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XISR Library

Over the past 15 years the library has acquired over 15000 books and issues of some 70 popular and academic journals. Besides it has a collection of reference books, particularly Census books, rare research journals from Bihar, Gazetteers, etc. The library has a good collection of Books on Bihar, History, Sociology, Development Studies, NGOs, Religions, Tribals, Community studies, Encyclopedias, Political Science, Women, Dalits, Ambedkar, Christianity, Children, etc.



Within the social sciences, the following themes have the latest and substantial number of books: History, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Bihar, Dalits, Women, Children, Tribals, Minorities, Folk Culture, Education, Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Development, Panchayati Raj, Caste, Culture, Human Rights, Social Problems, Collected Works of Gandhi, (100 volumes) and of Ambedkar (14 volumes), Encyclopedic series Such as the Sacred Books of the East (50 Vols), Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics (15 Vols), Catholic Encyclopedia (15 Vols), Encyclopedia of Cultural and Religious Heritage of India (8 Vols), Encyclopedia Britannica, etc.

Thematic Arrangement and Computerisation



Mahesh Sarita Study Centre: Within XISR, Mahesh Sarita Study Centre has been set up to remember the contribution of these two great social engineers who experimented social transformation in Shabdo village, Fatehpur Block of Gaya District. They with the cooperation of around 10 villages initiated collective farming, fishing, irrigation, livelihood, education, etc. But those who were threatened by this experiment killed these two in January, 2004. Research studies on social transformation in Bihar are underway in this small centre of XISR.

XISR DOCUMENTATION

Subjects

- Dalit, Children, women, Minorities, Human Rights, Hinduism, Communalism, Other Religions, Tribals, Christianity, Islam, Caste/Casteism/Violence, Other Backward and caste.
- Under the theme Bihar the sub-themes are:
 - : Education, Literacy, Economy, Government Schemes, Programmes, Development, Welfare measures, Culture, Health, Festivals/Feasts, Environment, Panchayati Raj, Crime & Violence and Social Classes.
- Focusing on Labour and Migration, documentation is done on labour, related issues and internal migration issues.
- Documentation on government schemes for the marginalised is a new addition.



e-Shram Card Campaign

INTERVENTIONS

In addition to all these planned activities, XISR and Migrant Hub responds to any other emerging issues. examples these days it is undertaking a campaign to register labourers for E-Shram Card.

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Responding to Migrant Labourers



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DEVELOPMENT AND ACTION**



Bihar Migrant Hub - MAIN Delhi
Patna Jesuit Migrant Service
C/O XISR



Xavier Institute of Social Research, Patna

Xavier Institute of Social Research (XISR), a centre for social science, training, networking, lobbying and action, is located in St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology campus, Digha-Ashiyana Road, Patna. It is established by the Jesuits of Patna Province. It aims at creating an interface between researchers, scholars, academics and activists and initiating a process of social awakening through critical reflection and alternative discourse thereby contributing to strengthening people's struggles towards creating a just and humane social order.

Areas of Operation

XISR's area of operation is focused on Bihar, which has a rich cultural and historical heritage. However, in terms of human development index, Bihar is one of the backward states. Though some development index, Bihar is one of the backward states. Though some development has been occurring over the years, it is not to the expected level. Bihar is blessed with rich natural resources like fertile land and eight major rivers. Agriculture is the mainstay of its population. But it is stepped in underdevelopment, inadequate educational institutions and employment opportunities, lack of industry, poverty, violence, and labour migration. XISR wants to understand the social transformation that is taking place in Bihar and would like to be part of a developing Bihar, by facilitating to re-discover its riches and animate its resourcefulness in collaboration with others through a process of action oriented research combined with directed action.

Four Fold Strategy of XISR

- 1. Awareness Creation:** Create awareness among the rural masses, marginalized communities, etc.
- 2. Empowerment:** Understand the fundamental issues that affect the marginalized communities and in collaboration with other towards their empowerment.
- 3. Alliance and Networking:** Being a resource centre, XISR collaborates with other social centres that work for the education and empowerment of the marginalized communities.
- 4. Social Advocacy:** Through field based studies, documentation and data collection, XISR attempts to advocate the cause of the most

marginalized segment of the population in partnership with others.

Major Areas of Concern

Opportunities for quality and affordable education; gainful employment in agriculture to other sectors; alternative livelihood opportunities; food security of Dalits, Tribals, minorities and backward castes; environment and ecological concerns; participation in people's governance; gender sensitivity and Justice; democracy; good governance and human rights.

Major Activities

- Undertake field based research
- Organise seminars and workshops
- Documentation and publication
- Organise campaigns and advocacy
- Network with other organisations, etc.

Research and Publications:

XISR undertakes action oriented research studies focusing on the issues of the marginalized communities. These are also published for wider dissemination. XISR also undertakes research studies commissioned by other agencies and the government. Even doctoral these are published in book form. The following are some of the efforts made:

1. Education, Employment and Empowerment Series: Realising the historical fact that the marginalised communities are denied opportunity for quality and affordable education, gainful employment and empowerment efforts are made to undertake studies on these areas.

2. Labour and Migration Series: Since people of Bihar suffer due to lack of employment and alternative livelihood than agriculture, many of them migrant to eke out a living. Studies are undertaken on labour and migration to identify the cause and response to these issues.

3. Working Papers: Working papers are pre-publication versions of academic or policy articles, book chapters, or review. These are in progress, with preliminary findings based on which future researchers will be undertaken. XISR is bringing out one Working Paper in a month and these are also translated in Hindi.



4. Bihar Subaltern Study Series: Under this series effort is made to study and publish a monograph each on the marginalized communities in Bihar on whom not much has been studied or published.

5. Arrupe Memorial Lecture Series: This annual lecture series is aimed at initiating a discourse on some of the issues related to Bihar's society, economy, polity and culture.

6. Human Rights Series: Studies focused on the human rights issues of Dalits, Tribals, minorities and backward castes are undertaken and published.

7. Entitlement Series: These are books and booklets which bring out the entitlements of the government for the marginalized communities and for all citizens. These are used for awareness creation, empowerment, networking and advocacy.

8. Assessment and Evaluation Studies: XISR also undertakes assessment and evaluation studies for various organisations.

Distress Migrant Response:

With the outbreak of Covid 19 and the plight of the migrants, Patna Jesuit Society initiated different responses to address this grim situation. A Task Force under the leadership of Prakash Louis (Convenor), Anto Joseph and Martin Poras was set up to coordinate the responses of Patna Jesuit and Collaborators in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. This Task Force joined hands with MAIN Delhi to respond at the national level. From these efforts, the following initiatives have taken shape from April, 2022:



1. Bihar Migrant Hub - MAIN Delhi: Migrant Advocacy Information and Network (MAIN) was set up by the Jesuits of India on the wake of the plight of the migrant labourers trekking home during the lockdown. This is a nation wide network and Bihar Migrant Hub is the State Unit of this. Its office is located within XISR. Bihar Migrant Hub in collaboration with MAIN Delhi responds to the distress situations of migrants from Bihar who migrate out of Bihar state.



2. Patna Jesuit Migrant Services: Patna Jesuits closely followed the distress the returnee migrants were subjected to due to Covid-19 and the lockdown. This was an unprecedented human tragedy. Patna Jesuits responded in various ways to this disaster and provided whatever assistance they could with limited resources. From this initiative was born the Patna Jesuit migrant Service. It responds to distress migrants of Bihar. In a special way it is focused on 18 districts of Bihar where inter-state migration is more and where there are faith based and secular organisations who are working on this issue.

3. Migrant Helpline: 2 helplines are operative 24x7 to respond to the distress call of the migrants and provide whatever assistance possible. These helpline numbers are: 9431035002, 7209807821.