



Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking

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As the newly appointed President of the Governing Board of the Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN), Ranchi, I am honoured to be included in an organization that significantly impacts the lives of the poor and the marginalized in the remote villages of Jharkhand. It is inspiring to know how the SIGN tirelessly supports thousands of individuals every day, advocating for poverty alleviation and working towards securing their promising future.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Emeritus Archbishop Felix Toppo, SJ, for his unwavering support to the SIGN over a period of 15 years. In his leadership the SIGN was founded and flourished as a prominent umbrella organization for the whole of Jharkhand and Andaman region.

It is reported to me, this year, in addition to numerous development initiatives, the SIGN has taken two significant initiatives i.e., a) Preserving and Promoting Tribal Culture and Heritage and b) Forming a Safeguarding Policy for itself and rolling out Safeguarding Orientation programs across various diocesan partners.

Our Culture, Customs, Language, and our family names define our identity. Therefore, it is crucial for the SIGN, as a development organization and for all of us to preserve and promote Tribal Culture and Heritage, which is gradually fading away with each passing year.

In today's world, where various forms of abuse, exploitation and harassments have unfortunately become every day's affair, everyone seeks for safe working environment. Therefore, every organization, institution should guarantee their staff and visitors a safe environment, ensuring the protection of child and vulnerable adults. The SIGN is moving in the right direction by implementing Safeguarding Policy and conducting orientation program for various diocesan partners on Safeguarding within the organization.

I am grateful to all, who have supported us during the year. Together, with God's guidance, we celebrate our collective achievements. I eagerly anticipate collaborating with all our donors, supporters, our team and partners in the years ahead to enhance the lives of the underprivileged and marginalized in Jharkhand.

God bless us all

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