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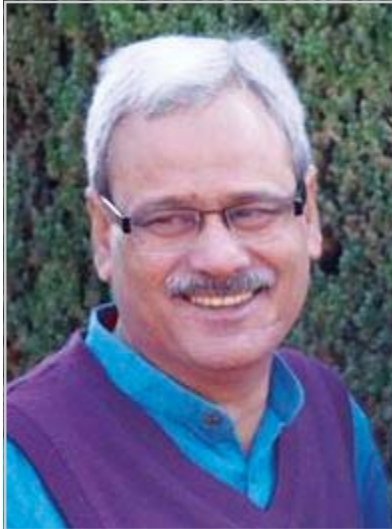
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Institute for Social Democracy came into existence in the backdrop of unprecedented violent conflict that South Asia has witnessed over several decades. Now they have become a routine affair. Thousands of women, men and children fell victim to this madness. ISD was established by late Dr. Khurshid Anwar and its work on Composite Heritage was his brainchild. ISD has chosen Composite Heritage as a tool for conflict transformation and violence prevention as no other organisation has yet taken it up. Composite Heritage is chosen as a tool, because of the fact that irrespective of the caste, religion and gender every individual relates to it. It belongs to masses, not an individual. The initial objective of ISD was to provide a common platform for groups and individuals committed to secularism and democracy, to explore and affirm Composite Heritage as a basis for peace and democracy. With this objective in mind, we initiated our intervention through the perspective building and capacity building on the context of conflict and bringing Composite Heritage as a tool to restore Peace, Harmony and Democracy. Through our interventions, we learnt that there is almost total lack of peace movements in the context of sectarian violent and non-violent conflict such as communal, caste, ethnic, linguistic and regional conflicts. In sub-continent, there is a movement for peace when it comes to war and nuclear race issues. There is also a strong and significant feminist movement but when it comes to conflicts mentioned above, our efforts become only reactive. We assume that there is peace because there is no visible conflict. We remain until and unless we are confronted with violent conflicts. Once the violent conflict is invisible, we again assume that there is peace. The biggest lesson that we learnt through these years is that the absence of violent conflict does not mean peace. We also learnt that there are always sources of tension present in the society and they become visible as and when the forces behind the sources become proactive. On the contrary, we also realize that in a given society there are always "Local Capacities for Peace" present. Though we always require them to remain on the surface and help to keep peace and harmony intact we hardly become proactive. During our journey we have evolved not just as an organisation but also the concept of Composite Heritage has evolved and new dimensions are added to it.

OUR STRUGGLE AND BELIEFS

We Strive For

ISD based on the vision of a democratic, secular and peaceful society. A society based on mutual respect of rights of each individual and of human development

We believe in

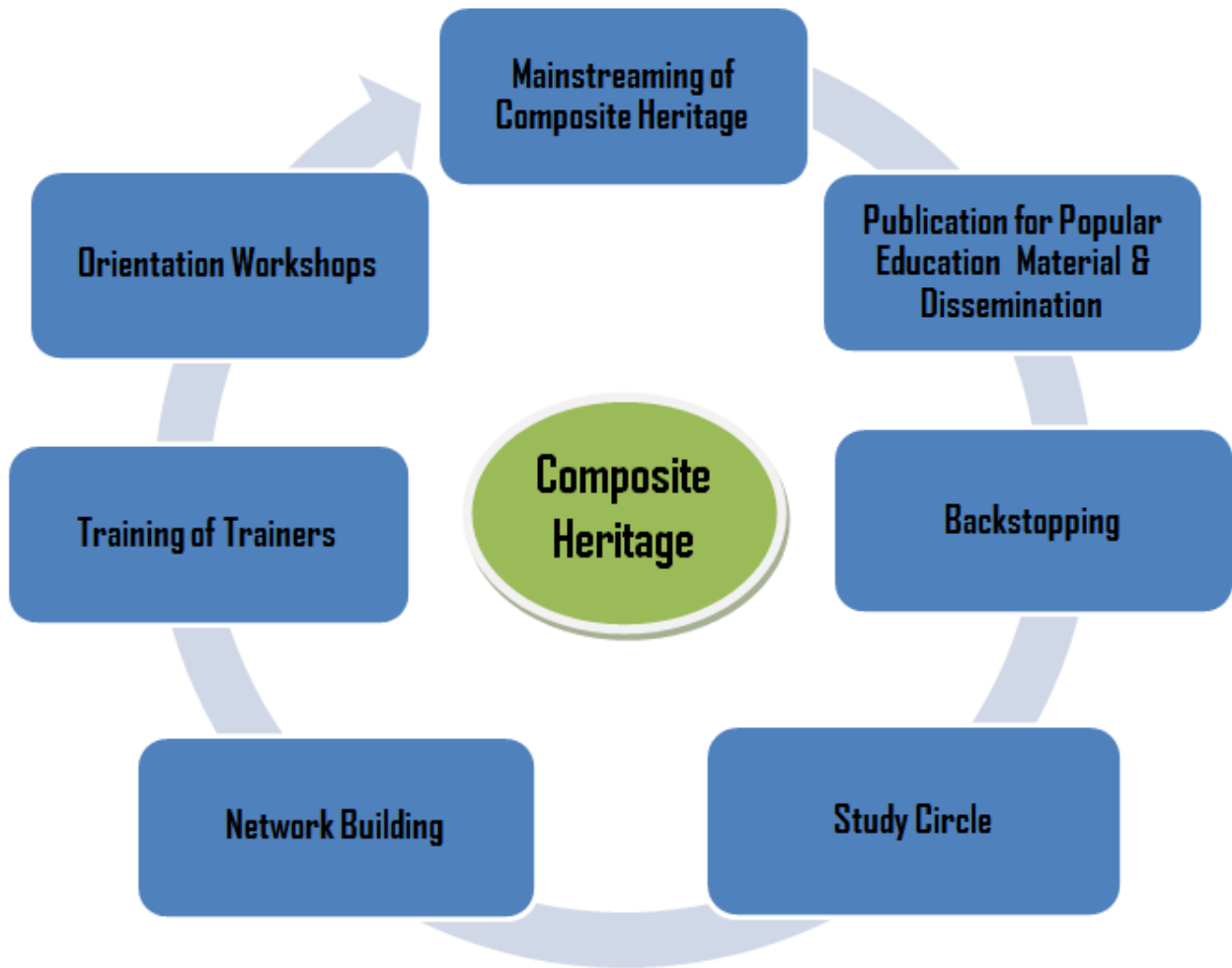
Accepting identities, differences, empathizing with socio-political and cultural aspiration of various social groups, opening dialogue without questioning intentions.

OUR STRATEGIES AND AREA OF WORK

- Bringing civil society groups and organization committed to democracy and secularism through a series of meeting and workshops, to explore the dimensions of Composite Heritage and build commitment to preserve and enrich it.
- Carrying out training and research studies to explore and popularize cultural resources such as literature, folk tales, music and theatre, to uncover and defend cultural commonalities and make visible the secular and democratic values underlying shared traditions.
- Converting findings and outcome of the workshop into simple easy accessible materials for popular education and public mobilization, with a particular focus on rural communities in Hindi speaking belt of North India.

For fulfilling our vision while keeping our beliefs intact, we have adopted a few strategies and have developed our working areas. For this purpose ISD works on two broad themes one is Composite Heritage and the other is Local Capacity for Peace.

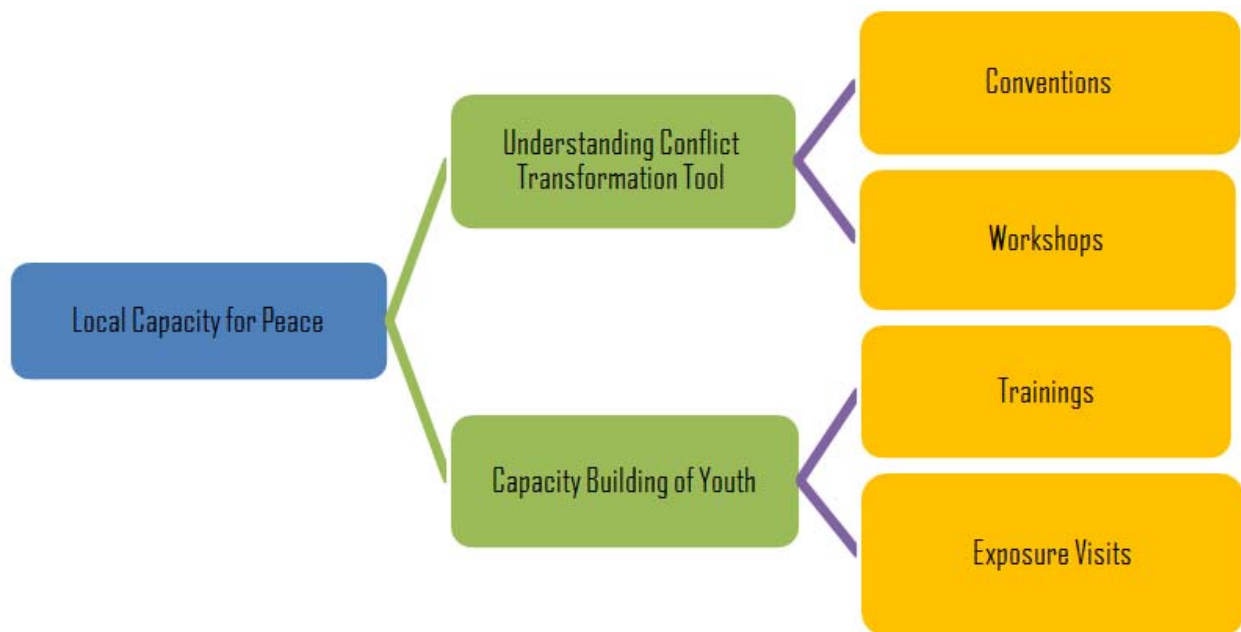
COMPOSITE HERITAGE



Local Capacities for Peace

The strategy of LCP focused on establishing peace among communities is very close to the concept of Composite Heritage. ISD has started workshop and other activities around 2005 and it continues unabated till date. Much like workshops and activities around Composite Heritage the spread of LCP is from national grass root to South Asia.

Under the Local Capacity Building programme, we provide training and workshops on conflict transformation tool and developed the understanding of youth so that they can analyze society conflict and seek solutions with the help of their culture.



AREA OF INTERVENTIONS

ISD was registered as a trust and its structure has been constituted accordingly. The core team of the organisation which designs and conducts different programmes is based in New Delhi which is also the head office of the organisation.

Programme of ISD or one call it social intervention is spread over many levels. The Delhi office grassroots-level work is managed by a team of activists associated with ISD. Apart from this ISD conducts many other activities with help from comrades of the network. Some organizations and individuals are putting their efforts into many tools and methods to establish peace and harmony as per the needs of the regions. In that process geographically ISD has its direct and indirect interventions in various parts of the country and along with national intervention ISD also works with South Asian Countries.

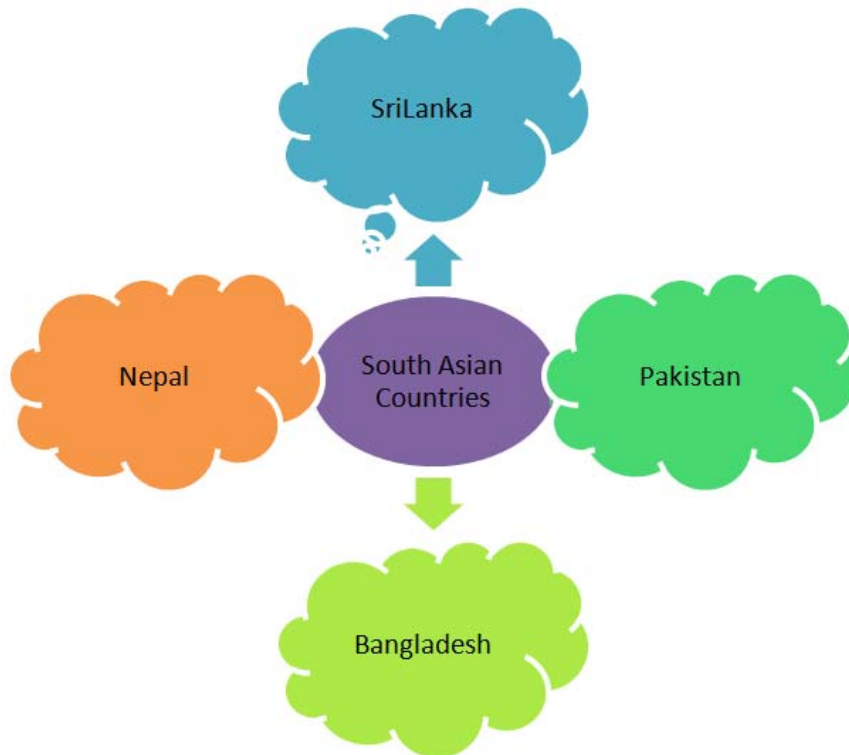
Direct Intervention



Indirect Intervention Through Network Partners



Intervention of ISD through- Network Partners in South Asian Countries



OUR PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

Allahabad Activities – Highlights

- The May Day committee decided to organize a cultural programme. Azamgarh IPTA team was invited to perform Jangeet and folk dance. People connected with the Jangeets and enjoyed it.
- Composite Heritage workshop organised from 23rd – 25th May 2017 at Karelabagh with women who made baskets or work as ragpickers. Facilitator explained Composite Heritage to the participants.
- Composite Heritage workshop organised from 29th June to 1st July, 2017 with students. Facilitator talked about the people's struggle of 1857 in the context of Allahabad. He/She also discussed violent conflicts and their impact on children.
- Gender Training – 8th to 10th June 2017 with 23 adolescents. Facilitator introduced the concept of Gender and which helped them to understand how society stereotyped emotions, feelings, and also our nature.
- In Karelabagh Basti Eid Milan was organized. Children from Laal colony, Sadiyapur mod also joined with Karelabagh children.
- In Allahabad, ISD organized a Kajri Mahotsav programme in Bal Bharti School on Sunday. Kajri is a form of folk songs of Uttar Pradesh which women sang during sawan.
- Independence Day was celebrated in Karelabag jointly with both the Bal-Bagicha Karelabagh Sadiapur. They came together to decorate the place they were told about the freedom struggle and the heroes.
- Composite Heritage workshop in Padilla from 17th -19th August 2017 and Saifkhanpur from 1st -4th September 2017
- Three-day Gender Training in Girls Chandra Srivastava Junior High School Machli Shahar was organised from 11th – 13th September 2017. Facilitator told the participants about the taboo related to girls and different practices towards boys and girls.
- Sirjan in Allahabad city was held on 10th November in Bal Bharti School. A very beautiful programme of Dastangoi by Ankit Chaddha, Bindu Malini, Vedant, and Ajay Tipania was conducted.
- Bal Diwas was organised on 20 November 2017 in Karela Bagh. The programme started with a small speech on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and his idea of India.
- Our annual programme called Sirjan of Allahabad was organised from 18th-22nd January 2018 at Prashasan Pandal, Magh Mela Allahabad. This was the 10th year of Sirjan. Indeed this is an achievement for us.
- In Karelabag Basti Composite Heritage workshop was conducted with children from 19th to 21st February.
- Holi Milan and Women's Day Celebration in different Bastis of Karelabag and Gaughat was organised in March. The programme started with a brief introduction to women's day's history. We also shared the struggle of Savitri Bai Phule for Women's education and their rights.

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Himachal Pradesh Activities – Highlights

- As ISD has taken up the task of reviving Composite Heritages in its working areas so for this purpose some formal and informal meetings and workshops were conducted in Himachal Pradesh. Meetings were conducted from 12th April 2017 to 9th August 2017.
- In Khouli village, the workshop was held on the 12th of April 2017 with local farmers and artists.
- In Barnal village, a meeting was held with women on 2nd May 2017.
- In Teel village workshop held with youth and students on 1st and 2nd June 2017
- In Gashani village, a meeting was held on 9th August 2017 with villagers.
- The team of ISD discussed the village issues, local Composite Heritages, and festivals in this meeting.
- Workshop along with the seminar was organised from 13th -15th October 2017 in Khouli, Himachal Pradesh. The workshop was on knowledge of traditional herbs and local Composite Heritages.
- A Meeting was organised in Mohani villages to celebrate local Composite Heritage called Fire Dance on 18th -19th November 2017
- Youth exposure visit under Local capacities for Peace program in Himachal Pradesh was organised to Shansher on 7th and 8th November 2017
- A meeting with youth was organised at Thirthan Bhawan on 7th and 8th December 2017. Facilitator shared the concept of LCP and experiences related to it.
- LCP Follow-up meeting was organised in Himachal Pradesh on 2nd and 3rd January 2017.
- A story-telling programme was conducted in the remote village of the district Ghashini and Teel on 12th January 2018.
- On the occasion of Faguli festival, a meeting on the revival of Composite Heritage was organised with women in Teel village on 8th February 2018.
- Annual programme of ISD in Himachal called Chetru Veeth was organised with children of Teel Panchyat and nearby villages on 4th March 2018.



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Jharkhand Activities - Highlights

- ISD organised workshops with youth in Jharkhand to revive and popularizing the Composite Heritage in the region.
- In this series, a five days drama workshop from 6th to 10th June 2017 was conducted in Nutandih Jharkhand.
- ISD's annual programme in Jharkhand called Raska Raso Porob was organised in Nutandih, Bango and Potka on 24th and 25th June 2017. In this programme various cultural activities were performed by the local artist and youth of the village.
- ISD organized regular meetings in Baghmara, Ranikuder and Tilaitad villages with youth on 3rd - 4th October 2017 to promote the local folk songs and forms of different tribal areas.
- Two days Composite Heritage workshop with youth was organised on 18th and 19th February 2018 at Jamshedpur. Facilitator discussed the gender issues and related concepts. He also talked about the local Composite Heritages.
- An exposure visit of Khunti-(Birthplace of Birsa Muda) for Nutandih youth was organised by ISD on 4th March 2018. So that they can learn about their heroes.
- Youth of Jamshedpur region visited Dumra village for an exposure visit and talked to women and men of the village.
- To introduce the concept and principles of Do No Harm/ Local Capacities for Peace ISD organised a two-day meeting with local civil society members and youth at Sakchi, Jamshedpur on 6th and 7th December 2017.
- ISD organised a three days workshop with local youth of three areas (Nutundih, Gopalpur and Jamshedpur) from 23rd to 25th December 2017



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Jaunpur Activities – Highlights

- Three programs were conducted in different villages by ISD to mark international women's day a meeting was conducted in Furkania village of Sahganj Block on 4th April 2017 on 10th April 2017 it was conducted in Moinuddeen Mahalla.
- One day programme was organised on the occasion of –birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar at Nagar Panchyat Khetasarai Jaunpur on 14th April 2017.
- Three days training program for students (boys and Girls) was organised from 18th to 20th July 2017 at Furkaniya Higher secondary school Shahitalab, Khetasarai Jaunpur.
- One day joint program of Maktab/ Madras and Primary School was organised in different primary schools on different days on the theme of Composite Heritage. In Primary School Songar it was organised on 24th July 2017, in Urdu Primary School it was organised on 30th September 2017, in primary School Parakamal it was organised on 17th August 2017.
- Independence Day was celebrated in five Madarsas of Jaunpur, people from all nearby villages were also invited on this occasion. National anthem was sung after flag hosting.
- Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary was organised on 2nd October 2017 in various schools and Madarsas.
- Two days of Training on Composite Heritage was organised in different schools - 4th - 5th October 2017 in P.H.S School of Sahitalab, 12th -13th October 2017 at Kanwariya Panchayat Bhawan, 14th -15th October 2017 at Dhobhi Khetasarai, 16th-17th October 2017 at Mohalla Takiya Khetasarai.
- One-day international programme was organised at Khetasarai on 8th March 2017. It was organised at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Samudayik Bhawan, Kanvariya on March 12, 2018, on 15th March 2017 it was organised at Gram Sachivalaya Manechha.
- Two one-day follow-up meetings were organized in the office of Azad Shiksha Kendra, Khetasaraya, Jaunpur with the students of Shri Dwarika Prasad Inter College and Furkaniya Higher Secondary School in Jaunpur on 6th March, 2018 and 9th March 2018 respectively.



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Saharanpur, Kolkata, TamilNadu and Haryana Activities – Highlights

- One day Programme on Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary was organised on 2nd October 2018 at Saharanpur.
- A one-day program was organised on the occasion of 69th Republic day on 26th January, 2018 at Madrasa Alisha Joom and Joom Public School, Jain colony, Khata Khedi, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- On the occasion of 75th Independence Day, a program was organized at Madrsa Muhmdiya situated at Dhudhli road Saharanpur on 15th August 2017.
- A three-day workshop was organised on Composite Heritage from 3rd -5th December 2017 at Barrackpur, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Holi Milan was organised at Kaithal Haryana on 2nd March 2018.
- One-day programme was organised on International Women's Day at Kaithal Haryana on 8th March 2018.
- One day programme on the occasion of martyrdom of Shahid-e-ajam Bhagat Singh and his companions was organised on 23rd March 2018.
- In village Dudhara a seminar was organized on 9th April 2017 on the birthday of Jayotiba Phule and Dr. Ambedkar. The purpose of this seminar was to spread the thought of Phule and Ambedkar and teaching in these thoughts
- An annual programme of ISD Sirjan at village Titram was celebrated on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th June 2017. Apart from village Titram in this programme, people from villages Sheru Khedi, Payoda, Harsola, Kailram, Kaithal and Ghaso also participated.

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Kashmir Activities – Highlights

- Meeting on Composite Heritage with Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages was organised in Srinagar on 10th October 2017.
- Interaction with students and scholars of the University of Kashmir (Department of social work) was held on 11th October 2017.
- Meeting with INTACT (Indian National trust for art and cultural heritage), JKASW (Jammu Kashmir Association of Social Workers), EKTA school of drama and repertory and a visit to a museum was held on 13th October 2017
- A meeting with HWVO (Human Welfare Voluntary Organization) on Composite Heritage was held on 14th October 2017.
- To identify and recognize various Composite Heritages of Kashmir a one-day cultural development programme was organised at Ghat Palhallan, Pattan district Baramullah, Kashmir on 7th January 2018.
- A two-day orientation workshop on Composite Heritage was organized by Institute for Social Democracy on 3rd and 4th February 2018 at Solar Residency, Rajbagh Srinagar, Kashmir.
- A field visit was done on 4th and 5th February 2018 in the Pattan area of north Kashmir, to explore these areas so that we can have opportunities of implementing our ideas of Composite Heritage through interactions.
- Interaction on Composite Heritage with children of Islamia Model High school, Arampora, Sopore on 14th February 2018.
- Creative and Culture development Activities with Kids and Youth Groups on 4th March 2018 at Shirmal and Gagrin, Shopian- South Kashmir
- Celebrating and Revival of Navreh festival between different communities of Kashmir on 17th March 2018 at Srinagar

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Uttrakhand Activities - Highlights

- A one-day meeting on 12th April 2017 was organised at C.A.C office, Bhidapani in which local people participated.
- A follow-up meeting at Diya Adventure Camp Kasiyalekh was organised on 17th April 2017 with network partner of ISD In Uttarkhand.
- To save and develop local forest and water sources, a one-day campaign was organized with the help of ISD in the Bhidapani region on 27th May 2017 in which local people from different villages participated.
- Two-day workshop on composite heritage at Bhidapani, Uttarkhand on 12th and 13th June 2017.
- To understand negative and positive aspect of the region a one day meeting one on Composite Heritage was organised at Bhidapani, Uttarakhand on 19th July 2017.
- One-day exposure visit of farmers on traditional farming and seeds under Composite Heritage was organised on 24th July 2017 at Bhidapani, Uttarakhand.
- To reduce the inequality between men and women two days Gender workshop was organised at Bhidapani, Uttrakhand on 8th and 9th September 2017.
- One day meeting on Composite Heritage with local villagers was organised at Bhidapani, Uttrakhand on 12th September 2017
- In Bhidapani region on 18th to 19th August 2017 two days workshop on traditional food was held under the Composite Heritage programme.
- A one-day meeting with farmers and villagers of Bhidapani, Uttrakhand on the issues related to Composite Heritage was conducted on 15th November 2017
- A two-day workshop for documenting local pulses under Composite Heritage with the regional farmers was conducted at Bhidapani on 25th and 26th December 2017.
- Two days workshop for documentation of local traditional vegetables under Composite Heritage was organised at Bhidapani on 22nd – 23ed January 2018.
- Shivratri fair celebration under Composite Heritage held on 13th - 14th February 2018 at Sunakiya, Beriyadunga, Uttarakhand.
- A programme for cleaning the traditional water reservoirs under Composite Heritage was organised on 27th -28th February 2018 in Bheedapani, Uttarakhand.
- One day meeting with the community people on Composite Heritage was organised at Bheedapani, Uttrakhand on 14th March 2018.
- A convention with women farmers on Composite Heritage was organised at Nyay Panchayat Sandarbh Kendra, Bheedapani, Nainital on 18th March 2018.

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National and South Asia Activities- Highlights

- Composite Heritage workshop was organised from 09th to 11th August 2017 at Kodaikanal Christian College, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu.
- Training of Trainers on Composite Heritage (ToT) was organised from 11th – 17th September 2017 at Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The workshop of ToT on composite heritage was conducted in three phases. The first phase was related to “composite heritage”. The second phase was on “Training ability” and the third and final phase was on “Session management”.
- ISD organised a five day workshops on Composite Heritage from 24th -28th April 2017 in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.
- One day Seminar on Composite Heritage was organised with the “So Near Yet So Far” on 3rd April 2017 at West Bengal. The program was started with the national anthem. This was followed by a dance performance by the school kids on the song “Vande Mataram”.
- On 18th June, 2017, ISD organised a one day study circle for Composite Heritage trainers. Eleven participants from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Haryana participated in this study circle.
- Institute for Social Democracy (ISD) organized an orientation workshop on Composite Heritage from 14th to 18th November 2017 at Tewa Training centre, Dhapakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal.
- Two day workshop on Composite Heritage was organised by ISD from 18th to 20th March 2018 at SCOPE India, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu.
- A Study Circle on “Present Indian Politics and Marginalised People” was organised on 6th April 2017 at USO House, New Delhi.
- LCP Seminar on culture of Kashmir was organised on 23rd November 2017 at USO House, New Delhi.
- To strengthen LCP program at DBSS level, a 3 day Workshop TRULY YOUTH was jointly organised by Institute for Social Democracy (ISD) and CNI-SBSS in Gopalpur from 27th to 29th of November, 2017.
- Orientation Workshop of LCP was conducted in Himachal Pradesh with School and College Youths, Women and NGO Staffs from 23rd December to 25th December 2017



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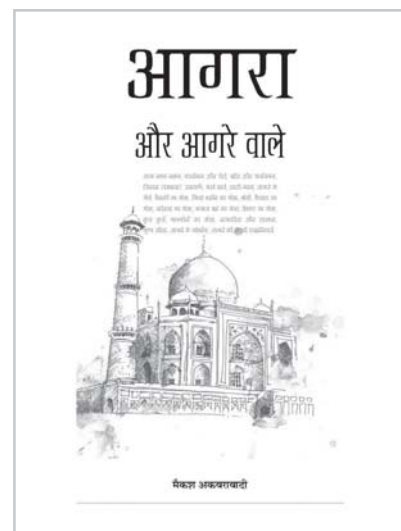
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