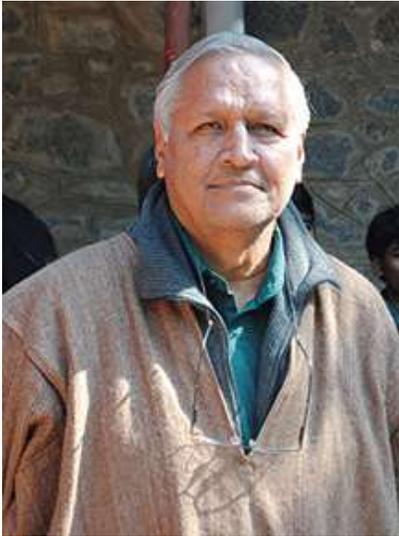


Barefoot College legend

Sanjit ('Bunker') Roy is the much-acclaimed legendary promoter-director of the Social Work and Research Centre (SWRC), Tilonia (Rajasthan), popularly known as The Barefoot College established 1972 .



Sanjit says :

“ I had a very privileged Doon School and **St. Stephen's** education and was set to enter the civil service, when I visited Bihar during a great drought and famine in the mid-1960s. What I witnessed there prompted me to believe I could make a greater contribution to national development by working in rural India. Therefore, I signed up with Catholic Relief Services — a US-based NGO — which sent me to Ajmer to dig 500 irrigation wells in five years. During this period, I met Meghraj, a Jat well-driller who came from Tilonia and taught me everything about well drilling. He encouraged me to start a rural community college in Tilonia ”.

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strives to tangibly improve the quality of life of people in village India, particularly the abject poor living on less than \$1 per day by empowering them to bring light and water into their homes, and to build capacity and capability within their own communities to improve productivity and incomes.

The BC curriculum which combines primary and vocational education designed for village schools, is informal, connected with village life and situations, and is deliberately uncertified to retain our graduates in their native communities.

The College has trained solar and rainwater harvesting master trainers and teachers who have spread out to **673 villages in eight states** across the country. In all of them, the **UN Millennium Development Goals** — full productive employment and decent work for all; universal primary education; women's empowerment and gender equality; reduction of child mortality and improved maternal health; environmental sustainability and halving the proportion of people with access to safe drinking water and sanitation and developing global partnerships for development — have been substantially attained.

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