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From the desk of the Director:

Dear CINI friends and supporters,

The period October to December ushers in the season of festivities, bringing together our near and dear ones to celebrate the occasion by exchanging gifts and family get togethers. Many of you have shared the joy that this season brings, by donating to support our activities, to help deprived children and women and we are grateful. We are pleased to announce that during this period we received donations from two of our overseas women donors, one in Italy and another in UK as a part of their legacy to support our work in India. We hope this “legacy giving” will grow in future.

Dr. Samir Chaudhuri
Right move at the right time - Kranti Devi, a 41 year old woman from Muku Village, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand became pregnant for the eight time this year! Her husband Vijay Singh, the only bread earner of the family works in a factory at Delhi. Pregnancy at this age, coupled with low weight and a low hemoglobin level, made this a very critical case. She was also suffering from malaria. All her previous deliveries were at home.

One recent development at her village is the increased awareness among community on maternal health and related issues. The Village Health Sanitation & Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) members are mobilizing community towards their health entitlements. When Kranti Devi experienced labour pain in the eighth month, the VHSNC members took her to the Sadar hospital for delivery but they did not admit her citing that it's a difficult case and they don't want to take risk. The VHSNC members then immediately took her to a private hospital but was declined once again. They then admitted her at the village Primary Health Center. The ANM was very supportive and delivered the child. The child weighed only 2 kgs during birth. However, after counseling and proper care, her child is growing well today. Thanks to the prompt measures taken by the VHSNC members and the positive attitude of the ANM (Auxiliary Nursing Midwife), Kranti Devi is well and her child is alive.

25th Years’ Celebration of Convention of Child Rights (CRC) Week

CRC is one of the most important universal treaties in the history of child rights movements. 50 children of CINI along with other NGOs participated in the programme of celebrating 25 years of ratification of UNCRC organized by State Commission for protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), West Bengal on November 20, 2014 at Rabindra Sadan.

As a part of CRC week, CINI also celebrated with various programmes at slums, red light areas and station with debates, quiz and drawing contests and film shows.

UNICEF had also organized a global event for the purpose of celebrating the CRC week. Several city NGOs and government departments had participated in the day long celebration in Kolkata on November 23, 2014. Children of CINI took part in the same. On this day, a e-magazine was also launched. CINI’s experience of working with adolescent girls and other education and protection initiatives have been highlighted in the magazine.

World Aids Day (December 1), 2014 was an opportunity to harness the power of social change to put people first and close the gap in HIV Prevention & Treatment. Through various activities, CINI observed that day to increase the awareness in West Bengal and Jharkhand.

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SAVING TAX CAN HELP YOU REACH YOUR CHARITY GOALS

Every year, this time round, we are busy planning our tax savings. This year, saving your tax could help you reach your charity goals.

Any donations made to CINI are tax exempted under Section 80G of IT Act 1961.

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Making an ‘IMPACT’!

This year IMPACT celebrated their Annual Day in collaboration with CINI and the students of the Girls Learning Centers (GLCs) of 60 villages in South 24 Parganas. The day was celebrated on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at Monibulan. The main purpose of the event was to provide a platform to the underprivileged girl children to showcase their talents. More than 125 children from the GLCs performed in the programme and 500 children got together to enjoy the performances of their friends. This was the first public performance on stage for all the children. Board of Members of IMPACT; donors from various places of this country, Rajib Halder, Addl. Director, CINI and staffs of IMPACT and CINI participated at the event.

The whole programme was compered by the children from the GLCs. Along with songs, dance and recitations; two dramas were presented by the children on the crucial issues of early marriage and importance of school enrolment among girls. This programme acted as great motivator for the children and their parents. This opportunity has encouraged the children to participate more in the centre level activities. The guardians and teachers have also been motivated to take part in such activities. The programme in true sense ensured children’s right to participation by providing them a platform for acknowledging their hidden talents.

IMPACT was founded in March 2003 by the alumni of 1973 batch of IIM Ahmedabad to mark their Silver Jubilee reunion, with the single-minded objective of educating the under-privileged girl child from socially and economically disadvantaged sections of the society.

Sincere efforts lauded, once again!

On Saturday, December 27, 2014 CINI was awarded the Siliguri Sourav Award 2014 for the best non-governmental organization working in the field of Child Welfare in North Bengal. It is a recognition to our efforts in ensuring services in the realms of education, protection, health and nutrition to women and children living in urban slums of Siliguri & also mainstreaming of vulnerable children.

CINI, now a member of National Action and Co-ordination Group (NACG)* at the National level in India from the Non-Governmental part. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is the Government partner. NACG makes an effort to end violence against children in the country. It is set up to promote participation of local and smallest stakeholders at the state and regional level and become a forum for providing strength, experience and commitment of organisations, networks, alliances, coalitions and groups to learn and work together towards a common objective. The 5 main thematic priority areas are: Child marriage, Child Labour, Corporal Punishment, Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and Child Trafficking. CINI will be sharing resources like information, funds, facilities and skills and assist the State in increasing knowledge base and monitor the State to end violence against children.

The core mandate of NACG comes from the South Asian Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC), an apex body for children in SAARC to support and interface with the nodal Ministry of Women and Child Development in India. Such NACGs are at work in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives. The NACG brings together NGOs, networks, coalitions, media, children’s forums, academia, and other civil society organisations to provide platforms for interaction, networking, joint advocacy, knowledge sharing and good practices on child rights issues.

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IN-FOCUS - A child can never be a bride!

The world gears up every year on, December 10, to celebrate the day of Human Rights. This year, CINI decided to focus its efforts on the grave issue of child marriage. Every girl who is a victim of child marriage has had her rights violated. The objective of the Anti-Child Marriage campaign was to aware the mass and to frame a consensus gentium about child marriage through direct interaction with the line departments at district level.

First a rally was organized to sensitize the public about anti child marriage, child trafficking and child protection and then to create awareness about the rights of the children. Various display boards, posters & placards were there on the issues at Malda Town Hall gate to generate awareness on their effects and the services that are available to protect them from these evils.

An interactive session was conducted with the children and adolescents (especially girls) to raise their voices regarding their problems at all level like in family, community, school or any service gaps and negotiate these problems with the line departments at district level. The children and the adolescents also presented the ‘Charter of Demands’ to the District level officials addressing their various problems relating to child protection and child rights.

The campaign became a success when the district administration went ahead and took prompt action for two girls. One was about to be married off, while girl suffering from an illness was not receiving proper treatment. With the effective intervention of officials, both the girls has reached their secure destination. One is now continuing her study from girls’ hostel and another is getting proper treatment from Durgapur Mission Hospital. The focus of the meet also prompted major media houses to publish the news in their dailies.

A day for the differently abled...

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, International Day for People with Disabilities was observed for the deaf children and youth through a fair cum cultural programme at Ahiritola, Kolkata. The deaf children and youths supported by CINI celebrated the day through cultural programme, exhibition and drawing competition. There were exhibition stalls with different handicrafts materials (bags, candles, crystal works, soft toys, fabric works in cloths, etc.) prepared by deaf youths. The stalls were managed by the deaf youths. They have decided to spend the amount raised through this exhibition to purchase sports materials for their deaf clubs.

The CINI 2015 Calendar was launched by Actor Satabbar Chatterjee, Producer Mamunna Pyne, and Assistant Director, CINI, Kolkata Day along with children of CINI on Monday, December 22, 2014. The Calendar has drawings made by survivors of child trafficking.
SHARE YOUR PROBLEMS WITH TEENLINE

What is Mental Disorder?

A mental disorder, also called a mental illness or psychiatric disorder, is a mental or behavioral pattern or anomaly that causes either suffering or an impaired ability to function in ordinary life (disability) and which is not a developmental or social norm.

Mental disorders are generally defined by a combination of how a person feels, acts, thinks or perceives. This may be associated with particular regions or functions of the brain or rest of the nervous system, often in a social context. It is one aspect of mental health. The scientific study of mental disorders is called psychopathology.

This is a book on the 40 years of CINI through the life of its founder. You could request a copy at: ciniint@cinindia.org.

CINI Goodies

Please contact us in the details given below to buy the various CINI goodies like coffee mugs, key rings or to donate in our programs.

We would be glad to receive your support through this newsletter.

An Appeal

Adopt a Mother, Save her Child - For just 15,000 rupees to cover the first 1000 days period, you can be linked to a mother and her child and see the difference your donation makes not only to their lives but to the lives of others in their community.

Educate a Child - For a donation of 8,000 rupees, you can support a child in education over a two year period. The Educate a Child programme concentrates on children aged from 5 to 16 years in deprived urban areas. It focuses on getting children into education and keeping them there.

Day Trip to Monobitan - CINI has developed a wonderful day trip concept at our MONOBITAN facility for underprivileged kids. You invest only Rs. 1500 and gain the happiness of 70 street children.

We are also active in Social Networking

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