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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking (SIGN) for the year 2025–2026. As we look back on another year of service, we thank Almighty God for His abundant blessings and for His constant guidance in our shared mission of promoting justice, human dignity and integral development among the people of Jharkhand.

The Jubilee Year 2025 invites us to become Pilgrims of Hope. Hope is not merely wishing for a better tomorrow; it is walking with people, sharing their struggles, strengthening their faith in themselves, and creating opportunities for them to live with dignity. It is this spirit of hope that inspires the mission of the SIGN.

As the social action network of the dioceses of the JHAAN Region, the SIGN continues to witness that development is most meaningful when it is people-centred, participatory and rooted in the values of justice, solidarity and care for our common home. During the past year, the SIGN has accompanied communities in strengthening tribal identity and self-governance, promoting sustainable livelihoods, empowering women and local institutions, safeguarding children and vulnerable persons, and building the capacities of those who serve at the grassroots. These initiatives have enabled individuals and communities not merely to receive assistance but to become active partners in shaping their own future.

I am particularly encouraged by the growing spirit of collaboration that has strengthened the SIGN's mission. The partnership among the Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) of the JHAAN Region, Religious Congregations, Development Partners, Government Departments, and local communities reflects our shared conviction that lasting transformation is possible when we work together with a common purpose. Such collaboration has enriched our efforts and strengthened our commitment to serving those who are most in need.

While we rejoice in the fruits of the past year, we are also aware of the many challenges that continue to affect our society. Poverty, unemployment, migration, climate change and the erosion of traditional values call us to renew our commitment to building resilient communities and promoting sustainable and inclusive development. These challenges should not discourage us; rather, they invite us to become even stronger witnesses of hope.

I express my heartfelt appreciation to the Governing Board, the Director, the staff of the SIGN, our diocesan partners, priests, religious, volunteers, donors and every individual who has contributed to this noble mission. Your dedication and generosity have made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless families and communities.

As we journey forward, may the SIGN continue to be an instrument of hope, empowering communities, strengthening institutions, protecting the dignity of every person and fostering a society where justice, peace and compassion flourish. Together, let us continue our pilgrimage of hope, confident that God walks with us and blesses every sincere effort made for the well-being of His people.

May the Lord bless the SIGN and all who share in its mission.

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