



Monthly Newsletter

May 2026



CEO'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends, Member Organizations, Donors, and Stakeholders, Greetings from the Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN)!

I am delighted to share with you some of the significant milestones and achievements that have marked this month, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable development, transparency, and social impact.

On behalf of ISRN, I am proud to announce two landmark achievements in our organizational journey. First, ISRN has been successfully registered as a Social Entity (NPO) on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

This accomplishment reflects our unwavering commitment to transparency, accountability, and sustainable growth, while strengthening our credibility and expanding opportunities to mobilize resources for greater social impact.

Second, ISRN has achieved another significant milestone by receiving Observer Accreditation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). This recognition marks an important step in our growing engagement with global sustainability and environmental development initiatives. It reflects our continued dedication to creating meaningful impact through community-driven programs, innovation, and sustainable development practices. The accreditation also provides valuable opportunities to participate in international dialogues and contribute to discussions that shape the global environmental agenda.

We are also pleased to have entered into a strategic partnership with Girl Effect India, bringing together expertise, innovation, and shared vision to advance health and menstrual hygiene initiatives for underserved communities. This collaboration will help us reach more beneficiaries and drive meaningful change in the lives of adolescent girls and women.

Building on the success of Phase I, ISRN is now set to launch Phase II of the ***सुरक्षित घर – सुरक्षित जीवन*** (Safe Home – Safe Life) HVDS Electrical Safety Awareness & Risk Reduction Campaign* in partnership with BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL). The next phase will extend its reach across various locations in South Delhi, promoting electrical safety awareness and reducing electrocution risks among vulnerable and high-risk communities.

Through our ***SAKSHAM – NGO Clinic Podcast***, we have continued to support Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) by facilitating knowledge-sharing sessions on Agile Management and Good Governance practices. These initiatives are helping organizations strengthen their effectiveness, sustainability, and impact in serving communities.

As we celebrate these achievements, we remain steadfast in our mission to build strong partnerships, promote environmental responsibility, and create sustainable change across communities. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the continued support, trust, and collaboration of our partners, donors, member organizations, and dedicated team members.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for being part of this journey and for contributing to our shared vision of a more inclusive, sustainable, and resilient future.

Thanks & Regards

Santosh Gupta

Chief Executive Officer

Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN)



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MAY 2026: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND MILESTONES

In May 2026, the Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN) strengthened its position as a leading civil society platform through strategic project partnerships and a major institutional milestone. These initiatives expanded ISRN's ability to mobilize expertise, strengthen development programs, and access innovative financing mechanisms for social impact.

Project Partnership with Jhpiego

ISRN entered into a teaming agreement with Jhpiego, an affiliate of the Johns Hopkins University, for the proposed Health Project in UP. Under the arrangement, ISRN is designated as the lead organization, while Jhpiego will provide technical expertise and support in proposal development and implementation planning. This partnership has brought together ISRN's grassroots implementation capabilities and Jhpiego India's pan India recognized public health expertise.

Partnership with Girl Effect India

ISRN signed a teaming partnership with Girl Effect India in response to "Strengthening Menstrual Hygiene Management in India" Project under Project SHE of ISRN. The collaboration combined ISRN's extensive civil society networks and stakeholder engagement capabilities with Girl Effect's expertise in youth-centered research, behavioral insights, and evidence generation. ISRN serve as the lead applicant, while Girl Effect acting as the technical research and knowledge partner.

Advancing the Vision of Viksit Bharat

These partnerships and achievements reflect ISRN's commitment to:

- Strengthening public health and telemedicine initiatives.
- Advancing menstrual health and gender-responsive development.
- Building collaborations with globally recognized development institutions.
- Leveraging innovative social finance mechanisms through the Social Stock Exchange.
- Expanding opportunities for civil society organizations to create sustainable and measurable impact.

Through strategic partnerships, innovation, and collaborative action, ISRN continues to strengthen the civil society ecosystem and contribute towards the realization of a developed, inclusive, and empowered Viksit Bharat.

Registration on NSE Social Stock Exchange

A significant milestone for ISRN was its successful registration as a Social Entity – Not for Profit Organization (NPO) on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), effective from 25 May 2026. This registration positions ISRN among the pioneering 176 organizations leveraging India's innovative social finance ecosystem, enabling greater transparency, accountability, and future opportunities to mobilize resources for social development initiatives.



ISRN Is Proud To Announce That Now We Are A Registered Non Profit On SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE!

AGRICULTURE	EDUCATION	HEALTH
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26,000+ Farmers 2 States 46 FPOs <p> Working with 26,000+ farmers in H.P., Jammu, Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh through 46 FPOs to provide holistic and broad-based support for better productivity and higher incomes.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14,000 Students Benefited 500 Across 55 Schools <p> A model designed to enhance education quality in rural and urban schools. education quality</p> <p> Providing learning tools, sanitation, clean energy, safe drinking water, and smart classrooms.</p> <p> Benefiting 14,000 students and 500 teachers across 55 schools in UP, MP, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Haryana.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 72,915+ People Provided Health Services1,75,000 Covid-19 Doses Administered200 stakeholder Trained1,668 RI session sites <p> Provided health services to 72,915+ beneficiaries across 68 locations in Uttar Pradesh and trained 200 stakeholders.</p> <p> Reached 1.1 million+ people across five Northeastern states through COVID-19 vaccination and routine immunization support, including 175,000 vaccines and 19,960 immunizations.</p> 

Relationship Building Beyond Funding

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

**ISRN becomes a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
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The graphic features the ISRN logo at the top, which consists of two interlocking arrows forming a circle. Below the logo, the text reads 'ISRN becomes a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Accredited Organization'. The UN logo is prominently displayed in the center, with the words 'environment programme' underneath. A box containing an icon of three people and the text 'Advancing Global Responsibility for a Sustainable Future' is positioned below the UN logo. Further down, a line of text states 'This accreditation confers us with observer status at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)'. At the bottom, there are three icons representing 'ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION', 'SUSTAINABLE FUTURE', and 'GLOBAL COLLABORATION', followed by the website address 'www.isrn.in'. The entire graphic is framed with decorative orange and yellow elements, including a stylized cityscape and wind turbines at the bottom.

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LITTLE STEPS

Building Strong Foundations for Early Childhood Development May 2026 Update

The Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN), with the support of Honasa Consumer Limited, successfully completed the baseline assessment for the Honasa Little Step initiative, a community-focused programme aimed at establishing daycare and Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in the villages of Ghata and Kadarapur, Gurugram.

During May 2026, a comprehensive household survey was conducted covering 107 families with children aged 2–6 years. The assessment sought to understand the socio-economic conditions of families, existing childcare arrangements, health and nutrition practices, and the demand for structured early childhood care and learning services.

Key Insights from the Baseline Assessment

The findings revealed significant childcare and early learning gaps within the community:

- 84% of households have both parents engaged in work, highlighting a pressing need for reliable childcare support.
- 84% of children are not enrolled in any structured preschool or early childhood education programme, limiting opportunities for holistic development.
- Nearly 90% of children are cared for by siblings, neighbours, or remain unsupervised during working hours, exposing them to safety and developmental risks.
- Approximately 68% of families earn less than ₹20,000 per month, making quality childcare services financially inaccessible.
- Most notably, 100% of surveyed families expressed their willingness to enrol their children in the proposed daycare centres, demonstrating strong community demand and support for the initiative.



To address these challenges, the Centres will provide:

- Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)
- Safe and supervised daycare services
- Nutritious meals and regular health monitoring
- Hygiene and sanitation awareness
- Parent and caregiver engagement activities

Small steps taken today create brighter futures for tomorrow's children!

PROJECT PRERANA

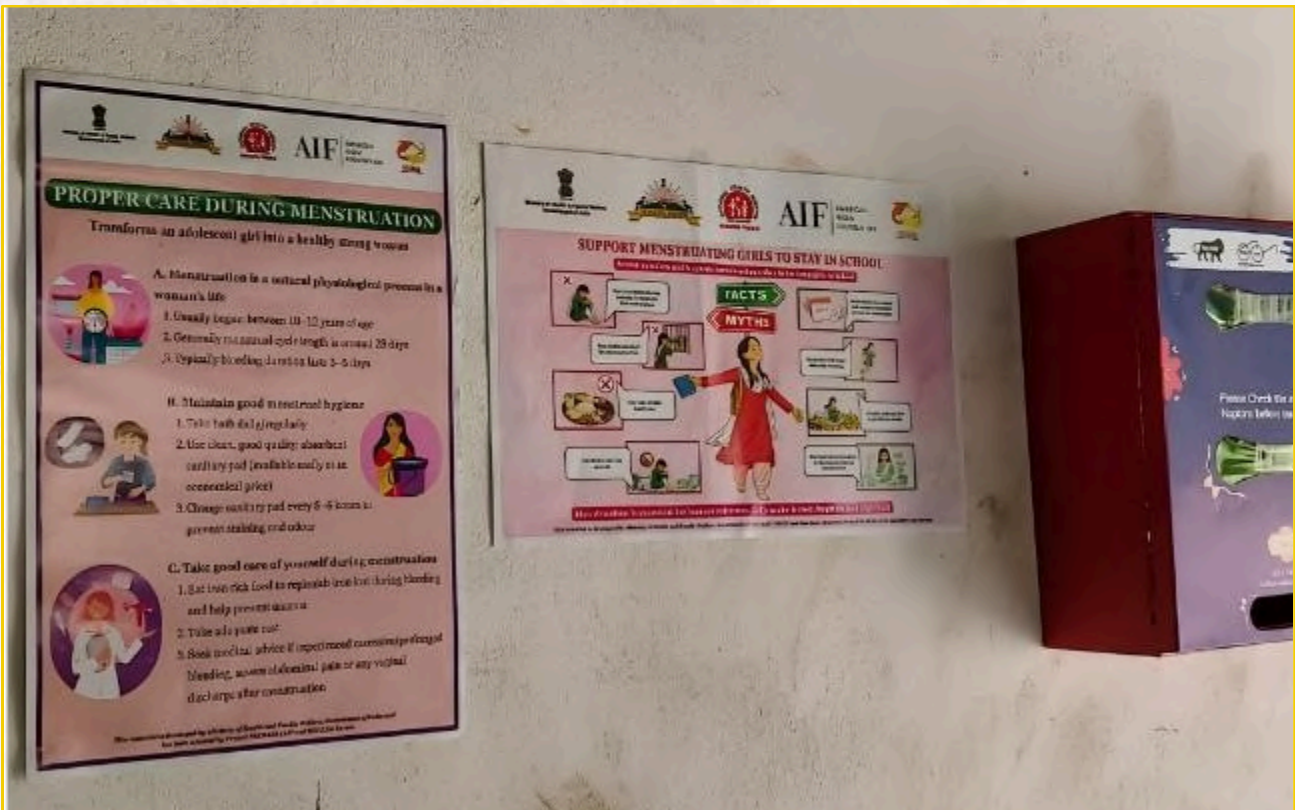
In May 2026, ISRN successfully concluded Project PRERANA, implemented with the support of the American India Foundation (AIF), to strengthen menstrual hygiene management and adolescent health among school-going girls in Papum Pare district, Arunachal Pradesh.

The project adopted a holistic approach combining stakeholder engagement, menstrual hygiene infrastructure, awareness generation and capacity building. As part of the initiative, seven schools were equipped with sanitary pad vending machines and incinerators, while 15,750 biodegradable sanitary pads were distributed to support safe and dignified menstrual hygiene practices. To ensure sustainability, 12 nodal teachers were trained on the operation and maintenance of the installed facilities.

Awareness sessions led by health professionals provided adolescent girls with accurate information on menstrual, reproductive and adolescent health, creating safe spaces for learning and discussion. Informative IEC materials further reinforced key health messages within school premises.

Overall, Project PRERANA reached 1,746 adolescent girls, contributing to improved awareness, reduced stigma and enhanced confidence in managing menstruation. Through its integrated interventions, the project has helped create a more supportive and health-conscious school environment, enabling girls to continue their education with dignity and confidence.





PROJECT SHE (SANITATION, HEALTH AND EMPOWERMENT)

During May 2026, ISRN continued to strengthen community awareness and engagement under Project SHE, implemented with the support of **John Snow India Private Limited (JSIPL)**, through a series of community-based outreach sessions across Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh. A total of **seven “Baatein Ghar Ghar Ki Sammelan” sessions** were conducted across project villages, bringing together parents, caregivers, adolescents and other community members to foster dialogue on adolescent health, menstrual hygiene, nutrition and anaemia prevention.

The Sammelans served as interactive platforms that encouraged open discussions on topics often considered sensitive within rural communities. Through participatory learning methods, community members were sensitized on the importance of safe and hygienic menstrual practices, appropriate sanitary waste disposal, the consumption of iron-rich local foods, and the need to create supportive home environments for adolescents, particularly girls.

The sessions also provided an opportunity to address prevailing misconceptions and traditional practices associated with menstruation, while highlighting the importance of preventing anaemia and promoting overall adolescent well-being. Participants actively engaged in discussions, shared personal experiences and reflected on practical ways to adopt healthier behaviours within their households and communities.

Coinciding with Menstrual Hygiene Day, observed globally on 28 May, the month’s activities reinforced the significance of breaking stigma, promoting informed choices and ensuring that menstruation is managed with dignity and confidence. Women and caregivers expressed a growing willingness to support better menstrual hygiene practices for adolescent girls, reflecting positive shifts in community attitudes.

Through sustained community engagement and awareness-building efforts, Project SHE continues to create an enabling environment that supports informed decision-making, encourages healthy behaviours and strengthens community ownership towards improved health and well-being outcomes for adolescents.

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Improved menstrual health dignity and confidence.



Stronger community support for adolescent girls.



Positive shifts in community attitudes and behaviours.



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THE HARSH REALITIES OF THE "GREEN" ILLUSION: TWO REAL TIME SLIDES OF METER

It is a cycle of performative environmentalism and calculated destruction. Here is the reality of our modern urban landscape:

Every year, tax money is poured into high profile "plantation drives" that are little more than photo ops. We plant saplings in the wrong soil at the wrong time and then abandon them to wither. It is not reforestation; it is premeditated waste. We spend millions to plant what we refuse to protect.

Hypocrisy in the Heatwave

We complain about record-breaking summers while holding the saws that cut down the shade. People cry foul about rising temperatures from the comfort of air-conditioned rooms, yet they view a 50-year-old tree as a "nuisance" because its leaves fall on their driveway. We want the cooling effects of nature without the "mess" of biology.

The data on your thermometer does not lie:

- The Road: A radiating furnace of asphalt and concrete. [See real-life slide, which shows temperature and time in Ahmedabad.]



- The Tree-Covered Home: A living sanctuary. The difference is not just a few degrees; it is the difference between a liveable habitat and an oven. We are building heat traps and calling it "progress." [See real life slide with difference] You judge yourself temperature gap.



- We operate under the delusion that "Development" and "Environment" are on opposite sides of a ledger, in reality:
- Economics ignores the "invisible" cost of lung capacity, respiratory illness, heatstroke, and energy consumption.
- The Bottom Line: We are subsidizing our own discomfort. We destroy the existing canopy—the only infrastructure that actually works—and replace it with expensive, dying saplings and more concrete. We are not developing; we are just terraforming ourselves out of a future.



Jagat Kinkhabwala

Menstrual Hygiene: Beyond a Health Issue, A Matter of Dignity, Equality, and Inclusion

By Dr. Ekta Vyas



Every month, millions of women and girls experience a natural biological process that is fundamental to life itself. Yet, menstruation continues to be surrounded by silence, stigma, and misinformation across many parts of the world. Despite growing awareness and improved access to menstrual hygiene products, menstruation often remains a topic discussed in whispers rather than with openness and understanding.

As we observed Menstrual Hygiene Day on 28 May, it offered an important opportunity to reflect on a simple yet powerful question: Why, in the 21st century, does menstruation continue to limit access to education, health, dignity, and opportunities for so many women and girls?



THE IMPACT GOES BEYOND HEALTH

Menstrual hygiene affects far more than physical well-being. Inadequate access to products, sanitation, and information can lead to school absenteeism, low confidence, and limited participation in daily activities. For women, menstrual stigma can impact workplace experiences, mobility, and quality of life.



BREAKING THE SILENCE, CHALLENGING THE STIGMA

Myths, taboos, and harmful practices persist in many communities—restricting movement, participation in social or religious activities, and open conversations. These not only spread misinformation but also reinforce gender inequality and social exclusion.



A HOLISTIC AND COLLECTIVE APPROACH

Building a menstruation-friendly society requires more than distributing sanitary products. It calls for awareness, education, accessible healthcare, improved WASH infrastructure, and supportive environments. Families, schools, workplaces, health systems, community leaders, and organizations must work together to normalize conversations and break the stigma.



ENGAGING ALL, EMPOWERING CHANGE

Engaging boys and men is essential. By fostering awareness, challenging myths, and encouraging empathy and support, we can create enabling environments where menstruation is understood, normalized, and free from stigma.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE IS DEVELOPMENT



Education

Supports school attendance and girls' empowerment



Gender Equality

Upholds women's rights and challenges stigma



Health

Promotes physical, mental, and reproductive well-being



Social Inclusion

Encourages participation in community and social life



Economic Participation

Enhances productivity, confidence, and livelihood opportunities



Human Rights

Recognizes menstrual dignity as a fundamental human right

THE PATH FORWARD



Replace Silence with Dialogue

Open conversations lead to understanding and acceptance.



Replace Stigma with Empathy

Empathy builds respect, support, and stronger communities.



Replace Exclusion with Inclusion

Inclusion ensures every girl and woman can thrive with dignity.



Enable Dignity, Health & Equality

When empowered, women and girls transform communities.

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Menstrual Hygiene Day serves as a reminder that dignity begins with understanding. When girls and women are empowered with knowledge, supported by enabling environments, and provided with the resources they need, menstruation ceases to be a challenge and becomes what it truly is: a natural and healthy part of life.

The path forward lies in replacing silence with dialogue, stigma with empathy, and exclusion with inclusion. Through collective action, awareness, and community engagement, we can help build a future where no girl misses an educational opportunity, no woman feels ashamed because of a biological process, and menstrual health is recognized as a fundamental component of overall well-being and sustainable development.

Because dignity, health, and equality should never be determined by a biological process.

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Personal Safety Strategies on the Internet / Using Social Networking Sites Safely

Introduction

People need to know how to stay safe online because the Internet is becoming a bigger part of our daily lives. This is particularly true when it comes to social networking sites, which have evolved into one of the main ways we engage with others online. In this chapter, we will look at some personal safety techniques so you can use social networking sites without being hurt.

Understanding the Risks

Users can create profiles on social networking sites and connect with people online. These websites do, however, pose some dangers. Users could come into contact with internet predators, identity thieves, or bullies, for instance, people should be aware of these risks and take precautions to keep themselves safe.

Protecting Personal Information

Protecting personal information is one of the most crucial methods to be secure on social networking platforms. This includes keeping private information like phone numbers, home addresses, and passwords private. Users should restrict the amount of personal information they share on their profiles and use caution when accepting friend requests from strangers.

Using Privacy Settings

Most social networking sites provide users with various privacy options that let them choose who can view their profile and what information is made public. Users should become familiar with these settings and make any necessary adjustments. Users could want to restrict who can view their posts or tag them in pictures, for instance.

Recognising Scams

Scams frequently target social networking websites. These might appear as phishing scams, phoney friend requests, or deceptive offers. Users must be able to spot these scams in order to stay safe from being a victim. This includes exercising caution while opening attachments or clicking links from unidentified sources.

Monitoring Activity

Users should routinely monitor their online activities on social networking sites. To ensure there hasn't been any unwanted activity, this includes looking over friend requests and messages, checking privacy settings, and reviewing their timeline. Additionally, users should be aware of any modifications to the site's terms of service and change their settings as necessary.

Reporting Abusive Behavior

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The users of social networking platforms should report any abusive behaviour they come across. This includes unacceptable behaviour such as harassment or cyberbullying. Additionally, users should notify the site's administrators or relevant local law enforcement of any shady behaviour or communications.

New and Emerging Social Media Applications

All of us are aware of the leading social media platforms, but in contemporary times, we have come across various new social media applications. Some of the genres of such platforms include:

- Micro Blogging Sites
- Social Media Sites
- Online Streaming sites
- Job Sites
- Online Gaming Platforms

These platforms are used for different purposes but all converge to the main aspect of socialising.

Third Party Affiliation

One should always be careful and aware about the use of one's data by third parties in over any platform and device. Always check for the cookies and privacy policy for engagement with third party apps. Data breach from unknown third parties is an ever-present threat and the same should be considered before sharing one's data and personal information with third-party vendors.

Conclusion

Users can profit from social networking services while lowering their dangers by adhering to these personal safety tips. People should be aware of the risks and take precautions to safeguard themselves and others online.

What to do when you Encounter Inappropriate Sites on the Internet

Introduction

It's crucial for children to have the knowledge and abilities to navigate the internet environment in today's linked society responsibly. Unfortunately, they may occasionally be exposed by the internet to improper material that is potentially hurtful, offensive, or unlawful. In this chapter, we'll go into the issue of running into inappropriate websites online and look at useful coping mechanisms.

Understanding Inappropriate Content

Violence, pornography, hate speech, and unlawful activity are just a few examples of the types of materials that fall under the umbrella of inappropriate content and are not fit for particular audiences. Helping children comprehend the possible risks connected to coming across such content is essential because it can have an influence on their values, general online experiences, and mental and emotional health.

Recognising Inappropriate Sites

You should know how to identify inappropriate sites as it is fundamental in empowering to stay safe online. Here are some key aspects to recognising inappropriate sites:

- **Content Discrepancy:** Inappropriate sites often display content that contradicts their stated purpose or contains explicit, offensive, or illegal material. You should scrutinise the content and assess its appropriateness.
- **Design and Functionality:** Inappropriate sites may exhibit poor design quality, excessive advertisements, or suspicious pop-ups. These factors can be indicators of an untrustworthy or potentially harmful site.
- **User-Generated Content:** Websites that allow user-generated content, such as forums or social media platforms, can pose risks as they may not have adequate moderation. You should be cautious while navigating such platforms and should report any inappropriate content you come across online.
- **Search Engine Awareness:** You need to develop the ability to assess search results critically. Learn to be wary of misleading or suspicious website descriptions and to prioritise reputable sources.



Taking Action

Act appropriately when encountering inappropriate sites is essential for your online safety. Here are key steps to emphasise:

Close the Site: Close the inappropriate site immediately by clicking the "X" button or using the browser close tab function. It's crucial to stress the importance of not engaging further with such content.

Report the Site: Always report the inappropriate site to the appropriate authorities or website administrators. Reporting mechanisms, such as reporting abuse on social media platforms or contacting local law enforcement are essential learning in the significance of contributing to a safer online environment by reporting inappropriate content.

Seek Support: Always value asking a reliable adult or teacher for help if you encounter improper content. Keep open communication to discuss issues and seek required direction and support. Encourage peers to share their thoughts and feelings so they may realise they are not the only ones dealing with these difficulties.

Promote Responsible Digital Citizenship: Inform peers about appropriate internet conduct, underlining the value of avoiding disseminating or sharing offensive material. Always consider how your activities may affect others and maintain constructive interaction online.

Promoting Digital Well-being

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- **Establish Open Communication:** Maintain and create a safe and supportive environment where peers and friends feel comfortable discussing concerns or encounters with inappropriate content. Encourage open communication and ensure peers and friends understand they can turn to trusted adults for guidance.
- **Develop Digital Resilience:** Inculcate critical thinking skills and media literacy to discern credible sources and assess the reliability and appropriateness of online information. Learn to build digital resilience by understanding critical inquiry to make informed decisions.
- **Safe Browsing Practices:** Inculcate safe browsing habits, including using reputable search engines and approaching cyber security experts and counsellors at school to address the physical as well as mental attributes.

Conclusion

In conclusion, finding improper websites online is a problem that needs to be addressed head-on. We can equip ourselves to navigate the internet ethically by learning to recognise and respond to such content. A safer online environment will result from users learning how to block harmful websites, report them, get advice, and practice responsible digital citizenship. Open communication, digital resiliency, and safe browsing habits should be inculcated to further improve their general digital well-being.

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Revitalizing the capacities of Civil Society Organizations

HIGH VOLTAGE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (HVDS) SAFETY CAMPAIGN

‘सुरक्षित घर – सुरक्षित जीवन’

Expanding Impact: Phase II Launch Across South Delhi

Building on the successful implementation and encouraging community response from Phase I, the ISRN, in partnership with BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL), is set to launch **Phase II of the "सुरक्षित घर – सुरक्षित जीवन" High-Tension (HT) Electricity Safety Awareness & Risk Reduction Campaign** across identified high-risk locations in South Delhi.

As Delhi's power distribution network continues to expand through the High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS), the need for community awareness around electrical safety has become increasingly important, particularly in densely populated and unplanned settlements where electrical infrastructure often exists in close proximity to residential spaces

The upcoming intervention is a focused **two-month community engagement programme** that aims to strengthen public awareness, promote safe practices, and reduce electrical hazards among approximately **4,500 households** across the BRPL license area.

Key Components of Phase II

- Door-to-door household sensitisation and community risk mapping
- Community mobilisation and stakeholder engagement activities
- IEC-based safety communication and digital outreach campaigns
- Hazard identification and reporting support mechanisms
- School-based electrical safety sessions to encourage behavioural change among children and youth
- Formation of a Community Safety Champion Network to ensure long-term sustainability and local ownership

Moving Towards Safer Communities

The continued collaboration between BSES and ISRN reflects a shared commitment towards creating safer neighbourhoods through preventive awareness, community participation, and responsible engagement with electrical infrastructure. By combining grassroots outreach with behaviour-change communication, Phase II aims to further strengthen electrical safety practices and contribute towards building resilient and informed communities across Delhi.

AI LABS FOR FUTURE SKILLS | HMD

The AI Labs for Future Skills Initiative, being implemented by ISRN in partnership with HMD, continued to make steady progress during May 2026 through key preparatory and implementation-readiness activities.

During the month, two CM SHRI Schools in Delhi—SOSE Gandhi Nagar and SBV No. 2 Shakarpur—were finalized following detailed assessments and stakeholder consultations. Technical planning, vendor evaluation, and infrastructure mapping were also completed to ensure the labs are aligned with school requirements and future-ready learning objectives.

Simultaneously, curriculum development efforts commenced with a focus on experiential, project-based AI learning, while operational planning and stakeholder engagement activities continued to strengthen implementation readiness.

The initiative remains on track towards establishing innovative learning spaces that will nurture digital literacy, creativity, problem-solving, and future skills among students. Preparations for the launch of the AI Labs are currently underway.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR FPOS IN UTTAR PRADESH

ISRN recently organized a capacity-building program for 9 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) across Sitapur (5 FPOs) and Lakhimpur (4 FPOs) districts in Uttar Pradesh.

The program saw active participation from CEOs, Board of Directors (BoD) members, accountants, and shareholders of the FPOs, along with ISRN representatives and field officers. The sessions were designed to be interactive and practical, ensuring that participants could easily understand and apply the learnings in their day-to-day work.

Key topics covered during the program included credit linkages, improving business performance, exploring market opportunities, and strengthening overall FPO operations. Participants also discussed common challenges faced by FPOs, such as access to finance, market connections, and operational management, and worked together to identify possible solutions.

The program provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, learning, and building stronger coordination between FPO teams and ISRN. Such regular on-ground engagements help in building the capacity of FPOs and enable them to grow into more efficient, sustainable, and farmer-focused organizations.



ISRN believes that having the 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 840 Member Organisations, fostering a symbolic growth system

We genuinely appreciate all of your help, love, and support for ISRN.

We humbly ask that you continue to provide us with support, advice, and invaluable assistance that will enable us to ensure that each and everyone is empowered to grow and flourish in their own unique way.

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