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**Udayani Social Action Forum**, a dedicated partner of *Caring Through Sharing (CTS)*, is transforming lives in Kolkata, West Bengal, by empowering women from Dalit and Adivasi communities. At the core of Udayani's work is the establishment of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and federations, which serve as the foundation for community-driven development. Through these grassroots organizations, Udayani mobilizes women to drive sustainable and impactful change.

Our partner conducts capacity building workshops for these communities. Recently participants were introduced to six essential SHG records: 1. Resolution Copy, 2. Saving Copy, 3. Attendance Copy, 4. Loan Copy, 5. Personal Saving Copy, and 6. Debit/Credit Copy. SHG leaders were trained on how to accurately maintain these records to ensure transparency and financial discipline within their groups.

Udayani operates across five blocks—Bishnupur I, Jamlpur, Kalna I, Kalna II, and Pandua—spanning three districts: Burdwan, South 24 Parganas, and Hooghly. Currently, over 400 SHGs, 25 federations, and five active movements are working together to empower women, foster economic independence, and create lasting social change in these regions.

## Making a Difference, One Step at a Time with Hapag-Lloyd CSR initiative



We are proud to share that our partner, REAP Child NGO, had the privilege of joining hands with Hapag-Lloyd for a truly impactful CSR initiative in Kalwa, Thane. This inspiring event focused on empowering underprivileged children through education, aligning perfectly with Hapag-Lloyd's commitment to sustainability and community engagement.

Hapag-Lloyd's core values of care, collaboration, and responsibility were at the heart of the day's activities. The Hapag-Lloyd team generously donated essential items, including books, stationery, and toys, while also taking time to connect with the children, sharing stories, laughter, and creating lasting memories.

### Key Highlights of the Day:

- Strengthening the bond with the local community.
- Supporting REAP NGO's mission of breaking barriers to education.
- Demonstrating Hapag-Lloyd's core values in action.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Hapag-Lloyd for their incredible support of REAP Child and for their dedication to creating positive change. Your efforts are truly inspiring, and we are deeply grateful for your contribution to this wonderful initiative.

A special thank you to REAP's team members for their contribution and enthusiasm—you make us proud to work alongside such a passionate group!

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# UNITED FOR GOOD: Jesuit Research and Development Society Hosts Its 1st CSR Conclave



On December 20th, the *Jesuit Research and Development Society* (JRDS-DP) proudly hosted its first Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Conclave, "UNITED FOR GOOD", at the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi. The event was a dynamic platform that brought together corporate leaders, CSR professionals, and community partners to spark conversations around sustainable development, social impact, and corporate responsibility.

With 20 esteemed CSR leaders in attendance, the conclave featured engaging panel discussions across four critical themes: Ecology, Environment & Sustainability; Education & Skill Development; Health & Rare Diseases; and Technology & Cyber Security.

The day began with an inspiring welcome address by Dr. Sebasti L. Raj, Director of the Conference Development Office, followed by the keynote speech from Dr. Santhosh Mathew, Country Lead, Public Policy & Finance at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who graced the event as Chief Guest.

## **Panel Discussions: Insights That Inspire Action**

### **1. Sustainability in Action**

The first panel delved into urgent topics such as ecology, climate change, and disaster preparedness. Industry leaders shared actionable insights on integrating sustainability into corporate strategies, leveraging renewable energy sources, and fostering community collaboration for scalable solutions.

### **2. Reimagining Education**

In alignment with NEP 2020, the second panel explored how CSR initiatives can revolutionize education through inclusivity, equity, and technology-driven learning. Discussions highlighted digital literacy, vocational training, and preparing communities for a tech-driven future.

### 3. Addressing Rare Diseases

The third panel brought attention to rare diseases, focusing on the importance of awareness, diagnosis, and accessible treatment. Speakers emphasized the role of CSR in funding research, collaborating with healthcare institutions, and creating inclusive healthcare systems.

### 4. Bridging the Digital Divide

The final discussion highlighted the critical need for cybersecurity awareness in underserved communities. Panelists presented innovative strategies to promote digital safety, foster inclusive digital growth, and build a resilient online ecosystem.

#### Esteemed Speakers

The event featured insights from leading CSR experts, including:

- Mr. Harbhajan Singh, Chief of Strategy & HR at XLRI Delhi-NCR
- Mr. Prabhakant Jain Lead CSR, DS GROUP
- Mr. Dhruvanarayan Mukherjee, General Manager - CSR, Cairn Oil and Gas
- Mr. Byju Kurian, Head CSR-Bisleri International Pvt Ltd
- Mr. Mohammad Asim Khan, CSR Head at Cadence
- Ms. Tanu K., CSR & HR Professional at Birlasoft
- Mr. Satya Prakash, CEO of FXB India Suraksha
- Shri. Nikhil Pant, Chairman & CEO REACHA | Founder Lakshyaa
- Mr. Ashish Jha, Founder, TheCSRUniverse | The CSR Universe
- Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Founder & CEO of DigiSwasthya Foundation
- Mr. Vivek Prakash, Senior VP- CSR Jubilant Ingrevia Limited & Head- Jubilant Bhartia Foundation
- Mr. Anurag Krishna, Social Evangelist & Influencer
- Mr. Gagan J., Head Learning & Development, Aryalex Foundation for Social Activities
- Dr. Aastha Dhingra - Clinical Psychologist
- Dr. Dr. Vijender Jeph - Lead: Healthtech Innovations, IPE Global Limited
- Ms. Ananya Mangal - Delhi Technology University
- Mr. Sumer Biswas- Director Business Development, IntellAI Technologies Pvt. Ltd
- Mr. Apresh Mishra - Founder, The Hyphen
- Dr. Shweta Singh - TheCSRUniverse | The CSR Universe

A highlight of the conclave was the JRDS Partner Showcase, where innovative projects were presented to potential donors. This created a platform for meaningful connections, fostering collaboration for future CSR initiatives.

JRDS extends heartfelt thanks to all speakers, partners, and participants for making the 1st CSR Conclave a phenomenal success. Together, we are shaping a sustainable future—this is just the beginning!

# Baseline Survey and Needs Assessment Workshop



From November 14–16, 2024, the Jesuit Research and Development Society (JRDS) hosted its *4th Baseline Studies and Needs Assessment Workshop* at the Delhi Navjivan Renewal Centre, Civil Lines, Delhi. In collaboration with the PDOs of the Delhi Zone, this impactful three-day workshop equipped participants from various congregations with essential tools for effective project planning.

## Interactive Learning with Our Experts:

Led by dynamic trainers **Ms. Shruti Aggarwal** (Director, Neev - Schooling before School) and **Mr. Charles Dhinakaran** (Manager, Corporate Relations & Fundraising, JRDS)

Our participants gained hands-on experience through engaging exercises and collaborative group activities.

## Key Highlights of the workshop were:

- **CSR Fundamentals:** Understanding its role in community welfare.
- **Survey Techniques:** Sampling, data collection, and analysis made simple.
- **Data Interpretation:** Transforming raw data into actionable insights.
- **Concept Note Development:** Crafting compelling proposals with group synergy.

Participants praised the depth, relevance, and practicality of the training. By building the capacities of its partners, JRDS continues to empower them to create meaningful and sustainable changes in their communities.

This event underscores JRDS's commitment to fostering innovation and excellence through capacity-building initiatives. If you're interested in organizing a similar workshop for your organization, please contact us at [director@jrcido.org](mailto:director@jrcido.org).

# This Christmas, Share the Gift of Learning!

Empower underprivileged children with education and skills training through our *Caring Through Sharing (CTS)* initiative. Together, we can make a real difference!

Your support can:

- Provide quality education.
- Equip children with valuable skills.
- Transform lives for a brighter future.

Donate Now and be a part of this impactful journey.

We are deeply grateful to our donors and partners for their unwavering support.

Let's spread the joy of giving this festive season!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Join Us in Making a Difference

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- Social Protection
- Education (Formal and Non-formal)
- Peace & Reconciliation
- Ecology & Environment
- Accompanying Youth
- Mining & Minerals
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- Migrant Welfare

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