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and Adaptation for Global South  
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including Sustainable Agriculture, Water and Waste Management,  
and Biodiversity, Renewable Energy and Climate Resilience



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## DIALOGUE ON

# Priorities for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation for Global South A Civil Society Perspective and Narratives for COP 30 11-12 October 2025

October marked a significant milestone for **ISRN as it joined hands with YOJAK, Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi, and AIPRIS to convene a two-day Pre-COP30 Civil Society Dialogue**, a powerful platform to shape a unified **Bharatiya narrative for COP30**, scheduled for November 2025 in Belém, Brazil.

With COP30 emphasising human-centric climate action and community leadership, this dialogue brought together a vibrant mix of **environmentalists, policymakers, grassroots leaders, academics, and practitioners**. The goal was to elevate civil society's lived knowledge and indigenous wisdom as a central voice in global climate discourse.



## RECLAIMING INDIA'S ECOLOGICAL ETHOS



Discussions reflected a shared understanding that India's climate journey is deeply rooted in its civilizational ethos, where ecology, culture and daily life are inseparable. Speakers highlighted the need to move beyond externally imposed frameworks and champion India's legacy of **community-led conservation, traditional water systems, sacred groves, seed diversity and sustainable lifestyles**.



## COMMUNITY WISDOM MEETS CLIMATE SCIENCE

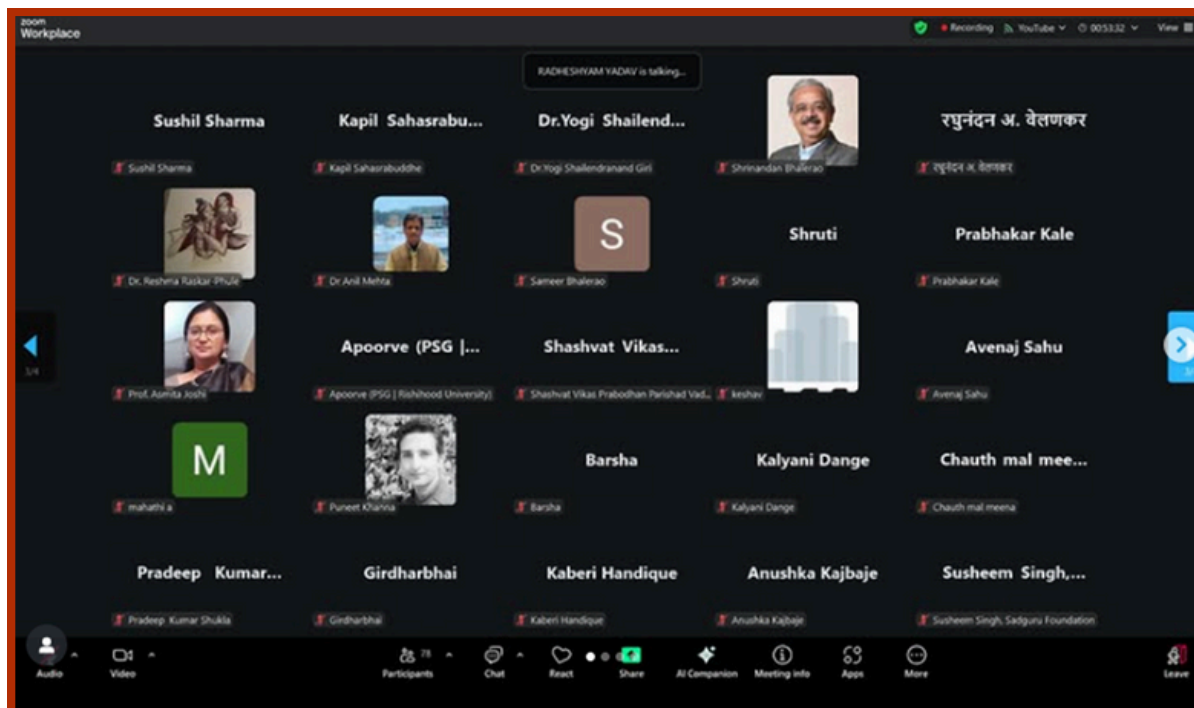
Participants emphasized the importance of blending India's rich indigenous knowledge with modern science to build effective, locally grounded climate solutions. Grassroots examples from Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat and the Northeast showcased how communities across Bharat demonstrate resilience through practices like organic farming, solar adoption, traditional water harvesting and biodiversity conservation.

## SPOTLIGHT ON EQUITY AND CLIMATE FINANCE

A critical takeaway was the growing urgency to address inequities in global climate finance. Experts reiterated that adaptation, vital for vulnerable communities, remains severely underfunded. The dialogue called for finance mechanisms that prioritize local realities, community-led models and climate justice for the Global South.

## STRENGTHENING COOPERATIVES AND CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS

The sessions underlined the transformative role of cooperatives, SHGs and farmers' groups in promoting organic agriculture, regenerative practices and equitable resource sharing. These models were showcased as replicable pathways for resilience, poverty reduction and climate-aligned livelihoods.





## ISRN'S LEADERSHIP AND VISION FOR COP30

During **the dialogue**, ISRN CEO **Shri Santosh Gupta articulated a compelling civil society vision for COP30**, one grounded in India's civilizational ethos and the lived realities of its communities. He underscored that civil society is not merely a sector but the soul of India's democracy, bridging global climate negotiations with local wisdom and action. Highlighting India's deep heritage of ecological stewardship, from traditional water systems and community forests to seed preservation and sustainable farming,



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“ **GOVERNMENTS NEGOTIATE, INDUSTRIES INVEST**, but civil society inspires. We are the conscience of climate action — reminding the world that sustainability is not a policy; it is a way of life. ”



**Mr. Santosh Gupta**  
CEO, ISRN

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he emphasized that climate solutions must emerge from cultural values and people-centric models, not external blueprints. He also reiterated India's global leadership through LiFE (**Lifestyle for Environment**) and its potential to inspire climate-positive behavior worldwide. He called for climate justice for **the Global South and emphasized aligning civil society action with the national vision of Viksit Harit Atmanirbhar Bharat @2047**, through sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, biodiversity restoration, renewable energy and climate resilience. With a united **civil society voice, he affirmed, India can shape a civilization-centric climate narrative at COP30**, one that blends ancient wisdom with modern innovation to build a nature-positive and equitable future.

## THE ROAD TO COP30

The dialogue culminated in a shared resolve to present a coherent, culturally rooted, community-driven narrative at COP30. A comprehensive Civil Society Report, capturing insights, recommendations and a Bharatiya lexicon for climate discourse will guide collective engagements in the coming months.



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“ Viksit Harit Atmanirbhar Bharat @2047 can achieved through 5 key pillars including Sustainable Agriculture, Water and Waste Management, Forests and Biodiversity, Renewable Energy and Climate Resilience.”



**Mr. Santosh Gupta**  
CEO, JSRN

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## OCTOBER'S DIALOGUE AFFIRMED ONE TRUTH

India's path to climate action is not borrowed, it is lived, practiced and deeply ingrained in its communities. As the world moves toward COP30, ISRN stands committed to amplifying these voices and ensuring that the Global South's realities shape global climate policy with conviction and clarity.



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“India brings to COP30 not just policies, but a civilization-centric approach where ecology and economy go hand in hand. We believe that sustainability cannot be imported; it must emerge from our cultural roots, from our lifestyles, from our values.”



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## COLLABORATING FOR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

In October, the Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN) entered into a new set of strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with prominent organizations working across diverse development sectors. These partnerships aim to empower Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), foster collaboration, and ensure that the benefits of growth and development reach the public at large across India. Together, these alliances reinforce ISRN's vision of creating a connected, capable, and **collaborative ecosystem of civil society partners contributing to the national goal of Viksit Bharat 2047.**

### VIBHA VANI INDIA



**Vibha Vani India** is a consortium of grassroots developmental organizations, educational and research institutions, social scientists & workers and social entrepreneurs is an initiative of Vigyan Bharati. It has been engaged in literacy campaign - Jalsamvad and other activities for capacity building of stakeholders for Science Technology and Innovation (STI) interventions to address multi-dimensional issues related to sustainable development at local level.





## DR. D. Y. PATIL DNYAN PRASAD GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH



Dr. D. Y. Patil Dnyan Prasad University's  
School of Management and Research, Pune

**Dnyaan Prasad Global University's School of Management and Research (DPGU SMR)** is committed to revolutionize management education in India, with a strategic vision to emerge as a premier business Institute. As an integral constituent of the esteemed DPGU, the institute synergizes academic meticulousness with a dynamic learning ecosystem to cultivate future leaders who can navigate the complexities of the global business landscape. Whereas, the institute boasts state-of-the-art infrastructure and a distinguished faculty comprising accomplished scholars and industry practitioners, who collectively strive to deliver innovative and industry-relevant management programmes that align with the evolving needs of the corporate world.

**The Department of Consultancy, MDP and Applied Research at Dnyaan Prasad Global University's School of Management & Research is a strategic hub for business innovation, policy advocacy and academic-industry collaboration.** It drives impactful research and consultancy projects across sectors such as healthcare, education, skill development and corporate strategy. Also the department has completed projects with the United Nations Agencies like ILO and UNICEF. The department also hosts Technical Experience Centre (TEC), a cutting-edge facility offering immersive, hands-on training in Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT) and Cyber Security, anchored by industry-grade labs and professional tools. TEC features India's first fully functional blockchain lab in higher education, 39,000+ IoT devices, and over 90 advanced forensic kits for cyber-crime investigation and secure data recovery.

### SESTA (SEVEN SISTERS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE), NORTH EAST INDIA

**SESTA is a leading development organization based in North East India,** dedicated to promoting sustainable livelihoods, women empowerment, and community resilience across the seven sister states. Through this partnership, **ISRN and SESTA will collaborate to extend capacity building, resource sharing,** and project implementation support to local CSOs and community-based organizations in the region.



With these partnerships, ISRN continues to bridge knowledge, innovation, and community action — empowering citizens and organizations to contribute meaningfully to the vision of a developed and equitable Bharat.



## ISRN × CyberPeace Foundation

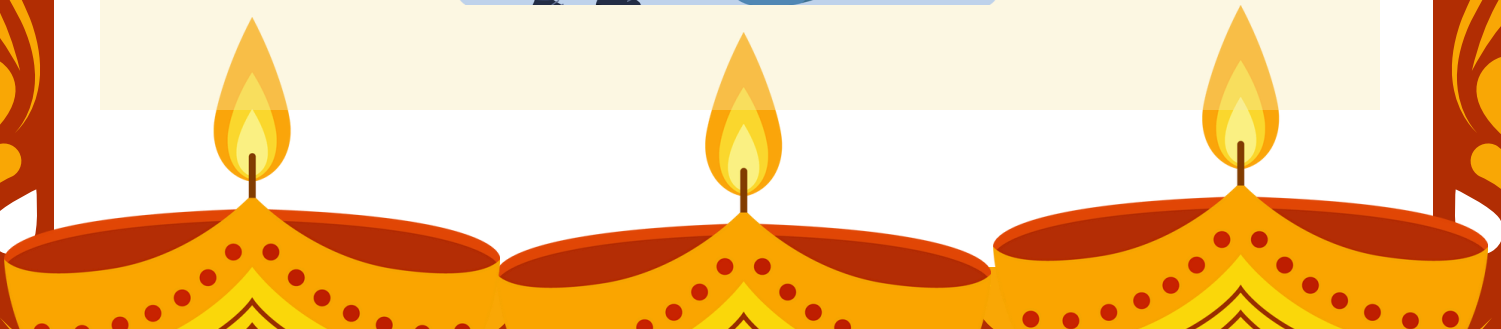
### Building a Safer Resilient Digital Future

#### OVERVIEW

The Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN), in partnership with the CyberPeace Foundation (CPF), has launched a nationwide initiative to enhance cybersecurity awareness, resilience, and response capacity among NGOs, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), women-led collectives, and the broader community. This partnership combines ISRN's grassroots reach with CPF's cyber expertise to ensure Digital inclusion goes hand in hand with digital safety.

#### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Conducted a Workshop on Cyber Safety in Bhopal with JAP and NLIU, focusing on legal frameworks, privacy rights and institutional cyber protection.
- Hosted one National Webinar on Cyber Challenges for Grassroots Leaders focused on creating awareness around cyber threats, the legal landscape, and digital safety practices in today's fast-evolving digital world.
- Released two podcast episodes on Cyber Awareness and Online Safety, featuring CPF experts.
- Reached hundreds of NGO professionals, FPO members and women leaders through blended learning and awareness efforts.



## UPCOMING INITIATIVES

- Will going to release 10+ new podcast episodes under the Cyber Security Empowerment Program in collaboration with CPF, focusing on digital safety, fraud prevention and cyber rights in regional languages.
- Introducing a Cyber Safety & Security Certification Course jointly designed by ISRN and CPF to equip NGO professionals and community leaders with practical cybersecurity skills.
- Organising one additional National Workshop on Cyber Awareness, followed by a dedicated North-East Regional Workshop to reach NGOs and FPOs in Assam, Meghalaya, and Nagaland.

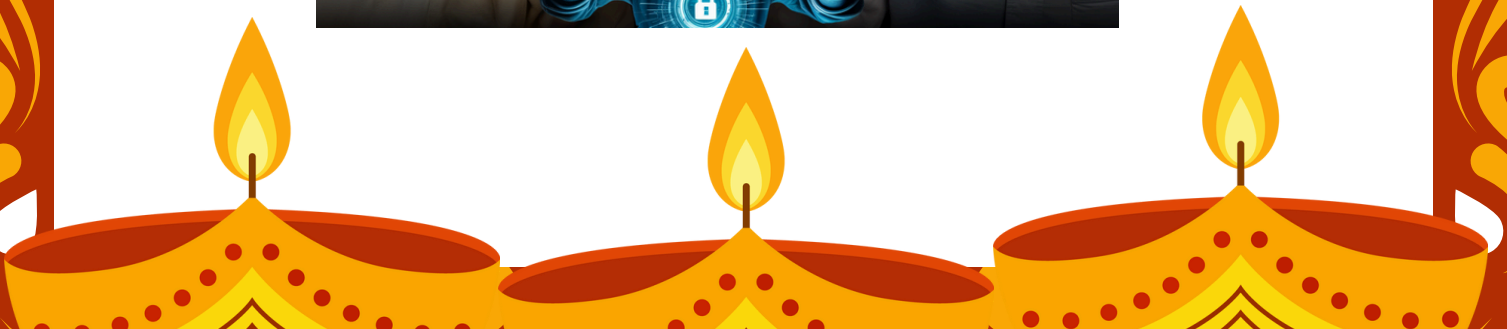
**The ISRN – Cyber Peace Foundation partnership represents a model for integrating cyber safety within grassroots development. Through workshops, webinars, podcasts, and upcoming certification courses, ISRN and CPF are creating a cyber-aware civil society prepared to navigate India's digital future with confidence and safety.**

## ISRN's NGO CLINIC PODCAST- CYBER SECURITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

### Episode 2 | The Invisible Victim: Elderly & Digital Crimes

#### ARE OUR ELDERS TRULY SAFE IN THE DIGITAL WORLD?

In this powerful episode of ISRN's NGO Clinic Podcast, under the Cyber Security Empowerment Program in collaboration with CyberPeace Foundation, we uncover the silent crisis of cyber crimes against senior citizens.





Join Cyber **Expert Mr. Rakesh Maheshwari (Advisor – Cyber Laws & Tech Policy, former Sr. Director & Group Coordinator, MeitY, GoI)** and **Mr. Santosh Gupta, CEO-ISRN**, as they discuss how digital scams, phishing, and online frauds are putting our elderly at risk and what we can do to protect them.

[Watch the full episode](#) now and learn how to help your loved ones stay safe online.

Let's build a Cyber Aware India together!

The banner has a dark blue background with a hexagonal pattern. At the top left is the CyberPeace logo, and at the top right is the ISRN logo. The main title 'ISRN'S NGO CLINIC' is in large white letters, with 'PODCAST' and a microphone icon below it. A yellow bar contains the text 'BUILDING A SAFER, RESILIENT DIGITAL FUTURE'. Below that, a white bar contains 'CYBER SECURITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM'. The episode title 'EPISODE: 2 - THE INVISIBLE VICTIM: ELDERLY AND DIGITAL CRIME' is in a grey bar. Two circular portraits of the host and speaker are shown, with a red YouTube play button icon between them. A vintage microphone is centered below the portraits. At the bottom, a white bar says 'Scan This QR Code to Watch Now On YouTube' with a QR code on the right.

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# Uttam School

## BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES IN RURAL INDIA

With the **CSR contribution from IRCTC and ISRN's on-ground implementation efforts**, October marked another month of significant progress at **Composite Vidyalaya, Dighar in Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh under the Uttam School Project**. Several key upgrades were completed across infrastructure and learning spaces, strengthening the school's journey toward becoming a safe, vibrant and child-friendly learning environment.

October began with major improvements at the school entrance, where the main gate received a fresh coat of paint and **BALA (Building as Learning Aid)** artwork was initiated on the gate and boundary walls. The newly completed **mini-gate pathway** has also enhanced smooth and safe movement for students and staff.



The **Digital Learning Lab** saw substantial upgrades, including **roof waterproofing, a new iron door, secured windows** and a freshly constructed **cemented pathway**, all of which contribute to a more protected and accessible digital learning space for students. Campus beautification continued with the complete repainting of the boundary wall and the start of **BALA classroom paintings**, which will introduce engaging visual learning elements.

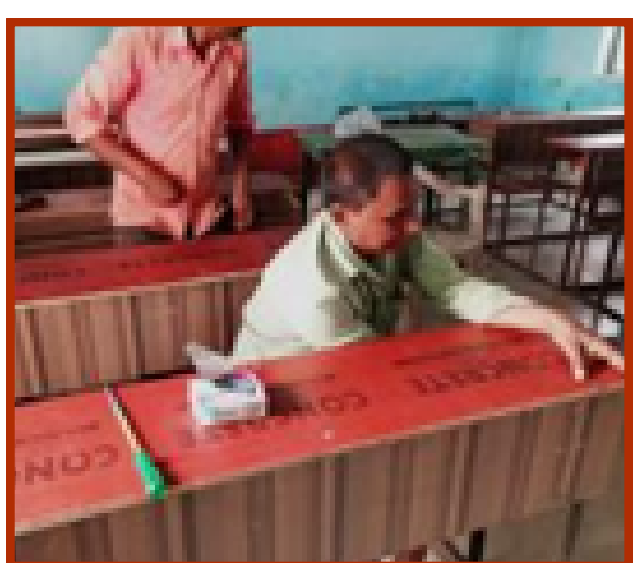


A major highlight of the month was the **completion of the modern sanitation block**, now equipped with **3 Indian WCs, 3 urinals, anti-skid tiling, RCC roofing and dual 2,000L soak pits**, ensuring dignified and hygienic facilities on campus.

Work also progressed on strengthening the **drinking water** and drainage systems, with plumbing completed and **tin roofing added to the toilet block**. Tile finishing and drainage construction are moving forward steadily. Classrooms received further enhancements with **repaired and repainted** furniture, as well as newly installed fans and tube lights, improving comfort and usability.

Additionally, the school proudly completed its **standard 34 × 17 ft badminton court** and fully developed play area, a key additions that promote physical activity, teamwork and overall well-being among students.

Despite weather-related delays caused by heavy rainfall, consistent coordination and dedicated on-ground efforts ensured uninterrupted progress throughout the month. **The October developments reflect ISRN's commitment, together with IRCTC's CSR support, to creating inclusive, inspiring and empowering learning spaces for children in rural India.**





# Swasth Jeevan Express

## Mobile Medical Unit

In September, with the **CSR contribution of CONCOR**, the **JSRN's Swasth Jeevan Express (Mobile Medical Unit)** continued delivering essential primary healthcare to remote villages of Ballia district in Uttar Pradesh, ensuring reliable medical access for women, elderly citizens and families with limited mobility or financial constraints. **Through 24 OPD days across 25 villages, the MMU team provided medical consultation and treatment to 1,339 patients (641 male and 698 female).** The most common issues addressed included anemia, weakness, fever, blood-pressure irregularities, seasonal infections and joint pain. Alongside medicines, the team offered vital counseling on nutrition, hygiene, hydration and preventive care. A notable beneficiary this month was 83-year-old Lalmuniya Devi from Murli Chapra, who had been experiencing persistent weakness. With recorded low BP (100/87 mmHg) and hemoglobin (9.5 g/dl), she received timely treatment and diet counselling during **the MMU's OPD visit.** **support she would not have been able to access easily due to her age and mobility challenges.**



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**The ISRN Mobile Medical Unit continues to play a significant role in strengthening rural healthcare services by bringing medical assistance to the doorstep of underserved populations.** The consistent outreach efforts are contributing to early identification of health issues, improved access to medicines, and increased health awareness among community members. **The program remains committed to promoting better health outcomes, particularly for the elderly, women, and vulnerable groups residing in remote regions.**





## FORMATION & PROMOTION OF FARMER PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS (FPOs)

### ISRN FPOS PARTICIPATE IN THE LAUNCH OF PM DHAN DHAANYA KRISHI YOJANA



More than 35 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) promoted by the Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN) virtually participated in the launch of the PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana on October 11, 2025, from their respective FPO offices. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 4,500 farmers across different states, reflecting the growing spirit of collaboration and innovation within the farming community.

The PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana, launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with an outlay of ₹24,000 crore, marks a significant step towards transforming India's agricultural landscape. The scheme aims to enhance productivity, promote crop diversification, improve irrigation systems, strengthen value chains, and expand access to farm credit across 100 selected districts in the country. It further emphasizes the integration of modern technologies, farmer collectives and sustainable agricultural practices to ensure inclusive growth in the sector.

During the launch event held in New Delhi, Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Ganayee, a progressive farmer and Director of Zazna Farmer Producer Company Limited, Ganderbal district, Jammu & Kashmir, an FPO promoted by ISRN, had the opportunity to interact directly with the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Mr. Ganayee shared insights into his journey of adopting modern farming practices, including the use of high-yield varieties, organic inputs, and efficient irrigation systems. He highlighted how government schemes and FPO-based support have enabled farmers in his region to enhance productivity, reduce costs, and transition towards sustainable and profitable agriculture.



**Mr. Ganayee's success story stands as a testament to the impact of farmer collectives and progressive agricultural policies.** His dedication and innovation continue to inspire fellow farmers across Kashmir to embrace modern techniques and contribute to building a resilient agricultural ecosystem.

**ISRN remains committed to supporting farmers and FPOs by promoting knowledge exchange, adoption of modern technologies, and collaborative initiatives aimed at strengthening India's farming communities and ensuring long-term sustainability.**



# Lifeline on Wheels

## Why India Needs Mobile Medical Units & How CSR Can Drive Accessible Healthcare for All – Dr. Reeta Rana (Senior Manager-ISRN)

Across the vast rural and remote landscapes of India, the distance between a patient and a doctor is often measured not in kilometres, but in opportunity, affordability and survival. For millions, healthcare is still a journey – one they may not have the means, mobility or awareness to undertake. In this reality, **Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) are not just vehicles; they are lifelines on wheels**, carrying medical care, dignity and hope directly to the doorstep of underserved communities.



### WHY MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS ARE NO LONGER OPTIONAL—BUT ESSENTIAL

India's healthcare challenges remain deeply uneven. While urban centres offer multi-speciality hospitals, diagnostic facilities and advanced medical expertise, rural regions often struggle with shortage of doctors, inaccessible health centres, poor transport connectivity and high out-of-pocket expenses. Vulnerable populations especially women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, daily-wage labourers and the economically disadvantaged, often delay or skip treatment entirely.





## MMUs bridge this critical gap as

- They bring primary healthcare, screening, diagnosis, medicines and counselling to people where they are.
- They ensure timely intervention, preventing minor ailments from turning into life-threatening conditions.
- They serve as community connectors, building trust and health awareness.
- They reduce catastrophic health expenditure by providing free or low-cost medical services.

*In many parts of India, an MMU visit can be the difference between early detection and late-stage illness.*

## The Vital Role of CSR in Strengthening Mobile Healthcare

Corporate Social Responsibility has emerged as one of the strongest pillars supporting India's social development ecosystem. In the context of healthcare, CSR funding can **significantly accelerate the reach, quality and continuity of Mobile Medical Unit services.**

## Here's how CSR can make a transformative impact

**Financing MMU deployment and operational costs**, including vehicles, medical staff, diagnostics and medicines.

**Supporting technology-driven healthcare** through digital health records, telemedicine and mobile diagnostics.

**Strengthening preventive healthcare** by funding awareness campaigns and community engagement activities.

**Expanding coverage** to remote, disaster-prone, aspirational and marginalized regions.

**Improving long-term health outcomes** by creating consistent, reliable outreach services rather than one-time interventions.



MMUs offer corporates a **high-impact, high-visibility, socially meaningful opportunity to improve health equity while aligning with national development goals** such as Ayushman Bharat and SDG 3 (Good Health & Well-being).

As India continues to reimagine its public health landscape, **MMU initiatives represent one of the most sustainable pathways to ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare**—especially in regions where conventional infrastructure is limited or evolving.





ISRN believes that having a right to live in equality is something each human deserves and with support from esteemed people like you, we are transforming the lives of thousands of fellow citizens. We have held workshops and training sessions for more than 800 member organisations, fostering a symbolic growth system

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