

CSO – GOVT relationships



Year 1857

- “ The first war of Independence
- “ Sepoy Mutiny
- “ The beginnings of civil society
- “ Lord Canning the first Viceroy of India
- “ Law to regulate society
- “ 1860 Societies Act
- “ John Lang – An Australian lawyer who supported Rani Jhansi who was killed in 1857

Macro view of civil society

- “ 3.2 million strong
- “ Total workforce of 18.2 million workers
- “ Exceeds the public sector workforce
- “ 2.7 million are paid workers, rest voluntary
- “ 72,792 crores spent serving people
- “ Approx 2.1 % of GDP

Phases of Voluntary Sector – 19th century Reform Pre and post 1857

- “ Rise in the east –Atmiya Sabha 1815- Anglo Vedic Society by Roy – Brahmo Samaj
- “ Faradi society by Haji Shariatullah , 1818
- “ Swaminarayan Sect Bochasanwadi -1844
- “ Darul – Uloom, Deoband -1866
- “ 10 April 1874 Bombay Arya Samaj
- “ DAV Society 17 February 1886 (punjab)
- “ Ramakrishna Mission - 1898
- “ Beas Satsang in December 1903

20th century

- “ Mahatma Gandhi Textile Labour Union
- “ Sarva Seva Sangh – 1948 after Gandhi’s tragic death
- “ Seventh Five year Plan – Govt CSO funding begins
1985 Rajiv Gandhi
- “ Grows to 36000 crores
- “ Accountability falls below the mark
- “ Lack of transparency
- “ Govt tightens FCRA and tax from 1995

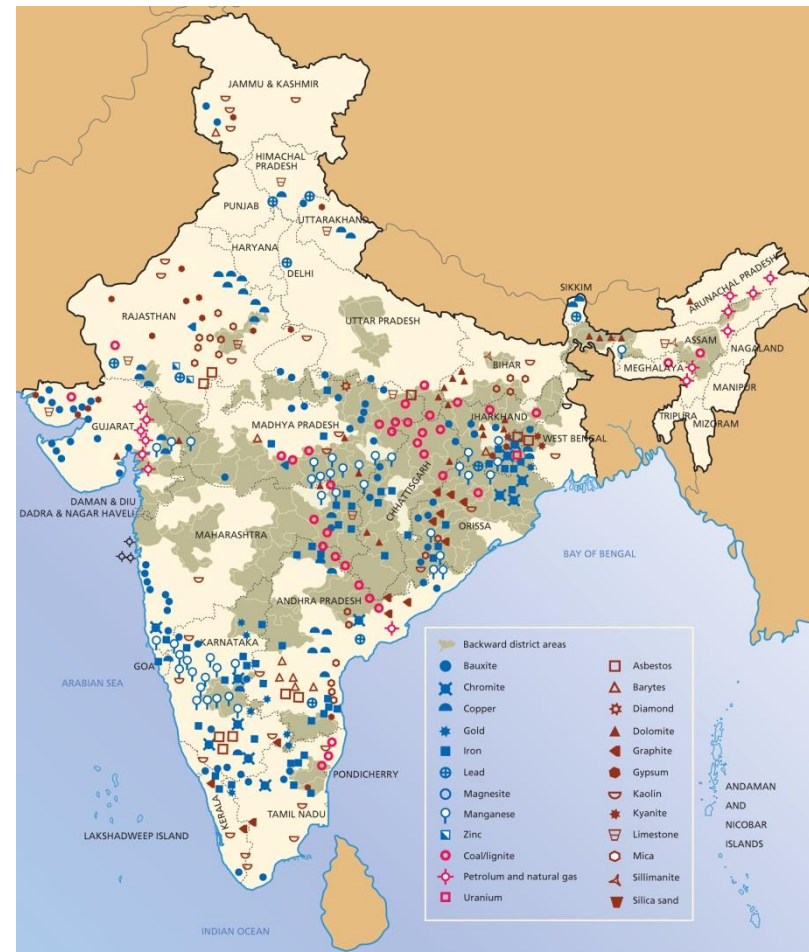
Philanthropic Traditions in India –

Rise of Giving in India

- “ Hindu Philanthropy – Desh Kaal and Patra
- “ Islamic Philanthropy- Zakat and Wakfs
- “ Sikh Philanthropy- Dasvandh and Kar Seva
- “ Christian Philanthropy- Tyeth
- “ “ what you do to the least of them you do unto Me “ St Luke
- “ Syncretic culture in non profits

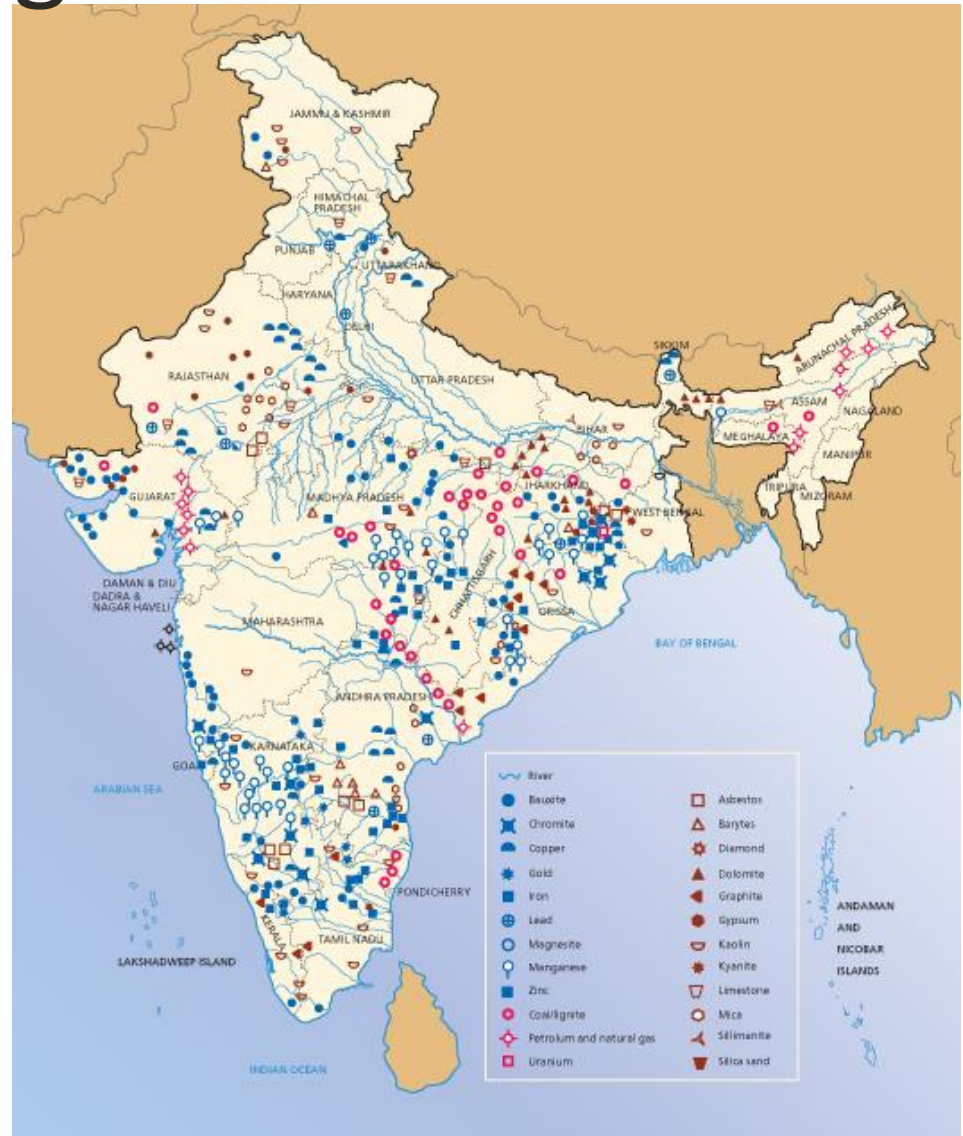
NGO's working with the poor

- “ Jal, Jangal , Jameen
- “ Water, Forests and Land
- “ PV Rajgopal of Ekta Parishad
- “ Fr Jacob Thundyil of PREM in Orissa
- “ Medha Patkar and NARMADA DAM
- “ Vandana Shiva and Anti GM foods



Rejuvenation of water- Rajendra Singh

- Huge impact on water resources - both surface and groundwater
- Destroys small streams and rivers
- Groundwater is depleted as water table breached - 40% limestone mines;
- Rivers rejuvenated in Alwar district.



Accountability in the Sector – Self regulation

- “ Code of Conduct - Bunker Roy,1986
- “ Formation of CAPART
- “ Many NGO’s misused Govt Grants
- “ Accountability needed.
- “ Formation of Credibility Alliance in 2003
- “ Founder Chairman of Credibility Alliance

Social Movements in India –post 1980

- “ Tribal struggles
- “ Rise of displacement of indigeneous people in India
- “ Narmada struggle
- “ Fishermen’s struggle
- “ Anti nuclear movement
- “ Anti coal power movement – Clean energy
- “ Tighter regulation of NGO’s

Right to Information-RTI

- “ Work in Tilonia by Bunker and Aruna Roy
- “ Formation of Social Work and Research Centre
- “ Barefoot College – Tilonia
- “ MKSS work in Bhim
- “ Corruption in Public Works
- “ Right to Information Bill

Increasing regulation of civil society

- “ Only 2000 crores out of Rs 16 billion being received by the sector (just under 5%)
- “ Aid has been decreasing to India under 0.18 %
- “ excessive scrutiny of non profits
- “ Greenpeace, Amnesty banned from working
- “ Mining lobby and anti Environment corporate lobby very active
- “ IB report in 2014.

Poorest Districts

- “ India has 100 very poor districts. Now 115 Aspirational districts
- “ There are 6000 blocks in the country out of which 500 blocks have high levels of chronic poverty
- “ 5 states contribute to 80 % of the poverty commonly referred to as BIMAROU states

New regulations

- “ FCRA Act tightened- Five year renewal of registration not granted to 10,000 ngos
- “ Tax exemption on Giving reduced from 100 to 50 % . Section 35 AC cancelled
- “ Arbitrary FCRA audit and scrutiny of certain NGO's
- “ Tax Scrutiny to NGO's
- “ General harassment from 2014 -2018