducted

On 28th of October 2024 hybrid meeting of Governing Body was held with members participating both physically and online platform. Meeting have participation by Most. Rev. Bishop Vazhan Arasu of Jabalpur- President of MPSSS, Most. Rev. Bp. Sebastian Vadakel- Vice-President, Fr. Shinto Abraham- Secretary cum Treasurer of the Governing Body, Dr. Saju MK-Caritas India Representative, Member, Fr. Ajo George-Director, Samaritan, Satna-Member, Fr. Martin-Director, IDSSS, Sr. Seema Bhalrai member, Sr. Darshana-members and Fr. Joshy Poulouse member were part of the meeting. Fr. Shinto Abraham presented the activity and financial reports for the last quarter, along with the action plan, during the productive discussions that followed.



State Level Workshop with Government Officials to address community issues with local leaders

Bhopal, 29 November 2024 — MPSSS organized a dynamic state-level workshop at Aditya Residency, Bhopal, uniting government officials and local leaders to address rural issues through the People-Led Development Process (PLDP). Led by Fr. Shinto Abraham, the event featured chief guest Dr. Santosh Shukla (NHM) and Dr. Prabhakar Tiwari (CMHO, Bhopal). Experts including Mr. Shailendra Tiwari, Ms. Shanu Sharma, Ms. Poonam Pandey, Mr. Devendra Dubey, and Dr. Manoj Bharadwaj shared insights on agriculture, health, and food security. The workshop emphasized community-driven development and effective use of government schemes for sustainable rural growth.



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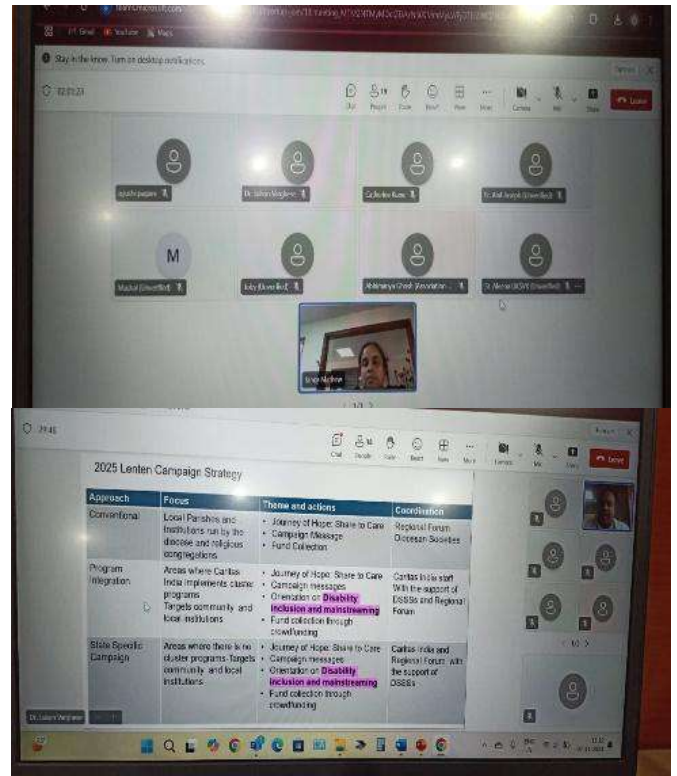
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Online meeting on Lenten Campaign meeting by CARITAS India

On 7th November, Caritas India hosted an online meeting which was attended by Ms. Ayushi Pagare- Regional Program Officer, MPSSS Bhopal. Meeting was to discuss the 2025 Lenten Campaign, centered around the theme "Journey of Hope: Share to Care," which focuses on disability inclusion. Ms. Catherine from Caritas India introduced the campaign, emphasizing its goal to support individuals with disabilities through care, livelihood programs, and community initiatives. Key strategies shared were collaborating with local parishes, diocesan institutions, and schools, as well as utilizing crowdfunding through Caritas' regional forums and diocesan societies. With national and regional support, the campaign will ensure broad outreach, offering incentives for top-performing forums. The initiative encourages cross-sector collaboration, with a focus on transparent financial management and clear fund distribution guidelines.



Visit from Misereor Germany

In November 2024, Ms. Rosehanski Heike, Indian Desk Officer from Misereor, Germany, visited Madhya Pradesh Samaj Seva Sanstha (MPSSS) in Bhopal from 7th to 8th November 2024 to strengthen their partnership and review ongoing community development programs. The two-day visit included insightful presentations on MPSSS' impactful initiatives, particularly in supporting indigenous communities, and a video showcasing the Bhil Tribe. The fruitful discussions between both organizations explored future collaboration opportunities, reinforcing their shared commitment to sustainable, community-driven development.



Workshop on Strategic Planning, Safeguarding, and Volunteer Engagement-



A two-day workshop was held on November 14-15, 2024, at Nav Jyoti Pastoral Centre, Agra, with key participants Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, and Ayushi Pagare, RPO from MPSSS. The workshop focused on strategic planning, safeguarding policies, and volunteer engagement. Insights were shared by experts, including Mr. Ananth from CRS and Fr. Anil Crasta. Key topics included creating a strategic plan with robust data analysis, stakeholder engagement, and resource

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mobilization, as well as strengthening safeguarding standards and volunteer management. Through collaborative discussions and interactive sessions, participants explored ways to enhance their organizational impact, improve volunteer engagement, and ensure effective safeguarding practices. The workshop concluded with actionable strategies and a commitment to fostering community growth and organizational sustainability.

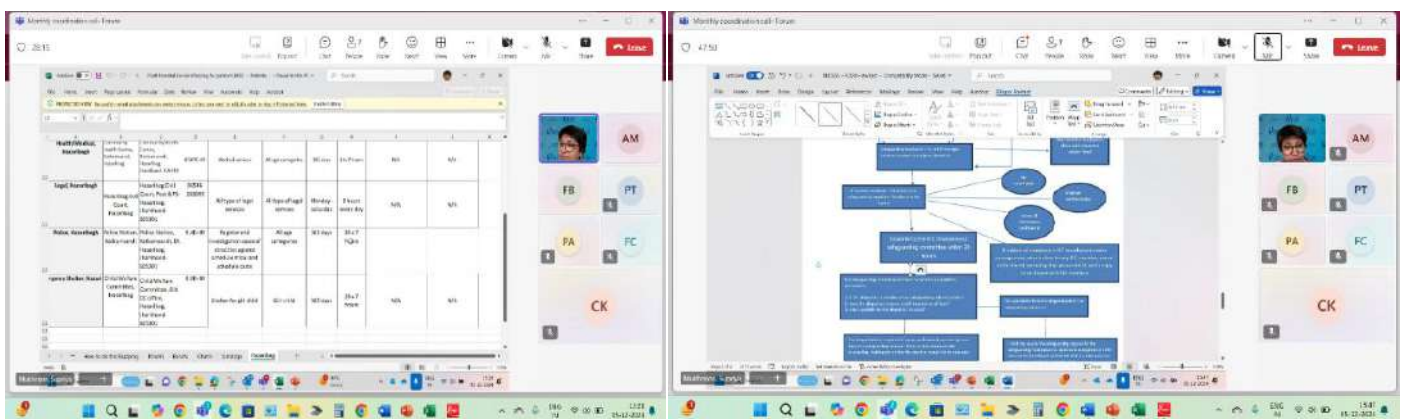
Vardhaman visit

On November 18, 2024, the CSR team from Vardhaman visited MPSSS for an insightful collaboration. The visit included discussions on a proposed menstrual hygiene project targeting 20 villages in Mandideep Block, focusing on improving health and awareness among women and adolescents. Key topics included project resources, budgeting, and sustainability strategies. The event highlighted the strong partnership between Vardhaman CSR and CHAMP, underscoring their shared commitment to community development and sustainable social change. The collaboration aims to enhance menstrual hygiene, education, and dignity in rural communities, fostering long-term impact.



Online meeting on Safeguarding Standard 5

The follow-up meeting held by CRS on December 5th proved to be a successful discussion, with key updates shared on ongoing projects. A flowchart for Standard 5 under safeguarding was highlighted as a priority, with an action plan to be distributed to the team for timely execution. The half-yearly review process is set to begin, with final timelines soon to be confirmed. To ensure consistency in implementation, the reference document for all standards will be sourced from Ms. Supriya. The team also made significant progress on finalizing the SOP for Standard 6, aiming for completion before Christmas.



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Networking & Linkages meeting with Like Minded NGOs & PLDP Partners

On December 21st, 2024, MPSSS hosted a Networking & Linkages meeting in Bhopal, bringing together 50 participants from PLDP partners and NGOs. The event, featuring Mr. Ajay Tiwari- Program Officer (JSS Satna) and Mr. Shailendra Kumar- Assistant Manager (NABARD), focused on NABARD initiatives and skill development. The session aimed to strengthen collaboration among NGO partners, provide insights into



NABARD's community development efforts, and explore opportunities for life skills development. Key outcomes included enhanced understanding of NABARD's role, strengthened partnerships, and a commitment to utilizing available resources for community welfare. The meeting proved to be an essential platform for fostering strategic collaboration and regional development.

Conclave on “Food-Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Madhya Pradesh”

On December 11, 2024 the State Level Conclave on Food and Nutrition Security in Madhya Pradesh organized by Vikas Samvad brought together government officials, civil society representatives, community leaders, and experts to discuss innovative solutions and successful models for addressing food insecurity. Key focus areas included community-based programs, women and youth empowerment, sustainable agriculture, and enhancing government initiatives. The conclave emphasized the importance of strategic communication and social behaviour change in tackling food and nutrition challenges. By fostering collaboration and sharing best practices, the event aimed to promote a unified approach towards achieving a malnutrition-free Madhya Pradesh.



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Manos Unidas Visit to Kesla Block

On 14th January 2025, the Manos Unidas team, along with the MPSSS team, visited Borkeda and Badchapda villages in Kesla Block, Narmadapuram, to observe the impact of the Samarth Project and other health initiatives. The visit was marked by traditional ceremonies and performances by the local youth, offering a warm welcome. Presentations highlighted the vital role



of ASHA workers in addressing health issues such as malnutrition and supporting high-risk pregnant women. The Manos Unidas team expressed their continued support for health projects in Madhya Pradesh and praised the community's efforts. The visit also included a tour of the NRC at CHC Suktawa, where the team saw the care provided to malnourished children and their families. The visit strengthened partnerships between MPSSS, Manos Unidas, and the local communities, and raised awareness of the ongoing health initiatives focused on improving community health, especially in vulnerable groups.

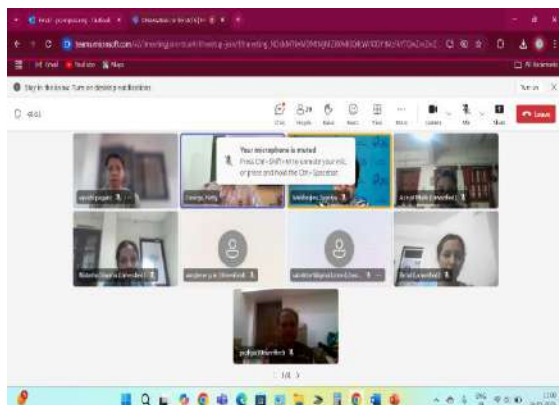
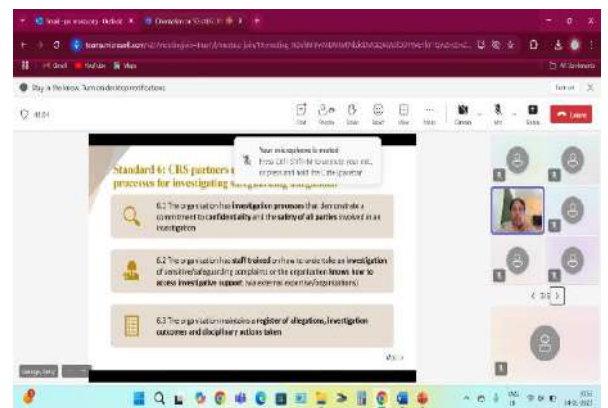


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Online safeguarding meets

On January 24th, 2025, a comprehensive training session on Standard 6 was conducted, focusing on developing an internal complaint-handling mechanism. Facilitated by Ms. Supriya and Ms. Retty, the session covered essential topics such as safeguarding policies, the importance of confidentiality, and the creation of systematic complaint procedures.



Key sub-standards, including the training of staff, maintenance of complaint registers, and compliance with the POSH policy, were discussed in detail. Participants were encouraged to complete an online webinar by January 30th, 2025, to further enhance their understanding of safeguarding standards. The session reinforced the survivor-centric approach, ensuring that all actions align with confidentiality and informed consent.

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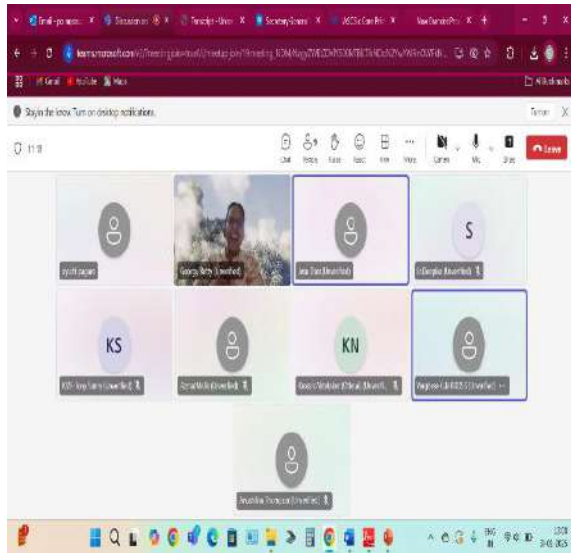
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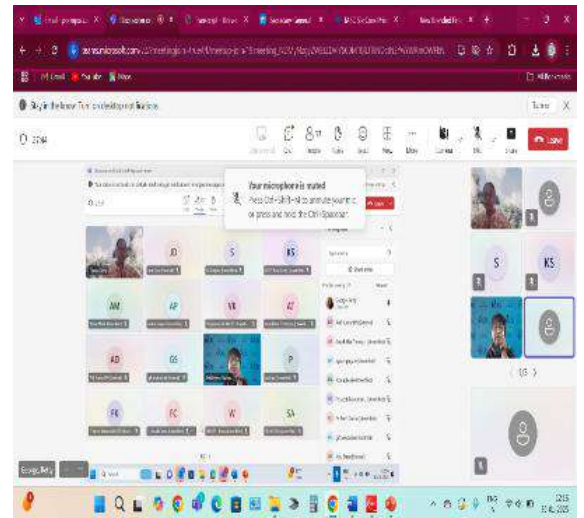
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CRS India Webinar Completion Discussion

On January 30th, 2025, CRS India held a meeting to address challenges faced during the webinar on Standard 6. Key issues included registration difficulties, technical problems, and time constraints for completing the course. Participants discussed strategies for overcoming



these challenges, such as allocating dedicated time each day for course completion.



Ms. Retty emphasized the importance of fully completing each module and obtaining the "blue tick" for progress. To ensure smooth completion, participants were reminded to submit their webinar certificates, complete assigned activities by

February 12, 2025, and prepare for the upcoming orientation from February 12-14. The meeting provided practical solutions to ensure successful webinar engagement and learning.

The Story Writing Workshop

The Story Writing Workshop was organized with the aim of enhancing communication effectiveness and story-writing skills, focusing on strengthening the capacities of civil society organizations (CSOs). Held from January 31st to February 2nd, 2025, at the Samarthan office in Bhopal, the workshop aimed to equip participants with the ability to develop strategic communication plans, create impactful messages for diverse stakeholders, and craft compelling stories that forge emotional connections with audiences. The training also focused on refining writing skills for institutional documents like annual and project reports, ultimately helping organizations improve their communication strategies to achieve institutional goals. Participants from various organizations gained valuable insights and practical experience, enhancing their ability to make a meaningful impact in their communities. Mr. Rahul & Mr. Ankit from MPSSS was part of the workshop.



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Exchange /Exposure visits to Bhutan for mutual learning

In February 2025, a group of 46 volunteers from KDSS, Kripa, MVSS, Pragati, SSSS, and MPSSS embarked on an inspiring exposure visit to Bhutan, exploring sustainable community development initiatives. The journey focused on organic farming, water conservation, and innovative market systems, offering participants valuable insights into Bhutan's hydroponics, water management, and direct-to-consumer agricultural models. Highlights included visits to Jadingkha Organic Village, the Springshed Project, and the Tarayana Foundation, all of which provided deep knowledge on rural development and environmental conservation. The visit



fostered collaboration, with participants committing to implement best practices in Madhya Pradesh, particularly in farming techniques, water management, and community-driven projects. The experience promises to shape the future of agricultural sustainability and rural empowerment in the region.

Governing Body Meeting conducted

On 17th February 2025 Governing Body meeting was held at MPSSS office, Bhopal. Meeting have participation by Most. Rev. Bishop Vazhan Arasu Bishop, of Jabalpur, President of MPSSS, Most. Rev. Bp. Sebastian Vadakel, Vice-President, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Secretary cum Treasurer of the Governing Body, Fr. Martin-Director, IDSSS, member, Fr. Joshi E.P-Member, Ms. Sheeba George- Women Representative was part of the meeting. Fr. Shinto Abraham Secretary cum Treasurer of the Governing Body presented the activity and financial reports for the last quarter, along with the action plan, during the meeting followed by the fruitful discussion.



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🌸 Celebrating Women's Day at Sohankheda Tailoring Centre 🌸

On Women's Day, we had the honor of organizing a vibrant cultural program for the talented women of the Sohankheda Prabhatara Tailoring Centre on 17th March 2025. The event was graced by esteemed guests, including Rev. Fr. Ishwar Das Minj, Fr. Shinto Abraham (Executive Director, MPSSS), and other distinguished dignitaries. The celebration kicked off with an energetic welcome dance and soulful songs by the women and children of the community, setting a joyful tone for the day. The MPSSS team delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the strength and achievements of women. To add excitement, engaging games and prizes encouraged friendly competition and camaraderie.



"Empowering Safeguards: MPSSS Joins Misereor's Capacity-Building Workshop on Protecting Vulnerable Groups"

Mr. Ramesh Yadav, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS, actively participated in a



capacity-building workshop organized by the Karl Kübel Foundation for Child & Family. The workshop, held from March 10-12, 2025, in Coimbatore, focused on 'Establishing a Safe Environment for Vulnerable Groups in India Against Sexual

Abuse & Exploitation.' This event, held at the Karl Kübel Foundation, covered the first module on safeguarding. Over the three days, participants engaged in in-depth sessions, gaining valuable insights into safeguarding practices. The workshop successfully concluded on March 12, with Mr. Ramesh Yadav contributing to collective efforts to enhance protection for vulnerable groups in India.

"Empowering Volunteers: A Three-Day ToT Workshop on Volunteer Engagement & Resource Mobilization"

The Three-Day Residential Workshop (ToT) on Volunteer Engagement, held from 19th to 21st March 2025

at Bosco Facilities Management

Trust in Dwarka, Delhi, provided participants with comprehensive



insights into various aspects of volunteerism. Day 1 focused on the role of volunteers in

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resource mobilization, with Fr. Anil Crasta leading sessions on CI's volunteer handbook and organizational strategies. Day 2 delved into humanitarian response, climate change, and ICT tools for resilience, with Navneet Yadav facilitating thought-provoking sessions. On Day 3, participants explored community leadership, disability inclusion, and safeguarding volunteers, guided by experts like Mr. Melvin Pangya and Ms. Sangita. The workshop concluded with reflections and a way forward, leaving attendees equipped with essential knowledge to enhance volunteer engagement and community impact.

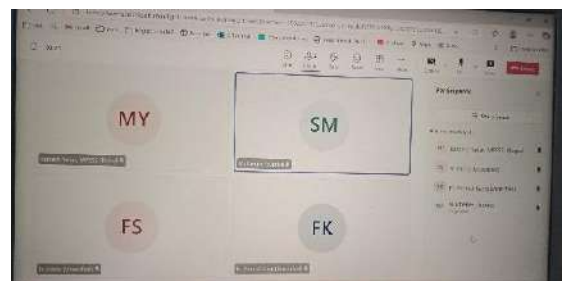
Launch of Lenten Campaign

The "Journey of Hope: Share to Serve" campaign was launched on 30th March 2025 at Assumption Church, with the esteemed presence of His Grace Rt. Rev. AAS Durairaj, Archbishop of Bhopal, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Executive Director of MPSSS, Mr. Saju, Program Manager of Caritas India, and Mr. Ramesh Yadav, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS, along with other dignitaries. This initiative focuses on supporting children, persons with disabilities, and marginalized communities, addressing humanitarian crises, and fostering integrated human development. Inspired by Pope Francis's call to "fan the flame of hope," the campaign invites community participation through actions like visiting vulnerable families, supporting the malnourished, skill-building, and promoting inclusivity, all while creating a hopeful and compassionate future for those in need.



"Insightful Webinar on Advancing Safe Policy Implementation and Strategy"

On 6th March 2025, Supriya from CRS conducted an insightful webinar focusing on the monthly follow-up of safe policy implementation and strategy. The session provided an overview of the current progress and challenges in the policy's execution, emphasizing key strategies for further enhancement. Attendees discussed the importance of continuous monitoring, feedback, and alignment with best practices to ensure the policy's success across various levels. The webinar served as an essential platform for knowledge-sharing and collaboration among stakeholders committed to maintaining a safe environment.



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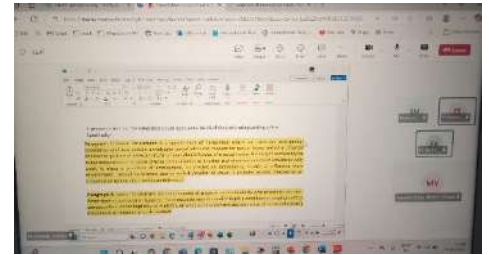
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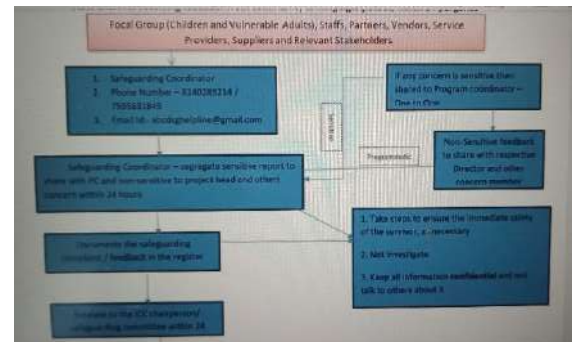
"Empowering Safeguarding: Online Workshop on Reporting Mechanisms & Investigation Procedures"

On 24th and 25th March 2025, an online workshop was conducted to explore Safeguarding Standards 6 and 7, focusing on the development of robust reporting mechanisms and investigation procedures at the MPSSS level. The workshop brought together key participants to discuss the importance of establishing transparent, effective, and accessible channels for reporting incidents, as well as the critical role of having clear and consistent investigation procedures. Through a series of engaging sessions and discussions, attendees worked collaboratively to strengthen the safeguarding framework and ensure the protection and well-being of all individuals under their care.



"Tracking Progress: Webinar on Policy Implementation at DSSS Level –

A crucial webinar was held on 27th March 2025 to assess the progress in policy implementation activities at the DSSSs level. This session reviewed the advancements made in the rollout of safety policies, providing a detailed evaluation of how effectively these policies have been integrated at the ground level. Key insights were shared on the ongoing activities, challenges faced, and potential improvements that can be made. The webinar facilitated an in-depth discussion on the steps needed to strengthen policy adherence and address any gaps in implementation.



MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF MADHYA PRADESH SAMAJ SEVA SANSTHA (MPSSS), BHOPAL

The 26th Annual General Body Meeting of MPSSS was held at Pastoral Center, Bhopal on 20th June 2024 from 02:00 p.m. onwards. The notice for the aforesaid meeting was sent one month in advance to all the members of the society stating the agenda, date & time of the meeting by the secretary of MPSSS.

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Introductory Prayer and Roll Call - President
2. Presentation of the Agenda - President
3. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
4. Presentation of the previous AGBM Minutes - Secretary
5. Presentation of the Annual Activity Report 2023 – 2024 - Secretary
6. Presentation of the Audit Statement 2023 – 2024 - Treasurer
7. Presentation of the Annual Budget 2024 – 2025 - Treasurer
8. Appointment of the Auditor for the year 2024 – 2025
9. Election for the vacant post of Governing Body Members
10. Fixing the date and venue of next AGBM
11. Any other points with the permission of the Chairperson
12. Vote of Thanks

PROCEEDINGS

Introductory Prayer, Welcome and Roll Call:

The meeting was convened according to the rules & regulations of the Registered Societies Act and began with welcome address and prayer by President Bp. Gerald Almeida and the roll call was made by the President Bp. Gerald Almeida.

Presentation and approval of the Agenda for the AGBM:

President Bp. Gerald Almeida, presented the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was approved with general consensus of the floor with the understanding that arising concerns could be taken up under 'Any Other Topic'.

Appointment of the Recording Secretary:

As it was decided that MPSSS staff will be recording minutes, hence Mr. Christophar, Regional Program Officer of MPSSS was appointed as the recording secretary.

Presentation of the Minutes of the 26th

AGBM:

Fr. Shinto Abraham, Secretary and Treasurer presented the minutes of the previous AGBM. After the presentation of minutes, the President invited for clarifications, suggestions and modifications if any. Bp. Gerald Almeida asked about the initiatives taken in the region for the promotion of Millets as they are highly nutritional and beneficial for the farmers and the communities. Fr. Shinto Abraham informed that through PLDP project the millets were promoted but the marketing of the same was not yet started. The President then requested Fr. Shinto Abraham to consult with Karnataka Forum as they were marketing the millets in their respective region. As there were no clarifications needed Fr. Jayan Alex from Khandwa proposed and Dr. Saju MK seconded the minutes.



Presentation of the Annual Activity report 2023-2024:

Fr. Shinto Abraham, secretary cum treasurer presented the Annual Activity report 2023-2024. As there were no clarifications need the Annual report was proposed to pass by Fr. Thomas Philip and seconded by Dr. Sheeba Joseph.

Presentation of the Audit Statement for 2022-2023:

Fr. Shinto Abraham further presented the Audit Report and Bp. Valan Arasu asked about the membership and the Auditor details and Fr. Shinto Abraham explained the same. Bp. Gerald Almeida inquired about the head called 'Medical Help' in the report and Fr. Shinto Abraham explained about the Educational Livelihood and Health project and its activities in detail. The participants have also requested to change the account heads namely 'Pet Maintenance' and 'Functions and Celebration' in consultation with the Auditor and Fr. Shinto Abraham informed that these heads were generally accepted and were rendered by the Auditor himself. Bp. Valan Arasu inquired about the caution deposit refund of the St. Josephs Hostel and Fr. Shinto Abraham



explained the same. Bp. Gerlad Almeida also requested Fr. Shinto Abraham to be careful with the foreign fund utilization. The Audit statement was proposed by Sr. Annie Angel and was seconded by Fr. Thomas Philip.

Presentation of Annual Budget for the year 2024-2025:

Fr. Shinto Abraham presented the Annual Budget for 2024-2025 and Fr. Jayan from Khandwa asked about the difference of amount between Hostel income and Expenses and Fr. Shinto Abraham clarified the same. He further spoke about the recycling the plastic by collecting the plastic waste by an NGO called 'I Can Do' which was also an Income generation program for them. He requested the panel to think on such initiatives for fund raising. Further, Fr. Shinto Abraham explained about the virtual meeting with Misereor and assured that they would fund for the next phase of the PLDP Project. Bp. Valan Arasu spoke about various fund-raising workshops and Bp. Gerald spoke about challenges faced by the religious organization in fund raising. Fr. Thomas Philip asked inquired why the expenses are less compared to the previous year and in response, Fr. Shinto Abraham explained about the previous dues paid to the auditor that resulted in sharp hike of the expenses. The Annual budget was proposed to pass by Fr. Sunil from Ujjain and seconded by Dr. Sheeba Joseph.

Appointment of the Auditor for the year 2024-2025:

The President asked whether the MPSSS team was happy with the present Auditor or not. Fr. Shinto Abraham responded saying that the MPSSS team was happy with the present Auditor. All the General Body members unanimously agreed to continue with the same auditor.

Election for the vacant board members:

Fr. Shinto Abraham informed the panel about Bp. Gerald Almeida - President, Bp. Sebastian Vadakel – Vice-president, Sr. Josephine Pavana and Sr. Sashi Lakhra who had successfully completed their terms as board members. The following names were proposed for the election in the meeting.

1. Bp. Valan Arasu - President Nominee
2. Bp. Sebastian Vadakel - Vice-President (2nd Term)

He further informed the panel that Sr. Josephine Pavana and Sr. Sashi Lakhra had completed 2 terms as board members therefore requested women representative nominations from Ujjain, Khandwa and Jabalpur dioceses.

Followed by Fr. Premanand Paikwar and Fr. Lawrence D'souza have submitted their resignations and the below members were proposed for the election in the meeting.

1. Fr. Domnic Thomas - Zonal Director Nominee
2. Fr. Joshy EP - Regional Youth Director Nominee

A formal election was conducted and the above members were elected and the President Bishop along with the other members congratulated them on the election.

Fixing the date and venue of next AGBM:

Chairman Bishop Gerlad and Bishop Sebastian opined that the next meeting could be tentatively scheduled in the month of June, 2025. Secretary cum Treasures assured to fix the dates and share the details in advance for the meeting.

Any other topic with the permission of the chair:

Fr. Shinto Abraham proposed the amendments of the By-laws or the MoA of MPSSS in view of the emerging changes in the country. The following amendments were suggested in the MoA.

Present statement in the bylaws or MOA	Amended statement in the bylaws or MOA w.e.f. 20 th June 2024
<p>3. Aim and Objectives:</p> <p>3. To join arrange, organize lecture programmes, workshops, camps, courses, conferences, seminars and exposure for promoting environment, women and child development and health care services.</p> <p>7. To consolidate and co-ordinate the developmental activities for all the THIRTEEN dioceses of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.</p> <p>8. To collaborate with the Government for eradication of dreaded disease like TB, cancer and Aids.</p> <p>9. To take up the government developmental projects including soil and water conservation and render assistance during any calamities.</p>	<p>3. Aim and Objectives:</p> <p>3. To join arrange, organize lecture programmes, workshops, camps, skill development trainings, conferences, seminars and exposure for promoting environment, women and child development and health care services.</p> <p>7. To consolidate and co-ordinate the Organizational development related activities for all the NINE dioceses of Madhya Pradesh.</p> <p>8. To collaborate with the Government for eradication of Malnutrition, dreaded diseases like TB, cancer, Aids and promote Health and Hygiene.</p> <p>9. To take up the government developmental projects including soil and water conservation, climate adaptive agriculture such as the promotion of organic, traditional agricultural practices and millet farming to address environmental concerns and render assistance during any calamities.</p> <p>Following Points are added to the ‘Aim and Objectives’:</p> <p>11. To provide institutional care, and carry out deaddiction programs, in collaboration with government and other like-minded agencies to support old-age homes, individuals with disabilities, and those in need of deaddiction services.</p> <p>12. to promote gender equality in the society and foster an inclusive environment in all aspects of our operations and activities.</p>
<p>25. Funds of the Society:</p>	<p>25. Funds of the Society:</p>

All the funds of the Association except the money required for the day-to-day transaction shall be deposited in the Bank as recommended by the Governing Body. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be signatories of the bank Account. Taking into consideration the vastness of the State of Governing Body may give authority to the Secretary to sign for Treasurer cum Secretary and operate the Bank Account.

All the funds of the Association except the money required for the day-to-day transaction shall be deposited in the Bank as recommended by the Governing Body. The President, Secretary cum Treasurer **along with any Member shall be signatories of the bank Account.** Taking into consideration the vastness of the State, Governing Body may give authority to the Secretary cum Treasurer **and any other Member to operate all the Society Bank Accounts Jointly.**

In response, Fr. Sunil from Ujjain asked why the amendments were being proposed for every two years and Fr. Shinto Abraham informed that prior to his appointment they were proposed but not successfully approved thus he had to initiate the changes in the current meeting. Newly elected President, Bp. Valan Arasu also supported Fr. Shinto and explained about the importance of the amendments as per the current situation.

Regarding the first amendment under '**3. Aims and Objectives, Point No. 7**' the panel requested Fr. Shinto Abraham not to mention '*NINE dioceses*' in the state instead requested to replace it with the word '*all.*'

Secondly, under **the Aims and Objectives, Point No. 9**, instead of mentioning in '*any calamities*', the panel suggested to mention '*in all situations.*'

Fr. Shinto Abraham further reminded the panel about the accumulated money worth 569891 INR and proposed to spend the same as per the provisions under Income Tax Act 1961 by filling form 10 for the purposed educational support of the marginalized and poor children in the region. In response, the panel approved the proposal.

Fr. Shinto Abraham also presented the POSH policy document that was drafted for the approval. He further shared on the importance of finalizing the policy stating the urgency of the same. In response, the board members have unanimously approved the policy for the organization.



Followed by a formal welcome was given to Bp. Valan Arasu the newly elected President of MPSSS and a farewell was given to Bp. Gerald Almeida for his relentless service as the president of MPSSS during the last 25 years. On behalf of the board members Dr. Saju welcomed the newly appointed President and reminded the panel about the contributions of Bp. Gerald Almeida

especially for focusing on the strategic framework to support the partner organizations especially the policies and resource mobilization, development and localization.

Vote of thanks:

Finally, Fr. Shinto Abraham requested the Fr. Jayan Alex for the vote of thanks. Fr. Jayan Alex proposed the vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to the newly elected President Bishop Valan Arasu, Bishop of Jabalpur and even the newly elected members for their support and the meeting was concluded.

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AUDIT REPORT

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MADHYA PRADESH SAMAJ SEVA SANSTHA, BHOPAL

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st MARCH, 2025

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>₹</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>₹</u>
TO NUTRITION AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM	4831166.00	BY <u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u> ST JOSEPH BOYS HOSTEL.	119508.00
TO ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	422623.00	BY DONATION ABROAD	17374675.25
TO POOR CHILDREN EDUCATION	4468825.00	BY GRANT - INDIA (NET OF REFUND)	102282.00
TO PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	221390.00	BY BANK INTEREST	183917.00
TO HEALTH AND CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING OF ASHA WORKERS	372099.00	BY CONTRIBUTION - FATHER' SALARY	60000.00
MEDICAL HELP	120000.00	BY OTHER INCOME	128941.00
TO HELP TO POOR	269291.00		
TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME	118500.00		
TO AUDIT & PROFESSIONAL FEES	156518.00		
TO COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	44850.00		
TO PRINTING & STATIONERY	23661.00		
TO OFFICE MAINTENANCE & RENT	15000.00		
TO REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	121362.00		
TO BOOKS & PERIODICALS	6910.00		
TO SOFTWARE EXPENSES	5310.00		
TO TELEPHONE & POSTAGE	31448.00		
TO VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	149929.00		
TO SALARY & WAGES	862292.00		
TO ELECTRICITY, WATER CHARGES, ETC	88594.00		
TO RATE & TAXES	42053.00		
TO BANK CHARGES	18158.34		
TO STAFF WELFARE EXPENSES	39933.00		
TO STAFF INSURANCE EXPENSES	57296.00		
TO TRAVEL & CONVEYANCE	14045.00		
TO OFFICE EXPENSES	7128.00		
TO ANNUAL G.BODY MEETING EXPENSES	7103.00		
TO GARDEN & PET MAINTENANCE	15285.00		
TO FUNCTION & CELEBRATION	10592.00		
TO PROFESSIONAL FEES	9650.00		
TO TRAINING & SEMINAR	38093.00		
TO FIRST AID EXPENSES	849.00		
TO ORGANISATION STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	143781.00		
TO DEPRECIATION	392877.00		
TO EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	4842711.91		
	<u>17969323.25</u>		<u>17969323.25</u>

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE

FOR PARIHAR AND SONPAR
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JUZER HUSSAIN
PARTNER
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“ You did it to me...”

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