



South Asian
Institute of Sustainable Development
(SAISD) – A Development & Research Institute

Promoting Sustainable Development Principles

OUR ACTIVITY REPORT

2018

2019

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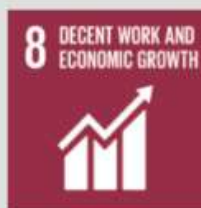
South Asian Region

ONE REGION DIVERSE CULTURAL IDENTITY

...Sustainability is the Goal

Sustainable Development

is the process to attain that Goal...



ABOUT US



SAISD – A Development & Research Organisation

Inspired by the United Nation's (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to uphold the spirit of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), SAISD was established in May 2018 with the primary objective to promote sustainable development principles through grass-root level development work, research & innovation.

SAISD is committed to collaborate with both global and local level think-tanks, non-governmental organisations, public agencies, and corporates to plan and implement seventeen global SDGs based development projects in South Asia.

South Asian region or **SAARC** countries includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

We are a Not-for-Profit Organisation. Visit our website www.saisd.org.in to know further about our organisation.



OUR VISION

- A fair, equitable, prosperous, inclusive, and peaceful society within the ecological limits of our Blue Planet – Our Only HOME.

OUR VALUES

** Harmony. *Accountability. * Transparency. *Empowerment. Partnership, Co-operation & Collaboration. * Liberal, Secular & Cultural pluralism*

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To promote **sustainable development principles** (*intra-/inter-generational equity, conservation of biodiversity, adoption of precautionary principles, human rights and participation*) through development activities, public seminars and workshops.
- To empower and enhance the readiness level of government, corporates, and community-based institutions to drive SDGs.
- To provide technical support to our partner organisations in the designing and implementation process of SDG focused policies and programs.
- To foster learnings with think-tanks at all levels (national, regional, and local) and to disseminate innovative ideas and concepts to realise SDGs.
- To execute innovative SDG focused pilot projects to advance the SDG policy agenda.
- To conduct research and innovation to address: the SDGs based policy issues, Climate change & Environmental agendas, Conservation of Biodiversity, Social Inclusion and other sustainability related challenges.

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SAISD's Inauguration Ceremony

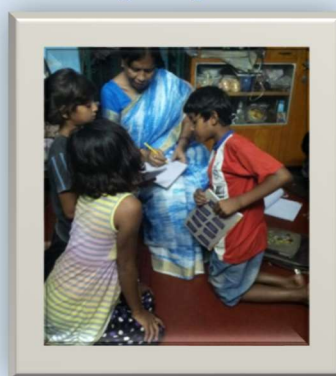
SAISD inauguration ceremony held in Calcutta, West Bengal, India on 10th June 2018.



Project: Right to Opportunity

For the about 25 years Smriti Rekha Goswami taught under-privileged students of Chandannagore, Hooghly, WB, India. Jolly Sengupta also collaborated with Mrs. Goswami for this cause. Mrs. Sengupta taught spoken English to these differently privileged kids. Time to time books & school bags were also provided in addition to private tuition. Some of those students passed their year 10th board exam or year 12th higher-secondary board exams. Some of them were first generation in their families who passed board exam.

About 30 under privileged kids were benefited. The project addressed SDG 4, 5 & 10: Quality Education, Gender Equality and Reducing Inequalities.



DAAN UTSAV (Festival of Gifts)

On Mahatma Gandhi's birthday week between 2nd Oct – 8th Oct 2018, SAISD participated in the Daan Utsav (Festival of Gifts) in India. In India, the Daan Utsav event was co-ordinated by Deepshika Bhowmik (a SAISD-India member) in collaboration with the Utpal Bhowmick Smriti Granthagar (Public Library).

In this project about 100 economical backward individuals were given new cloths. This project addressed SDG – 10 Reduced Inequalities.



Donation Program

SAISD donated books and umbrellas to underprivileged kids. **About 15 underprivileged students were benefited. A support towards quality education objective.**

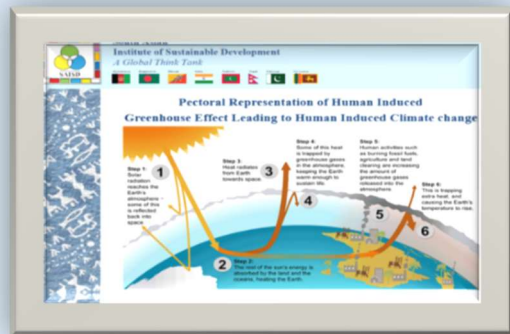


SAISD's Community Engagement Activities during Durga Puja
The aim was to raise awareness abouts SDGs in partnership with community organisation during popular regional festival.



Climate Change Awareness Program

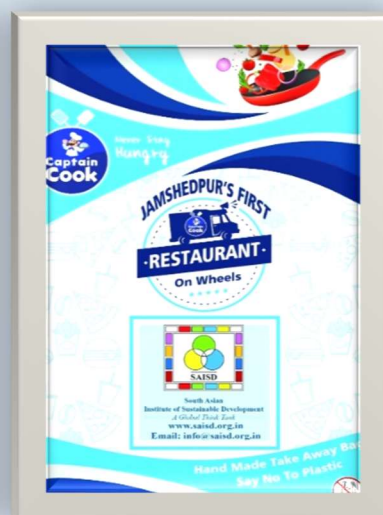
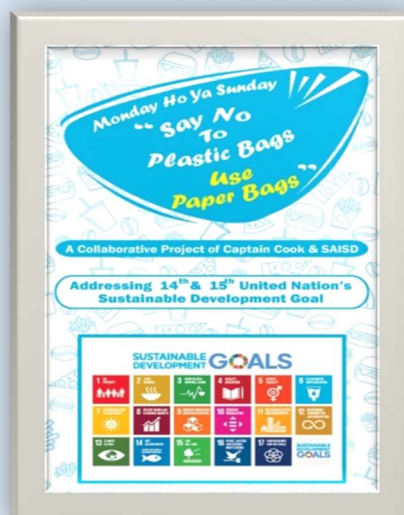
Dr. Sabina Yasmin of SAISD-India conducted a Climate Change Awareness Program at the Kalna Hindu Girls High School, West Bengal, India on 7th September 2018. The program was in relation to the 13th SDG: Climate Change Action.



Sunday-aur-Monday Let's use Paper Bags

This was a SAISD project in collaboration with the CAPTAIN COOK – A HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY START-UP from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, India. Mr. Bose and Dr. Goswami designed the project concept and SAISD funded the project. Rupam Bose and his team introduced paper-based take-away bags instead of plastic bags in their hospitality unit. Paper bags were made from old newspapers. To increase carrying capacity and attractiveness we have used ribbons and project theme-based stickers.

The aim of the project was to address SDG 14 & 15.
We are in the process to expand the project.



Covid-19 Food Donation Camp

During Covid-19 lockdown SAISD donated protein-based food and hygiene items to approximately 62 tribal families in rural Bribhum, West Bengal, India. Most of them are daily wage labourer.

This is our NO HUNGER initiative



SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

SAISD regularly conducts FREE seminars & conferences in collaboration with its Australian research partner ACSDRI (www.acsdri.com). Seminars & Conferences are our KNOWLEDGEMENT & PARTNERSHIP Platform to realise SDG-17's objectives.



Seminar: Is Our Progress REAL or GENUINE?

Genuine Progress Indicators (GPIs) are macroeconomic indicators to measure human wellbeing in a society. GPI comprises of twenty cost and benefit items, consisting of economic, social, and environmental indicators. It is a measure of the 'net benefits' of the economic activities after considering social and environmental costs. GPI stands in complete contrast to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) concept, where the GDP only considers economic activities as a benefit and does not consider any social costs and environmental damages. GPI, on the other hand, includes benefits that GDP does not consider, such as unpaid household labour and the value of the 'informal' economy.

GPI is widely recognised as an alternative indicator to measure economic welfare / human wellbeing and it is increasingly becoming popular among academics, politicians, and bureaucrats. Theoretical and empirical papers on GPI have been published in many academic journals in Ecological Economics, a well-respected journal.

The Presentation was given by Assoc. Prof. Phil Lawn, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Full Employment and Equity, University of Newcastle.



Seminar: HOW TO CONDUCT RESEARCH?

To nurture research temperament among SAISD members and the general public, SAISD organised a Free Seminar on how to conduct a research. In the seminar distinguished national and international guest speakers educated us on how to write research proposals, publication and how to conduct SDG focused research.



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NOT SURE WHERE TO BEGIN?
JOIN
ACSDRI & SAISD'S FREE WEBINAR
ON
HOW TO CONDUCT RESEARCH?
*Research Proposal * Grant Application * Publication * SDG focused Research**

Presented by



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Global Conference on Sustainable Development Goals

*PEACE *PROSPERITY * PLANET

SAISD & ACSDDRI jointly organised three days Global Conference on Sustainable Development where distinguished speakers from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Malawi, Uganda, UK, & USA discussed wide range of issues, challenges, and success stories.

Our Speakers were:

Speakers of 1st Day

 Success Stories on SDGs By Dr. S. Chatterjee IAS (Rtd.) Former Director of PMO Govt. of India	 Sustainable Development Practice & Australia's Indigenous Community By Liam Clancy Australia	 Benefits of Forest Therapy By Dipika Sharma Forest Therapy, India	 Localising SDGs & citizen participation By Assoc. Prof Jayanta Choudhury NIRDPR, India
 SDGs- a success story By Tapas Ranjan Chakraborty, Oxfam, Bangladesh	 Environment & Development By Raju Pandit Chhetri, ACE Business School, Nepal		

Speakers of 2nd Day

 Awareness level among stakeholders on SDGs By Kettie Alinafe Harawa Water For People, Malawi	 Integrating Sustainability & Accounting Education By Bisola Joloko University of Birmingham, UK	 Conceptualising Projects based on SDG principles By Mr Joydeep Sen VP, Cairn Foundation, India	 Role of Citizen, Stakeholders and Think Tanks in SDG Agenda By Winifred Nabakiibi, Water Utilities Expert, Uganda
 Presentation on Biodiversity By Dr Hismi Hussain Head of Biodiversity, Corporate Sustainability, Tata Steel Ltd India	 SDG Progress & Challenges to localise SDGs By Co-Founder & Director SAISD, India		

Speakers of Final Day

 An example of successful effort towards SDGs By Mr. John Oldfield, Global Water USA	 Sustainability policy issues of Northern Territory By Prof. Rolf Gerritsen Charles Darwin University Australia	 Climate Change & Natural Resource Governance: A case of Bhutan By Dr. Om Katel Royal University, Bhutan	 Equal opportunity & Quality Education By Nitya Venkatesh, A Special Educator, India
 Social Enterprise - A Financing Model for SDGs By Dr. Kuntal Goswami ACSMRI- Australia	 Role of beverage industries in realising SDGs By Mr. Sudhir Jain Senior Vice President of Bira19	 Developing awareness program for low socio-economic community By Dr. Ritu Bhatia P.N Doshi college India	 Prospects & Challenges of Agriculture in Bangladesh By Assist. Prof. Monoj Majumder, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University
 Sustainability – Learning & Way Forward By Co-Founder & Director SAISD, India			




MEDIA RELEASE

**A BIG THANKS
TO ALL SPEAKERS & PARTICIPANTS
FOR MAKING OUR CONFERENCE
A SUCCESS**

**Three Days
5th, 12th & 19th
Sept 2020**

20 Invited Guest Speakers
 from
 Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Malawi, Uganda, UK & USA

**218 Online
Registrations**

**138
Participants
in Three Days**

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OUR RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

SAISD in collaboration with ACSDRI published academic journal articles, magazines, reviewed books, and our representatives regularly attend international conferences to advance dialogue on various sustainability agendas.

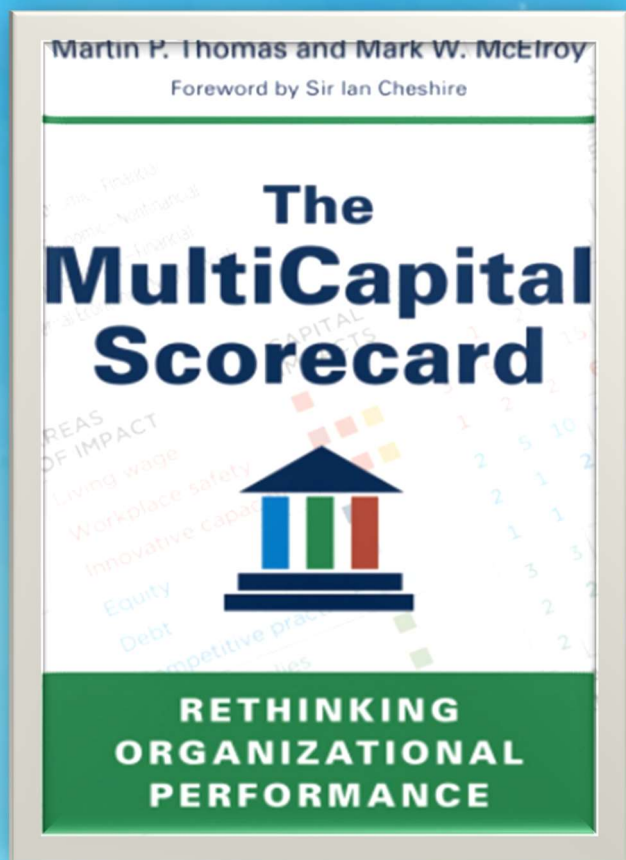
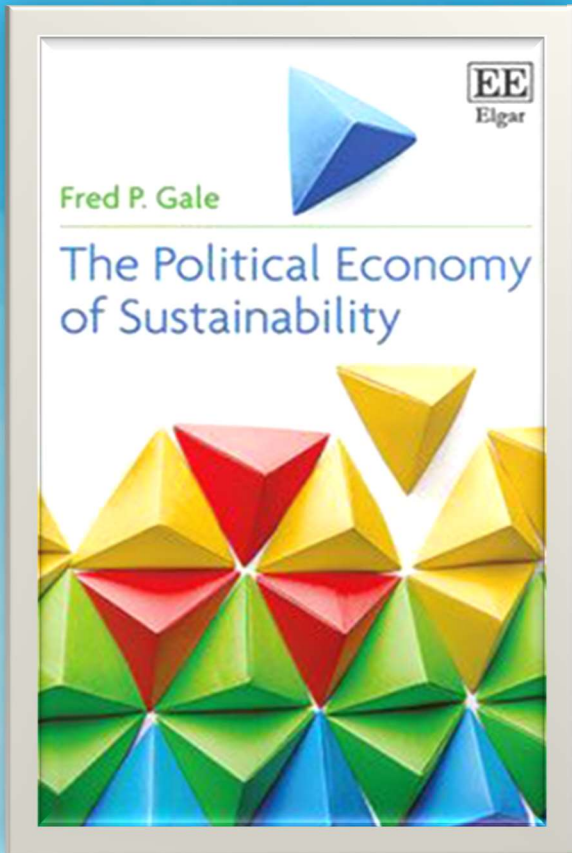
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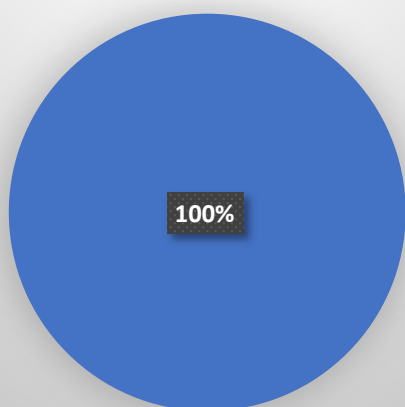


BOOK REVIEW

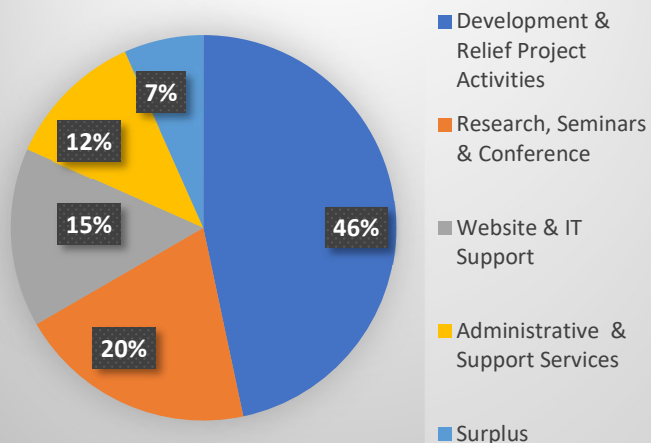


OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

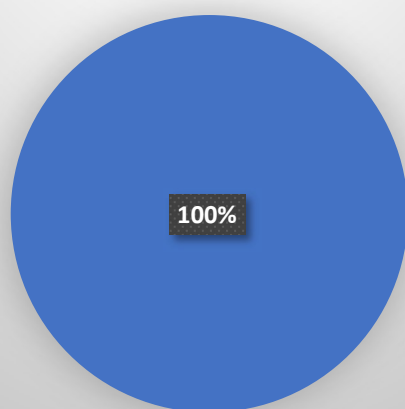
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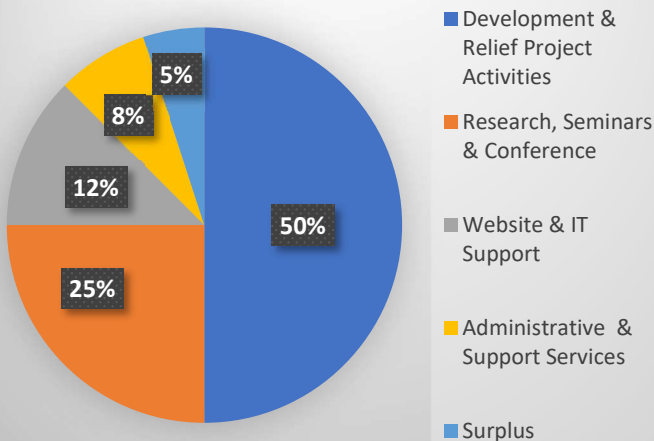
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