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WHO WE ARE

Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN) is the official body of the Catholic Bishops of Jharkhand and Andamans (JHHAN) for social concern and human development. It is a non-profit-making society, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Although the Port Blair diocese also falls under the JHAAN Region, for practical reasons, SIGN anchors the efforts of only eight social service societies from the dioceses of Daltonganj, Dumka, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Jamshedpur, Khunti, Ranchi, and Simdega in Jharkhand. It promotes the efforts of Faith-Based Organizations and networks with all like-minded NGOs in Jharkhand



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VISION

A just and Humane Society based on the Gospel values of Love, Peace, Equality and Dignity to all.



MISSION

An Empowered society – Well Knit and Disciplined, that upholds human dignity of the oppressed and the marginalized, especially the Tribals and the Dalits by means of advocacy, liaison and networking with the diocesan institutions in collaboration with government and likeminded organizations.



- Ensuring sustainable livelihood opportunities to all, particularly based on harmony with nature, especially for the poor and the marginalized
- Promoting effective governance
- Enabling a holistic and healthy society
- Ensuring quality education for all
- Ensuring women's participation and rights in all spheres
- Prevent human trafficking
- Fostering inter-religious harmony
- Ensure SIGN and partners become effectively managed and sustainable organizations

STRATEGIC PILLARS

1. Natural Resource Management & Livelihood
 - a. Climate Adaptive Agriculture
 - b. Farmer owned Producer and Marketing Organizations
 - c. Food Sovereignty
2. Child and Vulnerable Safeguarding
3. Gender Equality
4. Resource Mobilization
5. Education for All
6. Health for All
7. Volunteerism
8. Human Trafficking and Safe Migration
9. Institutional Development and Good Governance
10. Inter-Religious Harmony and Networking with likeminded NGOs



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Message from the President



Dear Friends and Partners in Development,

It has been a year since I assumed the role of the President of **Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN)**, and I write to you with deep gratitude and reflection. This past year has brought with it a host of challenges, such as job scarcity, MNREGA delays, high maternal and child mortality, malnutrition, poor education infrastructure, social unrest, political tensions, and environmental crises. We were called to refocus our energies and adapt our strategies to continue serving the most vulnerable. And yet, as we look back, we are filled with a profound sense of thankfulness for God's providence and your constant support and solidarity.

At SIGN, our mission remains rooted in the values of **integral human development**, and we have continued to work steadfastly in areas that matter most: sustainable livelihoods, maternal and child health, inclusive education (especially for marginalized children), peacebuilding, and humanitarian assistance. These interventions were not only timely in responding to urgent needs but also strategic in building long-term resilience and empowerment in the communities we serve.

A personal highlight for me this year was participating in an **inter-religious celebration** that promoted peace and harmony across faith traditions. Witnessing religious leaders and lay people come together, engage in open dialogue, and affirm the importance of unity was truly moving. It reaffirmed the belief that peace is possible when hearts are open and voices are united. "Togetherness is the way to ensure a peaceful future. Our commitment to each other makes it a hundred times more secure" (Thomas Menampampil, Introduction, *Let us Unite for Peace*, Bandra: The Pauline Sisters Bombay Society, 2025, p.8).

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the **SIGN Agriculture Department**, whose innovative and community-driven work led to the prestigious recognition by **Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi**, as one of the **leading traditional seed promoter NGOs**. Being acknowledged among **Jharkhand's foremost NGOs in the agriculture sector** is a well-earned honour and a true testament to your unwavering commitment to **sustainable and climate-resilient development**.

I also commend the SIGN's continued efforts in **promoting safeguarding practices** across faith-based settings. Through training, awareness sessions, and the implementation of clear safeguarding standards, the SIGN is helping to create safer spaces for children and vulnerable adults, reinforcing our shared moral and institutional duty.

All these achievements have been made possible by your trust, collaboration, and encouragement. Together, we have built a strong foundation for inclusive, just, and peaceful societies.

May God bless you abundantly.

With warm regards,



✱ Vincent Aind
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Message from the Vice President



Dear Friends and Well-Wishers,

The mission and work of SIGN (Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking) is very much inspired and guided by the scripture passage of 1 John 3:18: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

This Annual Report is more than a summary of activities—it is a testament to our shared journey of promoting **human dignity, justice, and inclusive development** across Jharkhand. With the tireless efforts of our diocesan partners, dedicated staff, generous supporters and selfless volunteers, SIGN has brought hope to thousands of vulnerable families and individuals, strengthening communities from within.

In 2024-25, SIGN empowered rural Jharkhand through **sustainable farming, organic practices, and women-led livelihoods**. From kitchen gardens to **traditional seed preservation**, hundreds of farmers embraced eco-friendly, self-reliant models of development. A moment of immense pride came on **August 10, 2024**, when SIGN was honoured as a **leading promoter of indigenous seeds** at the 21st Seed Council Meeting, hosted by **Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi**. SIGN also made significant progress in **community health**, achieving **96.69% immunization coverage**, enhancing **newborn care**, and reducing **early marriages**, thus enabling communities to take charge of their well-being. Through our **Sponsorship Program**, we supported **2,374 children** and reached **over 6,000 more**, ensuring access to quality education and holistic development. Our training in **Artificial Intelligence and future-ready tools** equipped teachers to prepare students for tomorrow's challenges, bridging the gap between technology and learning. Preserving **tribal identity** remained central to our mission. Through cultural festivals, legal awareness drives, and the revival of **Gram Sabhas** across seven districts, SIGN reignited pride and unity. Our youth initiatives—in dance, sports, and leadership—helped rekindle a deep sense of belonging and purpose among the tribal communities we serve. These achievements are not ours alone—they are **yours too**.

I, on behalf of SIGN's Governing Board, heartily thank our donors, friends, partners, and every member of the SIGN family, and acknowledge your valuable contributions. May we continue this journey of hope, healing, and justice, **together**.

With God's blessing and warm regards,


✠ Binay Kandulna
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Vice President, SIGN



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Message from the Director's Desk

Dear Friends, Well-Wishers, and Partners in Development,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I present the 2024-2025 Annual Report of Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN). On behalf of the Governing Board and all our dedicated development partners in the field, I extend my warmest greetings. This year has been one of remarkable milestones and meaningful challenges—each reaffirming the purpose of our mission and the enduring values of justice, compassion, and dignity that guide our work.

While the needs of the poor and marginalized continue to grow by each passing day, we are reminded that our inability to solve every problem should not stop us from doing the good that is possible today. Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, well-wishers, government partners, and communities, SIGN remains steadfast in its mission to serve those on the margins.

At the heart of our work is child sponsorship, which continues to bring joy, hope, and transformation—not only to individual children, but to entire families and communities. During this reporting year, 2,374 children received direct sponsorship, and an additional 6,371 children were supported through extended assistance. A proud milestone was reached when 55 sponsored children appeared for the 10th Board Examination, of whom 41 passed with First Division. This reflects the lasting impact of consistent care, encouragement, and opportunity.

Livelihood promotion remains a key area of concern. In 2024-25, SIGN empowered rural Jharkhand by reaching 98 villages across six districts with sustainable agriculture and livelihood interventions that blended tradition with innovation. From reviving millet cultivation and promoting double cropping to expanding organic farming, kitchen gardens, and eco-friendly inputs, our initiatives equipped 392 farmers with knowledge that sustains both land and life. We strengthened grassroots institutions by forming and supporting SHGs and Farmers' Clubs, trained 113 farmers in scientific animal husbandry, and revived forest-based livelihoods like lac cultivation. Women emerged as entrepreneurs through home-based enterprises and value addition of local produce, while our focused capacity-building efforts nurtured confidence and income generation.

A proud moment came when SIGN was recognized as one of the leading traditional seed promoters at the 21st Seed Council Meeting at BAU, Ranchi—an award received on behalf of thousands of farmers preserving seed diversity under our guidance. These milestones reflect our commitment to ecological sustainability, community resilience, and a future where Jharkhand's villages thrive with dignity and self-reliance.



In the area of health, SIGN took forward its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goal of Good Health and Well-being through a four-fold strategy: community animation, health education, adolescent awareness, and government collaboration. The results were encouraging—96.69% immunization coverage among children under two, increased institutional deliveries, 93% colostrum feeding rates, and a significant drop in early marriages. With adolescent health sessions and revived Village Health and Nutrition Days, communities are now taking ownership of their well-being and asserting their right to quality healthcare.

We also made remarkable progress in reviving tribal heritage and identity across seven districts of Jharkhand. Through legal literacy sessions, youth competitions, traditional sports, and the reactivation of Gram Sabhas, we helped thousands of tribal youth and families rediscover their rights, culture, and confidence. This work is vital, as tribal communities continue to face marginalization, displacement, and a growing disconnect from their traditional identity. As we move forward, we remain committed to preserving this rich wisdom while preparing the next generation to lead with justice and dignity.

In a world where sexual abuse, exploitation, and harassment are becoming alarmingly frequent, safeguarding is no longer an option—it is a moral imperative. Recognizing this urgent reality, SIGN has taken strong steps to implement safeguarding policies within its own structure and in collaboration with partner organizations. This year, we conducted multiple orientation programs in Simdega, Gumla, Jamshedpur, and Ranchi to ensure staff and stakeholders are equipped with the knowledge and practices necessary to protect the vulnerable. These initiatives are part of our shared responsibility, in line with Pope Francis' call to foster safe and respectful environments in all Church-related institutions.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our field teams, the remarkable resilience of the communities we serve, and the steadfast support of our government partners, especially Birsa Agricultural University and the Frontline Health Departments. We are equally grateful to all our diocesan partners and donors, with heartfelt appreciation to Misereor, Missio, Manos Unidas, Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus, Kindermissionwerk, Catholic Relief Services, and Caritas India. To each one of you, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your trust and collaboration have been the cornerstone of our journey and the driving force behind our shared progress.

As we look ahead, I am filled with hope. Together, let us continue to walk in solidarity with the poor, to empower the voiceless, and to ensure that every child and every family has the opportunity to live with dignity, hope, and joy.

With much Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Pani', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. Bipin Pani
Secretary, SIGN

A Light That Never Fades In Memory of Samuel Prandina

You walked among us, quiet and kind,
With dreams of justice in your mind.
Not for glory, not for fame,
But to lift the weak, and share their pain.
You heard the cry no one could hear,
Held trembling hands, wiped silent tears.
You stood with those the world forgot,
And gave them hope when they had not.
With every child, you knelt to see
The world through eyes of purity.
With every step, with every mile,
You journeyed on with love and smile.
No border stopped you, nor the night,
You traveled far, bearing the light.
Through distant lands, on dusty roads,
You carried love — the heart of God.
You sowed the seeds in soil unseen,
Watered them with love so keen.
And now though you have flown above,
We feel your grace, your truth, your love.
We miss your voice, your gentle way,
But in our hearts, you will stay.
Your work, your fire, your guiding role,
Lives on in every rescued soul.
So rest now, Samuel, mission done,
Your light still shines like morning sun.
Though we are broken, we are brave —
For love like yours will never fade.



In Loving Memory of Samuel A Tribute to a Life That Touched Many Hearts

April 29, 2025 will forever remain a day of deep sorrow for the Prandina family, for all of us associated with the Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati ETS in Jharkhand and certainly for all those who are connected to the Foundation in Italy and around the world. It was on this day that Samuel left this earthly life and an unfillable void.

The news of Samuel's passing left us shaken beyond consolation. We did not just lose a colleague or a team member — we lost a guardian, a friend, a brother, and a companion on the journey toward justice and human dignity. While Fratelli Dimenticati may carry on as an organization, we know deep in our hearts — there will never be another Samuel.

He was unique — uncompromising in his values, unwilling to settle for mediocrity, passionate in his work, and always ready to embrace, support, and share. His was a presence that inspired quietly and led by example.

Samuel began his journey with the mission of Fratelli Dimenticati in 1996, at the young age of 21. From the very beginning, he chose to walk with the poor. He learned quickly, not just from books, but from people, from suffering, from hope. Over the years, he built bridges of solidarity — creating networks, promoting development, and nurturing relationships. Wherever he went — from the dusty roads of Jharkhand to the hills of Nepal, from Central America to the Sierra Tarahumara — he carried with him a deep sense of humanity, compassion, and excellence.

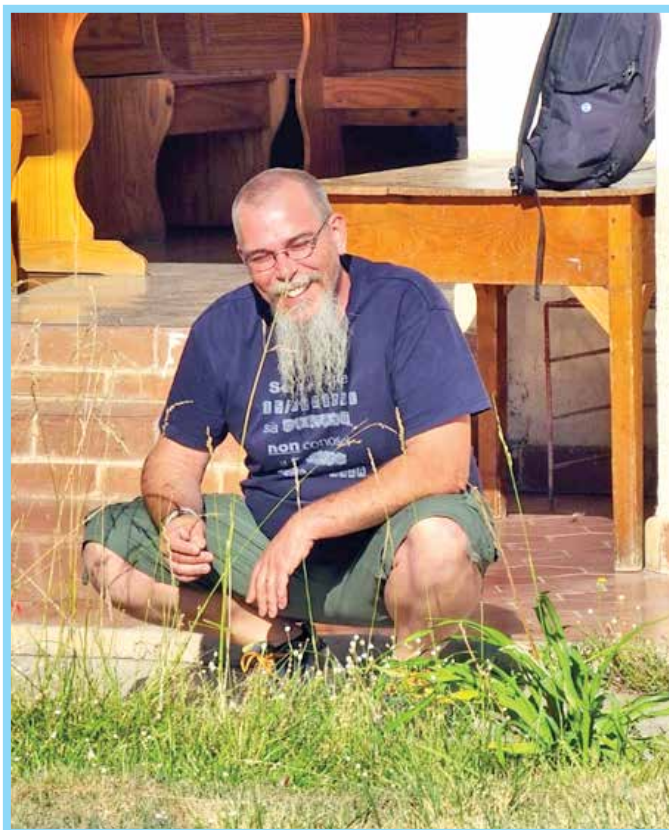
His love for children, his commitment to Distance Support, and his belief in justice and human dignity shaped his every action. He did not seek recognition, but those who met him could not forget the gentle strength he radiated.

Even in his last year, when he took on the demanding task of project management, Samuel infused it with professionalism and care, winning the trust of communities and bringing hope to many.

Samuel may have left this world, but his legacy remains — strong and alive in the hearts he touched. Let what he stood for continue to grow — his love, his vision, his values. May they become seeds planted in new hearts, bearing fruit for years to come.

Though we are broken, though we grieve, we give thanks — for having known Samuel, for having walked with him. The path he carved with his life will forever guide our steps.

Your journey has ended, dear Samuel, but your light continues to shine.



Education **FOR ALL**



Change a life—your small help
can build a child's big future!

**Sustainable Development Goal 4:
Inclusive and Equitable
Quality Education**

Empowering Dreams Through Education and Care

Since 2014, SIGN has been implementing the Children Sponsorship Program with the generous support of Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati. The program operates across 37 centers under the Ranchi Archdiocese—including 20 schools, 16 hostels, and 1 special slum initiative—spanning the dioceses of Ranchi, Khunti, Gumla, and Simdega.

In the financial year 2024–2025, while 2,374 children were officially sponsored, SIGN reached out to a remarkable 6,371 school-going children through extended assistance. This expansion underscores our unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality education and care to children from underprivileged backgrounds.



This year, 55 children supported by the Sponsorship Program appeared for the 10th Board Examination. Out of them, 41 children passed with First Division, 11 with Second Division, and 3 with Third Division. This achievement is a testimony to the transformative impact of consistent support, care, and encouragement provided through the program.

Through this program, SIGN ensures the holistic development of each child by offering: Quality Education, Nutritious Midday Meals, Routine

Health Check-ups, School Fees & Learning Materials, Clothing and Hostel Accommodation, Travel Support and Centre Maintenance & Staff Support.

We also support private teachers, cooks, and support staff, creating a stable and nurturing environment for children to learn and grow. Among the many stories of courage and transformation that emerge from SIGN's Sponsored Programs, one name that shines brightly is Deepa Nidhi Lohra—a determined young woman from Lowadih, Ranchi.

In order to enhance the social media knowledge and digital skills of teachers, SIGN regularly organizes



From the Streets of Lowadih to the Wards of a Children's Hospital

Deepa Nidhi Lohra was born into a poor family in Lowadih, Ranchi. Her father struggled with addiction and spent most of his income on alcohol, leaving the family in deep distress. Her mother worked hard—selling vegetables and grass—to feed Deepa and her five sisters.

When Deepa was in Class 3, her mother fell seriously ill and was bedridden for nearly a year. At that low point, REDS (Ragpickers Education & Development Scheme) came into their lives. In 2005, the Marianist Brothers visited her home and offered her educational support.

Thanks to REDS and Fratelli Dimenticati, Deepa continued her schooling and passed her matriculation in 2012 from St. Joseph's Girls High School, Ranchi. After Class 10, support ended, but she didn't give up. Walking daily to Women's College, she completed Class 12 with the help of a scholarship.

Her dream to become a nurse came true when she cleared the GNM entrance exam under the National Rural Health Mission and trained in Hyderabad. Despite financial struggles, her family supported her.

Today, Deepa serves as a nurse at Rani Children Hospital, Ranchi. Her story is a powerful reminder that with love, opportunity, and determination, even the most difficult journeys can lead to lives of purpose and hope.

training programs tailored to emerging technologies. In the same spirit, this year, SIGN conducted an AI Awareness Workshop led by Fr. Sabo Thomas from Kerala. The session introduced 78 participants to 10 cutting-edge AI tools—including ChatGPT, Suno, and ZeroGPT. The workshop opened new horizons for educators, equipping them with practical skills to integrate artificial intelligence into teaching, school administration, and daily life.

This initiative reflects SIGN's ongoing commitment to not only nurture students but also empower teachers to thrive in the digital era and lead classrooms with creativity, confidence, and competence

From 3rd to 5th March 2025, Mr. Samuel, a senior representative from Fratelli Dimenticati, visited SIGN field areas. He interacted with children, reviewed program records, and visited REDS centers

serving children from slum communities. Impressed by the transparency, dedication, and infrastructure development, he reaffirmed the foundation's ongoing support.

The Children Sponsorship Program continues to be the cornerstone of SIGN's mission—to nurture dignity, ignite potential, and build a brighter future for every child we serve.



"No child should be left behind. With love, support, and opportunity, every life can be transformed." Anonymous



Education at a Glance



Natural Resource **Management & Livelihood**



Help us cultivate an eco-friendly
future—support organic farming and
traditional seed saving

Sustainable Development Goal 13
CLIMATE ACTION

Empowering Rural Jharkhand through Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihoods

In the financial year 2024-25, SIGN made remarkable progress in empowering rural communities across six districts and 98 villages of Jharkhand by promoting sustainable agriculture and diversified livelihood opportunities. With a deep commitment to ecological balance and self-reliant communities, SIGN reached out to hundreds of farming families, equipping them with skills in entrepreneurship, organic farming, income generation, animal husbandry, and the formation and strengthening of grassroots institutions like Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Farmers' Clubs.



Throughout the year, a number of trainings were conducted to build farmers' knowledge and capacity. These sessions focused on critical areas such as upland and lowland farming, climate-resilient paddy cultivation, and the preparation of organic inputs. A key achievement was the adoption of double cropping by 215 farmers, who began cultivating secondary crops like groundnuts, pulses, and oilseeds alongside traditional paddy to maximize land use and ensure food security. Millet cultivation, once on the decline, witnessed a revival as 137 farmers embraced these nutrient-rich grains, particularly Raagi,

which is now also fetching better prices in the market.

The promotion of organic farming remained a central focus. Forty-four farmers fully transitioned to organic practices, supported by the preparation and use of natural fertilizers and pest control solutions like vermicompost, Beejamrit, and Matka Khad. These were made using accessible materials such as cow dung, cow urine, neem, and medicinal leaves, helping farmers reduce costs while nurturing soil health. Additionally, 82 farmers actively prepared and applied these eco-friendly inputs in their fields.



Despite the year's low rainfall, innovation did not slow down. A small but promising group of farmers experimented with the System of Root Intensification (SRI)—a technique that requires fewer seeds and less water while significantly increasing paddy yield. Four farmers adopted this method and reported highly encouraging results. Meanwhile, kitchen gardens were promoted as a means to boost family nutrition and food security. With SIGN's support, 96 families



developed small home gardens that provided fresh, chemical-free vegetables, contributing to improved health and reduced household expenses.

A vital component of SIGN's intervention this year was the economic empowerment of women. Home-based income-generating activities were introduced to enable women to earn from within their homes using simple and low-cost materials. Women were trained in making products such as soap, candles, artificial flowers, and washing powder. These efforts led to the formation of nine new SHGs

and the strengthening of 23 existing ones. Several women also ventured into value addition of local produce, preparing and selling tamarind candies, Mahua snacks, and Ragi-based laddus and cakes—products rooted in local tradition yet aligned with market demand. This year, 12 women succeeded in marketing these value-added items, taking confident steps towards financial independence.

Women's leadership was further nurtured through focused entrepreneurship and income generation training. A total of 168 individuals, including 155 women, participated in these sessions held in June 2024. The training not only opened up new livelihood options but also enhanced confidence, decision-making, and self-esteem among rural women.



Strengthening community institutions remained an integral part of the program. SIGN facilitated the formation of 15 new Farmers' Clubs and supported nine existing ones. These clubs serve as hubs for learning, innovation, and collective action,

encouraging farmers to adopt improved practices and work together for shared goals. Similarly, the newly formed SHGs have begun holding regular savings meetings, promoting financial literacy, mutual accountability, and economic cooperation.

To support integrated farming systems, SIGN also promoted animal husbandry as a complementary livelihood. A total of 113 farmers were trained in scientific livestock care, including feeding, breeding, disease management, and connecting with government schemes. This has helped improve both household incomes and food resilience. Parallely, SIGN continued its work on promoting lac cultivation—a traditional and





eco-friendly livelihood option in Jharkhand. This year, 46 farmers successfully cultivated lac on host trees such as Ber, Kusum, Semiya Lata, and Palash, demonstrating the potential of forest-based income.

A significant milestone for SIGN this year was being recognized as “One of the Leading Traditional Seed Promoter NGOs” at the 21st Seed Council Meeting held on August 10, 2024, at Birsa Agriculture University (BAU), Ranchi. The award was received by Fr. Bipin Pani, Secretary-cum-Director of SIGN, on behalf of thousands of farmers who, under the leadership of Mr. Walter Zaphed Kerketta, have

been actively preserving and cultivating traditional seed varieties. The recognition was conferred by Dr. Sunil Chandra Dubey, Vice Chancellor of BAU, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director of ICAR-ATARI Patna; Dr. Kumar Tarachand, Director of Agriculture, Jharkhand; Dr. Sambhunath Karmakar, Principal Investigator, BAU; officials from BAU, Directors of Krishi Vigyan Kendras across Jharkhand, and prominent agricultural stakeholders from across the state.

Through its integrated, participatory, and inclusive approach, SIGN has continued to foster economic empowerment, ecological sustainability, and grassroots leadership in rural Jharkhand. The seeds of change sown this year are already beginning to take root—and with continued nurturing, they will blossom into a more self-reliant and resilient future for the farming communities we serve.





Agriculture and Livelihoods in Pictures



Health **for All**



Your support brings healing to children,
strength to girls, and life to mothers.

**Sustainable Development Goal 3
Good Health and Well-Being**

Healthy Futures, Empowered Communities



SIGN's commitment to achieving the 3rd Sustainable Development Goal — Good Health and Well-being — was strengthened this year through a holistic and four-dimensional strategy: Community Animation, Health Education, Adolescent Awareness, and Government Collaboration. By integrating these elements, SIGN successfully addressed critical health gaps in remote and underserved communities, particularly improving outcomes for mothers, infants, and adolescents.

Sustained community animation efforts brought a visible cultural

shift—fathers began to take active roles in child health, including ensuring timely vaccinations. This year, 96.69% of children under two were fully immunized, and over 73% of dropout cases were covered through follow-up interventions. Community mobilizers and frontline health workers overcame challenges like difficult terrains and home births to deliver essential healthcare services. A powerful example is the recovery of baby Sumi Hansda from early-stage malnutrition, demonstrating how timely support and care can change a child's future.

Alongside immunization, institutional deliveries increased and awareness of essential newborn practices grew stronger. Colostrum feeding, a crucial early nutrition practice, reached a 93% uptake, while Kangaroo Mother Care became more accepted and practiced. These milestones were made possible by the dedication of 610 Self-Help Group leaders who mobilized families, educated mothers, and fostered a supportive community environment.

Focused interventions for adolescents led to informed choices and improved gender outcomes. Through regular reproductive health sessions, adolescent girls gained





vital knowledge about their bodies and rights. As a result, 98.92% of these girls delayed marriage and stayed in school, and early marriage cases dropped to just 1.08%. These figures signal a strong move toward gender equality and long-term health security.

SIGN also strengthened local governance by working closely with Panchayati Raj Institutions and government health departments. The revival of Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition

Days (VHSNDs) in areas like Chhatwa village, Palamu, symbolized the renewed trust between communities and health systems. These collaborations have made health services more accessible and community members more confident in demanding their rights.

Looking ahead, SIGN remains focused on deepening behavioral change, enhancing parent-child engagement, and bridging health inequalities. With a unified commitment from communities, health workers, and local institutions, SIGN continues to build pathways to a healthier, more empowered future for all



Health is not a service, it's a right — and SIGN helps every community to claim it.



Agriculture and Livelihoods in Pictures



Tribal **Development**



Support SIGN in bringing tribal heritage
back to life—support dignity, culture,
and young dreams

Sustainable Development Goal 2
ZERO HUNGR

Tribal Heritage: Reviving Roots, Reclaiming Identity



SIGN made focused efforts to revive tribal heritage and reaffirm tribal identity across seven districts of Jharkhand—Ranchi, Lohardaga, Gumla, Simdega, Khunti, Latehar, and Garhwa. Through a rich array of trainings, competitions, workshops, and cultural celebrations, thousands of children, youth, and community members were reached with the message that tribal wisdom, values, and systems of governance are not only part of history but also essential for building a just and sustainable future.

A key highlight was the capacity-building session at Jharna

Spiritual Centre, where participants explored the traditional roles of tribal leaders such as Mahto, Pahan, Baiga, and Pradhan, and their integration into India's constitutional framework through Articles 19 and 244 and the PESA Act. The sessions highlighted how tribal governance—rooted in collective decision-making, equality, and self-reliance—offers a democratic model that is locally relevant and ecologically balanced. Inspired by these learnings, over 124 Gram Sabhas were revived across the project areas, and villages began to form local rules including bans on forest fires, open grazing, and deforestation, while ensuring 50% female participation in decision-making bodies.

To foster legal literacy and inspire civic participation among young people, speech competitions on tribal heroes and constitutional rights were conducted in schools and colleges. More than 400 students participated, learning about the CNT Act, PESA, and the 5th Schedule. Their confidence in public speaking, research, and critical thinking grew. Encouraged by their engagement, some college principals suggested that these topics be introduced into the formal curriculum.





In 117 villages, interactive workshops reignited awareness about core tribal values like autonomy, community living, mutual support, and environmental stewardship. These discussions stirred renewed dialogue among youth and elders, sparking conversations around tribal identity and pride.

To protect and celebrate cultural heritage, SIGN organized numerous Mausami Rag and Tribal Dance

competitions. Youth groups showcased seasonal songs and dances with traditional instruments like the Mandar and Nagara. Villages such as Konsera and Bhelwadih chose to ban DJ music during celebrations, returning to traditional performances. Weekly training in song and dance began in places like Gothani. Girls from remote, underprivileged backgrounds had opportunities to represent their villages at district-level events for the first time, gaining confidence and recognition.

Sports tournaments—particularly football and hockey—were organized to bring together tribal youth from different religious backgrounds. These events fostered a spirit of fraternity, unity, and collaboration, breaking down long-standing barriers and creating bonds among communities.



This phase of work marked a powerful step in reconnecting communities with their roots and empowering them to carry their heritage forward with confidence. SIGN's integrated approach—linking education, advocacy, culture, governance, and youth engagement—has laid the foundation for a more united, self-aware, and proud tribal society. With sustained support, this cultural revival will continue to blossom and deepen in the years to come.



An Effort to Revive Tribal Heritage in Pictures



Institutional Development **and Good Governance**



Help us protect every child's dignity—support SIGN's mission to build a safer, abuse-free world.

Sustainable Development Goal 16
PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTION
Sustainable Development Goal 5
GENDER EQUITY
Sustainable Development Goal 3
GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Safeguarding Culture in Development Institutions



Creating a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults is not just a legal responsibility but a moral and spiritual obligation. In line with the global and Church-wide commitment to safeguarding, SIGN undertook a series of orientation sessions across its partner organizations to build a shared understanding of safeguarding principles and to ensure institutional alignment with global safeguarding standards. These sessions were designed to empower staff, reinforce safe practices, and embed a culture of protection within all layers of

the organization.

SIGN, under the leadership of Fr. Bipin Pani and with support from Walter Zaphed Kerketta and Vivek Soreng, organized safeguarding orientation programs for the staff of several Diocesan Social Service Societies, including Vikas Kendra (Simdega), Catholic Charities (Ranchi and Jamshedpur), and Gram Utthan Kendra (Gumla).



The participants were introduced to the key concepts of safeguarding, its distinction from protection, and its relevance within Church-based institutions. Emphasis was placed on the universal Church's concern for creating safe spaces—particularly as Pope Francis has repeatedly

stressed the urgency of rooting out all forms of abuse within Church-affiliated settings. The sessions covered the definition, scope, and application of safeguarding policies, highlighting that such policies are not optional but foundational to the credibility and integrity of Church-based social service organizations.



Participants explored prohibited behaviours under safeguarding—including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual exploitation, neglect,

and workplace harassment—using real-life examples to deepen understanding. The facilitators also discussed the roles and responsibilities of staff, suppliers, service providers, and sub-recipients in



upholding safeguarding standards. The necessity of safe recruitment practices, background verification, and inclusion of safeguarding clauses in contracts were underscored as key preventive mechanisms.

As part of the training, attention was given to the importance of mandatory reporting, establishment of clear reporting channels, and signing of personal declarations and

codes of conduct by all staff.

Special orientation was conducted on sub-standards 2 and 3 of the safeguarding policy. Standard 2 emphasizes that suppliers, service providers, and sub-recipients must follow the safeguarding expectations of the organization, as their actions directly impact program participants and the organization's reputation. Contracts must explicitly outline prohibited behaviors and penalties for violations.

Standard 3 focuses on safe recruitment practices. SIGN emphasized that all hiring processes must include questions related to past safeguarding violations and require selected candidates to self-disclose any prior substantiated allegations of harassment, abuse, or exploitation. Reference checks should include safeguarding-specific queries, particularly for those in direct contact with children or vulnerable persons.

A checklist was used during the sessions to assess each partner organization's alignment with global safeguarding standards, prompting self-evaluation and immediate action planning for areas requiring improvement.



SIGN's safeguarding orientations have been pivotal in fostering a culture of accountability, protection, and zero tolerance toward abuse. These sessions not only raised awareness but also laid down actionable steps for institutions to ensure safety, dignity, and justice for all—especially the most vulnerable. Moving forward, SIGN remains committed to promoting safeguarding as a foundational value in all its partnerships and programs, echoing the Church's call to protect the dignity and rights of every human being entrusted to our care.

Inter Religious Harmony **and Networking with likeminded NGOs**



Support SIGN in building bridges of peace—
help us unite hearts across faiths for a just
and inclusive tomorrow

**Sustainable Development Goal 16
PEACE, JUSTICE
& STRONG INSTITUTION**

Sowing Seeds of Peace and Progress



In a world where differences too often divide, SIGN continues to uphold its commitment to unity, peace, and harmony through inter-religious celebrations that foster understanding and shared values. During the reporting year, two such celebrations—the Deepawali Milan Samaroh and the Christmas Milan Samaroh—stood out as powerful expressions of togetherness, where people of different faiths came together in joy, reflection, and a collective hope for a more inclusive and just society.

The Inter-Religious Deepawali Milan Samaroh, held on November 9th in

collaboration with the Sadbhavna Group, brought together around 70 participants from the Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Sarna, and Christian communities at Bihar Club, Ranchi. The event opened with a symbolic Diya March, as participants carried lit diyas from the gate to the auditorium, representing the triumph of light over darkness and unity over division. This was followed by a collective recital of the Preamble to the Indian Constitution, reaffirming shared national values of equality, liberty, fraternity, and religious freedom.

The celebration continued with a welcome dance performed by the students of Holy Cross School, adding colour and vibrancy to the gathering. Community representatives then reflected on the spiritual and social meanings of Deepawali, drawing connections between the festival's light and the guiding principles of justice and equality enshrined in the Constitution. The speakers emphasized that just as Deepawali drives out physical darkness, we must strive to eliminate social evils such as discrimination, injustice, and inequality from our society. A patriotic dance by students of Ursuline School further reinforced the spirit of national harmony. The evening concluded with the exchange of greetings and sweets, making it a warm celebration of interfaith friendship and solidarity.



Building on this spirit of unity, SIGN also hosted the Inter-Religious



Christmas Milan Samaroh on December 17th at the Social Development Centre. Attended by over 70 people, the event brought together religious leaders and representatives from multiple communities, including Archbishop Vincent Aind (Christian), Maulana Abdul Manan Islahi (Muslim), Dr. Devendra Singh (Sikh), Ajay Toppo (Tribal), Swami Bhavesha Nand (Ramkrishna Mission), and BK Indu Sabu (Brahma Kumaris). Each speaker emphasized the shared teachings of their respective faiths—peace, love, unity, and justice—and urged everyone to move beyond rituals and live these values in daily life. The leaders appreciated

SIGN's efforts to foster platforms that build bridges across religious lines.

The program featured three melodious Christmas carols by the Sisters of the Daughters of St. Anne, followed by a lively Nativity enactment by SIGN staff, bringing alive the birth of Christ. The event opened with a group Christmas song by the SIGN team, a Scripture reading (Luke 4:18-19) by Fr. Ranjana DSA, and a prayer led by Fr. Bipin Pani, Director of SIGN. In his address, Fr. Bipin highlighted that the Sadbhavna Group was formed with the purpose of promoting peace, justice, and human dignity. He reminded the gathering that while religion is personal, our shared humanity is universal, and that celebrating each other's festivals is a way of affirming our common destiny.



Adding to the joy, Santa Claus made a cheerful appearance and distributed gifts to all the guest speakers, symbolizing goodwill and generosity. Sr. Leen, SCN, offered a heartfelt vote of thanks, and the event concluded with group photographs, refreshments, and warm Christmas greetings. Many participants expressed their hope that such inter-religious gatherings would become a regular feature of community life.

Together, these two festivals were much more than seasonal celebrations. They became meaningful spaces for dialogue, understanding, and community-building. They affirmed SIGN's deep-rooted belief that social transformation begins when hearts connect and that peace and progress can only be achieved when communities choose unity over division.

Through these efforts, SIGN continues to sow seeds of hope and harmony, nurturing a shared vision of a just, inclusive, and peaceful society for all.



A Glimpse of Peace Building Activities



An Act of Mercy Celebrating Christmas with the Visually Impaired



In the spirit of compassion and Christian service, SIGN embraced the true meaning of Christmas by reaching out to some of society's most overlooked individuals. On December 20th, the SIGN staff had the profound joy of celebrating Christmas with ten visually impaired guests from Khad Garha. The event was not just a celebration—it was an act of mercy, where love was expressed through presence, kindness, and solidarity.

The guests were warmly welcomed at the Social Development Centre (SDC), where they joined the SIGN team for a

heartfelt and inclusive celebration. The program began with a Christmas hymn, followed by a Bible reading from Luke 4:18-19. Fr. Bipin Pani offered a touching reflection and prayer, highlighting Jesus' mission to restore sight to the blind and uplift the broken-hearted. He reminded everyone that Jesus, born into poverty and rejection, fully understands the struggles of the marginalized and calls us to act with mercy and justice.

In a moving moment of shared joy, two visually challenged guests were invited to cut the Christmas cake on behalf of the group, symbolizing unity and celebration. The SIGN staff then served a festive meal to the guests, ensuring each person felt valued and cared for. The celebration continued with beautiful contributions from the guests—Mr. George Surin sang a touching Christmas song, and Mr. Baleshwar Lakra played the mandar (tribal drum), adding a cultural rhythm to the gathering.



In keeping with the season of giving, each guest received a warm blanket and a week's supply of ration kits to help them through the winter. The celebration concluded with a group photo and heartfelt



goodbyes. Guests were then safely transported back to their homes in SIGN's vehicle. Special thanks were extended to the SDC administration for their support in hosting this meaningful event

More than a festive program, this gathering was a living example of mercy in action. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Through this event, SIGN didn't just give—it stood beside, listened, and reminded these individuals that they are not forgotten.

This Christmas celebration was not just an event—it was a powerful reminder of what it means to love and serve with humility. SIGN's act of mercy offered more than material support; it restored dignity, built human connection, and reaffirmed the value of every individual. As we look back on this day, we are reminded that compassion is at the heart of social transformation

In addition to this celebration, SIGN continues to support the education of underprivileged children, whenever and wherever the need arises—an ongoing act of mercy that brings light to places of darkness and hope to those facing hardship.



"Every act of mercy is a silent sermon of love—more powerful than words, more healing than medicine."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SIGN expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all our generous donors. Your support is more than just financial help—it reflects your deep trust, compassion, and commitment to building a just and caring world. Because of your kindness, we are able to reach the poor, the marginalized, and the voiceless. You are part of every life that has been touched and every hope that has been restored. Thank you for walking with us on this journey of love and service. May God bless you abundantly.



We gratefully acknowledge Caritas India for its constant support and steadfast commitment to our mission. Your partnership has been a strong pillar in helping us serve the poor, uplift the marginalized, and bring hope and dignity to many lives.



We sincerely thank CRS for its timely support and for understanding the need of the hour. Your partnership has helped us develop our own safeguarding policy, strengthening our commitment to protect and uphold the dignity of every individual we serve.



We warmly thank Fratelli Dimenticati for its never-ending support in educating the poorest children in remote villages. Your dedication brings light, opportunity, and a brighter future to those who need it the most.



We extend our sincere thanks to Kindermissionswerk for supporting SIGN in its mission to save many malnourished mothers and children. Your generous help has brought nourishment, care, and hope to the most vulnerable lives.



Thank you, Manos Unidas, for building the capacity of smaller NGOs and for your continued efforts in empowering farmers and women. Your support has strengthened grassroots initiatives and brought lasting change to rural communities.



We thank Misereor for supporting SIGN in its efforts to revive Tribal heritage and to preserve, promote, and protect Tribal culture. Your partnership has played a vital role in strengthening identity, pride, and dignity among Indigenous communities.



Sincere thanks to Missio, Achan, for supporting SIGN in promoting climate-adaptive agriculture among marginalized farmers. Your support is helping communities build resilience, ensure food security, and protect our common home.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We sincerely acknowledge all the technical institutions and organizations for their valuable support throughout the year. Your expert guidance, training, and collaboration have strengthened our programs and enhanced our impact on the ground. We are grateful for your continued partnership in building knowledge, skills, and sustainable solutions

**Birsa Agriculture University,
Jharkhand**



NABARD, Jharkhand



Devnet Development Network



**Hoffman Law Associates,
Jharkhand**



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We express our sincere thanks to all the Diocesan Social Services, the committed partners of SIGN, for their constant support and collaboration. Your dedication to our shared mission has strengthened every initiative and extended our reach to the most in need. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many in Jharkhand



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Dumka Social and Educational Society Dumka



Gram Utthan Kendra Gumla



Jan Vikas Kendra Hazaribagh



Catholic Charities Jamshedpur



Hoffmann Social Service Society Khunti



Catholic Charities Ranchi



Vikas Kendra Simdega

Story of Change



LUCAS' JOURNEY: FROM STRUGGLE TO STRENGTH



In a quiet village tucked away in Jharkhand, Mr. Lucas Xess lived a life many of us hear about but few truly understand—a life shaped by hard work, uncertainty, and silent sacrifices. A farmer by heart and heritage, Lucas

tilled his land with hope, but the harsh reality of poor resources and traditional techniques meant that his fields could no longer feed his family. The soil was not enough, and the burden was heavy.

With courage in his heart and dreams in his eyes, Lucas made a difficult decision—to leave his village and seek a better future in the city. But city life brought its own challenges. There were days when meals were uncertain, and nights filled with worry. He took odd jobs, struggled to make ends meet, and yet, never lost faith. Deep within, he held on to a simple belief: things can change.

That belief brought him to a small business training program organized by SIGN in Ranchi. For Lucas, those sessions were more than just classes—they were a turning point. With new ideas and renewed energy,

he decided to take a bold step. He opened a modest chicken shop, cleaning and selling fresh poultry to local customers.

His humble venture began with just Rs. 5,000 a month—enough to bring a little relief and a lot of dignity. But as life often goes, another challenge came knocking. Neighbours raised concerns about the location of his shop, forcing him to move. It was a moment that could have broken his spirit, but Lucas chose perseverance over defeat.

He shifted his business to a better location and kept going.

Today, Lucas earns a steady Rs. 10,000 each month. His children go to school with smiles, and his family no longer lives under the weight of daily survival. What changed? Not just his income—but his hope, confidence, and dignity.

Lucas often says with gratitude, "It was SIGN's training that gave me the strength to take the first step. Without it, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Lucas Xess is not just a story of success. He is a story of silent strength, of one man's refusal to give up, and of how a little support at the right time can change everything.

SAVING SUNITA: A JOURNEY FROM FRAGILITY TO STRENGTH

In the quiet village of Serka in Palamu District, a frail little girl named Sunita Kumari Korva was born to Fulkumari Devi and Officer Korva. Weighing just 1.9 kg at birth, Sunita entered the world already fighting for survival. As weeks passed, her weight dropped even further. At one and a half months old, she weighed only 1.5 kg, her tiny frame growing weaker each day.

It was during a routine village visit that Mr. Vincent Kerketta, a dedicated field staff of SIGN, noticed the newborn. One look at Sunita, and he knew something was seriously wrong. He, along with the local health worker (Sahiya), immediately spoke to Fulkumari, urging her to take the baby to the Malnutrition Treatment Center (MTC). They explained that without immediate care, Sunita was at grave risk—stunted growth, frequent

illness, delayed development, or even death.

But Fulkumari hesitated. Her husband had gone to the city to earn a living, and she felt she couldn't leave home alone. She made excuses, perhaps out of fear, or perhaps out of helplessness.

A month later, Vincent returned—and found the baby still at home, still underweight, still in danger. This time, he knew waiting any longer could cost the child her life. When Fulkumari said she couldn't go alone, Vincent made a decision—he would take them himself.



With little Sunita in her mother's arms, Vincent rode them on his motorbike all the way to the MTC.

There, for the first time, Sunita received the care she needed. In the safe and nurturing environment of the center, both mother and child slowly regained their strength. Weeks turned into a quiet transformation. The child who once couldn't even sit is now walking—her small steps a symbol of courage, love, and timely intervention.

Today, Sunita is healthy and active, a bright little star who was once fading silently.

Her parents, Fulkumari and Officer Korva, speak with deep gratitude:

"If it wasn't for SIGN's staff, we would have lost our daughter. They brought her back to life."

This story reminds us all—sometimes, a simple act of care, a ride on a motorbike, and a voice that doesn't give up can change a life forever.

RUBY KUMARI: RISING FROM THE SHADOWS

Ruby Kumari, a young girl from Lowadih, Ranchi, was born into hardship, yet today she stands as a beacon of hope for others. Her early life was marked by unimaginable challenges. Her father, a rickshaw puller, worked day and night to feed the family. When Ruby was only three, her mother fell seriously ill. Poverty robbed them of access to medical care, and her mother passed away, leaving behind Ruby and her one-year-old sister. With no stable income and no home of their own, the family struggled in a rented room. Most days, they survived on a single meal of stale rice soaked in water—stretched across breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

By the age of five, Ruby had already become a caregiver. While her father returned to work, she took care of her little sister. Together, they wandered the streets, scavenging for scraps. It was during one such outing that a turning point came—a Marianist Brother, Br. Basant Kujur, saw Ruby amidst a heap of garbage. But instead of looking away, he saw potential.

Br. Basant visited their home, speaking gently to Ruby's father about REDS (Ragpickers Education and Development Scheme)—a centre where children like Ruby could find food, care, and most importantly, education. Ruby hesitated at first, unsure of the unfamiliar world of school. But her father, holding on to hope, agreed.

Just as things began to improve, tragedy struck again. Ruby's sister became ill. The family couldn't afford treatment or nutrition, and heartbreakingly, she lost her eyesight. Ruby still carries the pain of that loss, wondering, "If only we had money for medicine, maybe she would still see. Maybe she would've gone to school too."

Today, her sister lives in silence, fully dependent on

Ruby and their father. The worry of what will happen to her if something happens to them keeps Ruby up at night. They still do not have a home they can call their own.

But Ruby chose not to surrender to despair. With the support of REDS and the Marianist Brothers, she studied hard—passing her matric in 2009, intermediate in 2011, and graduating in 2015.

Though she dreamt of professional studies, lack of funds held her back. Still, she decided to give back—and in 2013, she became a teacher at REDS, the very place that once gave her a lifeline.

Now, Ruby teaches children who walk the same difficult path she once did. She is not just an educator—she is a symbol of resilience, a light for those still trapped in the darkness of poverty.

Ruby's story is a tribute to the power of compassion and the impact of timely intervention. Her journey shows that when we reach out to one child, we change a generation. Her dream is simple: a secure home for her blind sister and herself.

Let us honour Ruby by ensuring many more girls like her rise from the margins—restored, empowered, and full of hope.





NRV & Associates

Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the annexed Balance Sheet of **Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN), Social Development Centre, 3rd Floor, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Ranchi - 834001 (Jharkhand)** as at 31st March, 2025, the Income and Expenditure Account and Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended on that date. These financial statements are responsibility of management of the Society. Our responsibility is to express our opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit also includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in financial statements. An audit includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanation, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of audit.

- a) In our opinion the Society has maintained proper books of accounts.
- b) The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealing with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts produced before us.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanation given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view.

- i) in the case of Balance Sheet of the State of Affairs of the Society as on 31st March, 2025 and
- ii) in the case of Income and Expenditure Account of the Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended as on 31st March, 2025.

Date : 08-07-2025

Place : Ranchi



NRV & Associates

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

Ref No.	Particulars	Note No.	As at 31 March, 2025 (Rs.)	As at 31 March, 2024 (Rs.)
A	SOURCES OF FUNDS			
1	Corpus and Capital Fund			
	(a) Corpus Fund	2.0	56,85,636	52,86,188
	(b) Capital Fund	2.1	40,20,016	41,98,907
2	Current liabilities			
	(a) Other current liabilities	2.3	41,00,127	55,46,866
	TOTAL		1,38,05,779	1,50,31,961
B	APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
1	Property, Plant & Equipment			
	Property, Plant & Equipment	2.2	6,85,654	8,14,301
2	Current Assets, Loans and Advances			
	(c) Cash in Hand		1,328	15,350
	(d) Cash at Bank		57,69,546	64,91,963
	(e) Fixed Deposits		73,16,513	76,77,609
	(f) Other current assets		32,738	32,738
	TOTAL		1,38,05,779	1,50,31,961

*Balance Sheet
as at
31st March, 2025*

Significant accounting policies and Notes on accounts 1 & 2
The accompanying notes are integral part of the financial statements.

As per our Report of even date
For M/s NRV & Associates
Chartered Accountants

Rajesh
CA. Rajesh Himatsingka
Partner

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Firm Reg No- 325333E
Place : Ranchi
Date : 08/07/2025



B
Secretary
Social Initiatives for Growth & Networking (SIGN)

*Receipt & Payment
Account for the year
ended 31st March 2025*

Receipt & Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

Ref No.	Particulars	For the year ended 31 March, 2025 (Rs.)	For the year ended 31 March, 2024 (Rs.)
I	RECEIPTS		
	Opening Balance		
	Cash in Hand	15,350	94,252
	Cash at Bank	64,91,963	57,49,229
	Fixed Deposits	76,77,609	76,76,016
	Total	1,41,84,922	1,35,19,497
	Grants / Donations / Other Income / Receipts		
	Foreign Contribution Account	3,76,41,399	5,11,07,422
	Local Account	19,20,522	17,05,551
	Total	3,95,61,921	5,28,12,973
II	PAYMENTS		
	Foreign Contribution Account	3,91,96,136	5,06,28,671
	Local Account	14,63,320	15,18,877
	Total	4,06,59,456	5,21,47,548
	Closing Balance		
	Cash in Hand	1,328	15,350
	Cash at Bank	57,69,546	64,91,963
	Fixed Deposits	73,16,513	76,77,609
	Total	1,30,87,387	1,41,84,922

As per our Report of even date
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Secretary
Social Initiatives for Growth & Networking (SIGN)

Thank You

Manish Toppo



On behalf of the SIGN family,
heartfelt thanks to you,
Dear Manish, for your sincere
and valuable contributions
to the society. Wishing you
all the very best for
a bright, fulfilling,
and successful
journey
ahead!

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