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How Early Intervention Transformed Kabir's Life in Karnataka



Imagine a world wrapped in silence. A world where connection feels impossible, where the simplest expressions of joy or need are locked inside. Until recently, that was Kabir's world. This 9-year-old boy couldn't hear, speak, or socialize. As an autistic child from the marginalized Vaddar tribal community in Karnataka, his future looked uncertain.

But thanks to the support of people like you, Kabir's life has changed. Through our local partners, the Karnataka Jesuit Province and Loyola Vikas Kendra, he's now learning to speak and attending school for the first time on a scholarship!

At his special-needs school in Mundgod, Kabir is receiving the guided support he needs to thrive. Tutors are helping him to socialise, develop his basic literacy, and improve his communication and living skills. Although still a little shy, he is an eager learner and, as he continues at the school until Year 10, he will build the skills needed to become independent and self-reliant.

Kabir's journey shows us why we do this work. It's proof of the life-changing impact of early intervention and the power of inclusion. Your support isn't just a donation; it's an investment in a child's future, a chance to break down barriers and create a world where every child can reach their full potential.

Thank you for being part of Kabir's journey and for making a real difference in the lives of children who need it most.

JRDS Joins CASCA'25 as Impact Report Partner



We're delighted to be **Impact Report Partners** for THE CSR Universe's **Climate Action and Sustainability Conference & Awards 2025 (CASCA'25)**! We're especially proud to partner again with The CSR Universe, our valued media partner during our inaugural **CSR Conclave, "United for Good."** This ongoing collaboration strengthens our shared commitment to driving meaningful climate action and sustainability. Join us in fostering sustainable change and a greener future!

Learn more – <https://thecsr universe.com/climate-action-and-sustainability-conference-and-awards-2025>

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Social Media Production & Maintenance Workshop



We conducted an interactive and hands-on **Social Media Production & Maintenance Workshop** at Atmadarshan, Patna, from February 13-15, 2025. Hosted by Fr. Joseph Sebastian, SJ Director-Development Office (PJS), the workshop brought together participants from India and Nepal to explore key aspects of social media, including Social Media Marketing (SMM), Social Media Optimization (SMO), Search Engine Optimization (SEO), AI-driven strategies, platform-specific best practices, and the use of Canva and AI tools for impactful design. Over three immersive days, participants engaged in practical sessions on Meta Ads, social media ad design using Canva, audience persona development, strategic content planning, WhatsApp Business setup, and YouTube strategies for impact and monetization. Engaging activities were also incorporated to enhance learning and interaction.

This dynamic workshop was organized by the Jesuit Research and Development Society (JRDS-DP) in collaboration with PDOs of the North Zone. It was facilitated by JRDS team members Tanvi Dogra, Antony Glenn Gomez, and Ferdinand Josepaul, who shared their expertise in strategic communication, social media marketing, and design, ensuring an enriching experience for all participants.

Through this initiative, we continue to empower our partners with the skills and tools to strengthen their digital presence, amplify their impact, and drive social change.

CSR Workshop in Mumbai



The Jesuit Research and Development Society (JRDS-DP) successfully conducted a CSR Training Workshop at Vinayalaya, Mumbai, bringing together participants from the West Zone—including Mumbai, Pune, Gujarat, and Goa Province.

The workshop focused on **"Understanding Challenges in the CSR Landscape,"** providing NGOs and organizations with valuable insights into CSR regulations, compliance frameworks, and strategies to maximize social impact. Through interactive discussions and hands-on sessions, participants gained clarity on navigating the evolving CSR ecosystem and leveraging corporate partnerships effectively.

This initiative underscores our commitment to empowering our partners with the knowledge and tools needed to align with CSR mandates and create meaningful change. If you're interested in learning more about CSR compliance and how it can benefit your organization, stay connected for future training opportunities.

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Website Content Creation & Management Workshop



A **three-day workshop on Website Content Creation and Management for NGOs** was successfully held from **February 17–19, 2025**, at **Sitagarha, Hazaribagh**. Organized by **JRDS, New Delhi, and PDOs of the Central Zone**, and hosted by **Hazaribagh Province**, the workshop aimed to equip NGOs with essential digital skills to create and manage their websites. With **23 participants** from various social sectors, the event provided hands-on training in website development, SEO, content structuring, multimedia integration, and website maintenance. The sessions were led by experts **Mr. Shubham Yadav, Mr. Antony Glenn Gomez, and Mr. Ferdinand Josepaul**, who guided participants through the process of designing, optimizing, and managing their NGO websites effectively.

A significant highlight of the workshop was that even participants **with no prior experience** in website creation were able to **develop and present their websites** by the third day. They gained confidence in handling **domains, servers, CMS platforms, and content management**, addressing key challenges in website maintenance. The workshop concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony by **Fr. Anil**, where participants shared positive feedback, emphasizing the **practical, interactive, and empowering** nature of the training. Special appreciation goes to **Fr. Prakash Baskey, S.J., and the Hazaribagh Province** for organizing the workshop and ensuring its success. This initiative marks a crucial step in helping NGOs establish a strong digital presence to enhance their outreach and impact.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

We are organizing a **Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Workshop** in Bangalore from **March 10-12, 2025**, for our partners, with sessions by Dr. Rajan Samuel and Mr. Charles to strengthen impact measurement.



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ZONAL WORKSHOP ON MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING

(Jointly organised by JRDS - New Delhi, Karnataka Province & PDOs of South Zone)

📅 10th-12th March, 2025 | 📍 Ashrivad Centre, 31, St. Marks Road, Bangalore – 560001

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