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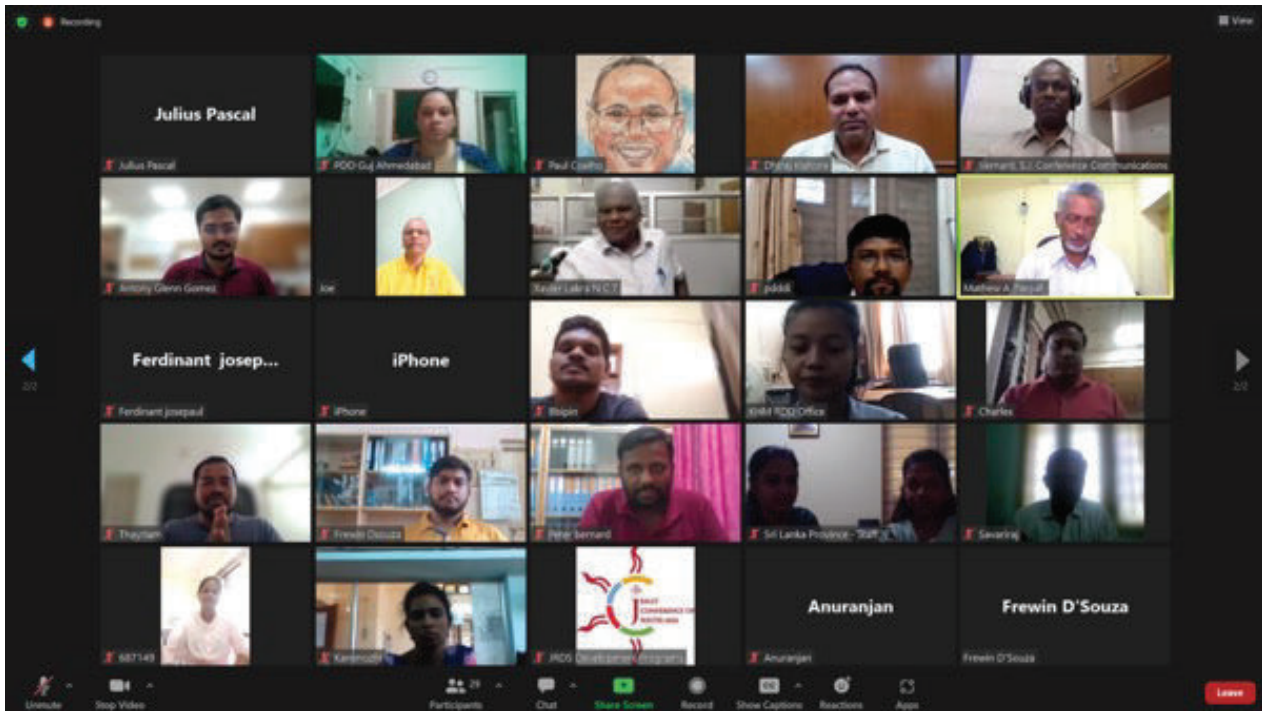
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**“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”
– B.B. King**

Workshop on MIS and Launching of the MIS

DIGITAL MIS: TECHNOLOGICAL EDGE FOR VISIBILITY AND DATA MANAGEMENT



JRDS Development Programs organized an online workshop, via Zoom. The workshop aimed to discuss the significance of compliance and effective data management. The event was centered around the theme 'Digital MIS: Technological Edge for Visibility and Data Management.' The workshop welcomed 60 participants, including valuable partners and collaborators from various provinces.

Mr. Shinu Joseph, Manager-Project Support and Data Analyst at JRDS, welcomed and set the context. This was followed by Dr. Sebastien L Raj, Director of CSID, who delivered the message and launched the MIS. Next, Mr. Julius Pascal Osta (Jivan), Lead of Organization and Program Sustainability at Indo Global Social Service Society (IGSSS), conducted a session on the theme. Mr. Dhiraj Kishore, Assistant Manager of Software Development at IGSSS, along with Mr. Shinu Joseph, navigated through the MIS process, tabs, and pre-requisites. Finally, Dr. Sebastien L Raj gave concluding remarks.

During the workshop, JRDS introduced its MIS, which was developed by the Indo Global Social Service Society (IGSSS). This management information system (MIS) serves as a valuable tool for gathering data and information to ensure compliance and uphold transparency in the utilization of donor funds. It plays a crucial role in maintaining accountability for both our donors and the beneficiaries we support throughout India.

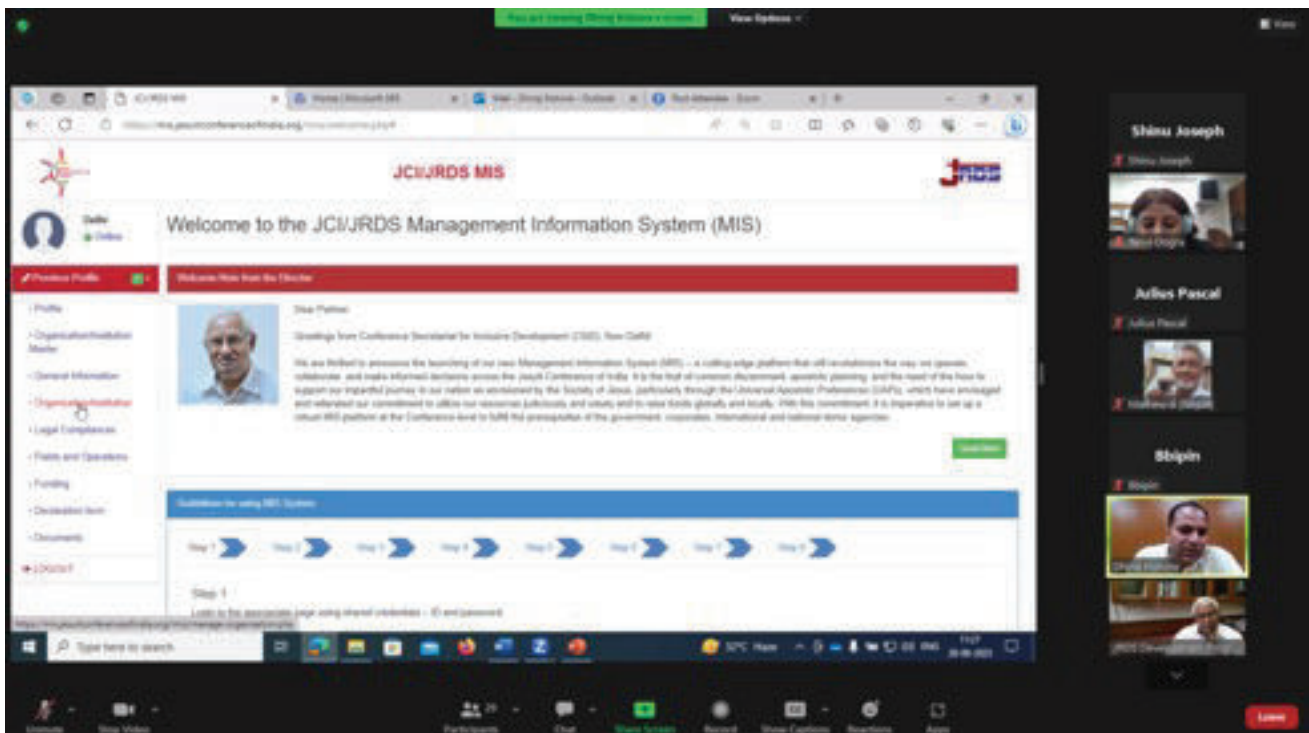
Topics Covered:

- Importance of MIS
- Analyzing the Current FCRA Landscape in India
- Unleashing CSR as an Untapped Resource for Sustainability

- Addressing Compliance, Accountability, and Transparency
- Importance and Benefits of Compliance, Accountability and Transparency
- Leveraging Real-Time Insights from MIS for Informed Decision-Making, Growth, Sustainability, and Resource Mobilization
- Meeting Government, Corporate, and International and National Donor Agency Requirements
- Serving as a Comprehensive Information Hub for All Conference-Related Programs

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to IGSSS for generously sharing their invaluable experiences and practical examples during the session. The workshop served as a platform for discussing the critical importance of compliance and effective data management.

At JRDS Development Programs, our commitment to utilizing technology to enhance data management and compliance remains unwavering. This workshop marked a significant step towards realizing this objective.



Ankil Kumari's Educational Journey: Overcoming Challenges with JRDS Support



Ankil Kumari, hailing from a disadvantaged family of migrant laborers, faced numerous challenges in pursuing her education. Her father, Dinesh Uraon, the family's sole breadwinner, worked as a landless migrant laborer in Bangalore, earning a modest income, while Ankil's elder brother navigated the difficulties of life in Mumbai. Despite their earnest desire to provide a quality education for their children, the family faced a significant barrier due to their precarious economic situation. Additionally, Ankil's mother, Devkaliya Devi, required regular medical care. However, Ankil's determination shone through, and despite the adversities, she excelled in her Class IX exams, achieving an impressive 60%.

During this challenging time, Ankil connected with SEVA SADAN in Patna, Bihar, an organization dedicated to providing education to underprivileged girls and boys. The pivotal turning point in Ankil's journey came through the support extended by the JRDS to the SEVA SADAN project. Thanks to this collaboration, Ankil, along with 45 other girls, received crucial assistance. The JRDS-supported project focused on Tharu and Uraon tribal communities and Musahars, a Maha-Dalit community, aiming to alleviate the financial burden of school and residential fees by offering scholarships.

These girls, burdened by the historical and contextual deprivations of their communities, shared stories of struggles marked by centuries of enslavement, oppression, and humiliation. However, despite these challenges, they recognized education as the key to breaking free from the cycle of misery and poverty.

The story of Ankil Kumari's education journey is a testament to the transformative power of education and the support provided by JRDS and SEVA SADAN. It highlights the resilience and determination of individuals to overcome obstacles and pursue a brighter future through education.

From Awareness to Action: Udayani Social Action Forum's Anti-Plastic Campaign Reshaping Communities



In a concerted effort to combat plastic pollution and promote ecological sustainability, the Udayani Social Action Forum successfully organized an impactful Anti-Plastic Campaign throughout the Bishnupur block.

The campaign, meticulously designed to engage communities, employed a multifaceted approach, including rallies, slogans, posters, banners,

speeches, door-to-door campaigns, and role-playing activities. Recognizing the power of collective action, the Udayani Social Action Forum aimed to connect with a broad audience simultaneously, ensuring that the message reached every nook and corner of the community.

One of the highlights of the campaign was the active participation of Self-Help Group (SHG) women from the federation. They took to the streets, marching through local markets and villages, fervently advocating for the abandonment of plastic in favor of eco-friendly alternatives like cotton or jute carry bags. The vibrant rally not only captured attention but also served as a catalyst for spreading awareness about the adverse effects of plastic on the environment.

The door-to-door campaign, an integral part of the initiative, sought to directly engage with individuals and households, educating them on the detrimental impact of plastic usage. The primary objective was to instigate a mindset shift, encouraging people to reconsider their reliance on plastic products. The overwhelming support received from the local population was a testament to the community's growing consciousness about the environmental issues associated with plastic.

The vision driving the campaign is contained in three simple yet powerful words: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The Udayani Social Action Forum envisions a world free from the shackles of plastic pollution, and their goal is clear – to contribute actively towards making this vision a reality.

In a statement, the spokesperson for Udayani Social Action Forum stated, "Our mission is not just about creating awareness but inspiring tangible action. We believe that by fostering a culture of reducing, reusing, and recycling plastic, we can collectively move towards a plastic-free world. The campaign is a small step towards a larger goal, and with the support of the community, we are confident in our ability to bring about meaningful change.

As the Anti-Plastic Campaign gains momentum, it serves as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path from mere awareness to concrete action. Udayani Social Action Forum's commitment to environmental stewardship stands as an inspiring example, urging other communities to join hands in the global movement towards a sustainable and plastic-free future.

Project ANKUR: Transforming Rural Education from Exclusion to Inclusion in Hazaribag



The Ankur Project (Non-formal school) by the Hazaribag Jesuits is changing lives through education in the villages of Hazaribag, India. This project focuses on helping Dalit children, a group that has faced historical challenges, by setting up special tuition centers in rural areas where educational resources are limited.

The centers are designed specifically for Dalit children, breaking down barriers that have kept them from learning. The project also works to bring back students who had to leave school by addressing not just academic issues but also the social and economic factors that led to students dropping out.

The project involves the local community by hiring local tutors from each village who understand the community's needs and dynamics, making the education they provide more effective. These local tutors become not only teachers but also role models for the students, making the learning experience more meaningful.

The Ankur Project also creates job opportunities within the villages by hiring local tutors, supporting the economic growth of the area. The project is making education a powerful force in rural Hazaribag by focusing on Dalit children, giving a second chance to dropouts, and involving the local community. It is a reminder that education has the power to bring positive change, even in the most remote corners of India.

Loyola Vocational Institute: Empowering Marginalized Youth through Education and Skill Development - Partnering for Progress



As we celebrate the accomplishments and impact of Loyola Vocational Institute (LVI) in catalyzing change for marginalized youth through skill development and education, we invite you to support our project activities.

LVI has been a beacon of hope and empowerment for the youth in Rohini, Delhi, since its establishment in 1995. The institute's commitment to providing quality vocational education, approved by the Government of India and affiliated with the National Institute of Open Schooling, has made a significant difference in the lives of many.

By offering a diverse range of courses tailored to the needs of various industries, LVI equips its students with the skills necessary for personal development and meaningful employment. The institute's innovative teaching methods, including group discussions, practical sessions, field visits, and more, contribute to a holistic learning experience.

As we continue to strive for positive change and upliftment of marginalized communities, your support can make a lasting impact. Your donations will directly contribute to LVI's efforts in providing education, skill development, and a brighter future for the youth who need it the most. Join hands with JRDS in making a difference. Your generosity can help shape a better tomorrow for these deserving individuals. Click the link below to donate and be a part of the journey towards empowerment and socio-economic development.

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