

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020-21



SHAKTI

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From Secretary's Desk.....

Dear Friends,

We crossed another successful year and I am happy to share with you some of our recent experiences, challenges and achievements in this COVID-19 pandemic situation. From our humble beginnings in 2003, we have continued to play the role of a catalyst in mobilizing and empowering the marginalized communities through increased range of programmes and activities to address the root causes of issues like poverty, deprivation, exploitation and abuse that hamper the realization of their civic and humane rights. From the marginalized beneficiary in remote village to the People's organizations, we see the beginning of transformational changes taking shape as our people start walking with a new purpose with renewed vigor. It has been a successful year and this annual report outlines our progress in community development, sustainable agriculture, COVID-19 and disaster preparedness. However, the problems of climate change, water crisis and natural disasters are increasing and food shortages remain a serious threat to those people who are already living in poverty. In this context of unequal distribution of opportunities and resources, we have been working with our partners to empower communities to access their rights and entitlements. We have continued our work in conservation and utilization of local resources to achieve ecological balance and build sustainable livelihoods.

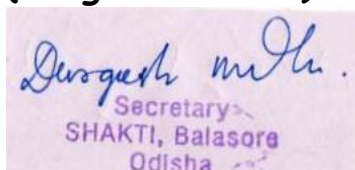
As always, the challenges have been many, but as our vision gets transformed to veracity, many hurdles are watered down.

We would not be reporting such progress if it were not for the unfailing support and contributions of our friends and supporters. I take this opportunity to thank our partners, supporting and funding agencies for sharing our collective dream and contributing their precious time and thoughts towards its realization.

I would also like to thank the members of General Body and Governing Body as well as staffs and volunteers for their guidance and support over the years for their commitment and hard work.

With best regards...

(Durgesh Mishra)



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1. INTRODUCTION:

This year is a year of learning for the entire world during this COVID-19 pandemic situation. The entire human being got a lesion in this situation. As like previous years SHAKTI is going to produce its annual activity report that have been implemented during the periodic span 2020-21. It is no doubt, a procedural formality to implore the attention of those who concern most for the integrated development and all round prosperity of the society and its humble denizens. While documenting the flurry of activities of SHAKTI that have been unleashed during the year under report to assuage all sorts of human maladies, it is but natural that there is a mixed reaction of triumph and tribulations. Instances might have been reckoned where some vested interests would be maintaining uncouth temperament, but instead of bringing any retrogressive impact, it could doubly rejuvenate our committed volunteers to go ahead with the sublime mission. Intermittent commotions, if any, have seldom barricaded since our workers have been adequately oriented and acclimatized to weigh the bouquets and brickbats in the same mood and measure.

Almost thirteen years have passed so far and the organization is in a adolescent position. With varied and varieties of experiences obtained from plateau to the plan, the dedicated lieutenants of SHAKTI are stridently propelling ahead for attainment of the avowed objective i.e a society free from hunger, disease and discrimination. SHAKTI has actively associated in implementing various socioeconomic ameliorative programmes.

2. ENTREPRENUERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

Every year SHAKTI has focused on entrepreneurship development programme. But this year due to COVID-19 pandemic, this training programme was not conducted.

3. FOOD PROCESSING TRAINING CENTRE:

The organisaiton is running one food processing training centre supported by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India, every year we trained people in this sector. This year this number is little less due to COVID-19. Still we trained 30 persons both male and female had given training. It is also working as a canning centre where general people may processed their foods by giving nominal fees. This is a great achievement for us. Now the rural women can be trained on other items apart from Jam and Jelly making in free of cost. This training centre has been working as production centre. Now the rural women also produce badi and Papad which has been marked by SHAKTI.

5. COMMUNITY REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOUR:

Our organization is a member of CACL(Campaign Against Child Labour), a state label organization. Child labour issue is a threaten to our nation's prosperity and development. It should be immediately banned and all GO/NGO should work sincerely about the issue. SHAKTI is running 2 nos of Child labour schools in Padhuan and Jagannathapur GP under Basudevpur block of Bhadrak district. Last year 30 nos

of children had admitted to the general school and successfully continue their study by constant supervision and follow up of our organization.

6. GRLTP PROGRAMME:

SHAKTI has conducted one Grass Root Level Training Programme (GRLTP) at balikana village of Muruna GP in Simulia block. This programme was supported by NABARD. 50 women SHG members were participated from 10 nos of SHGs. The DDM, NABARD, Balasore, Asst Horticulture Officer, Simulia block, Asst. Agriculture Officer, Simulia block and Branch manager, Union Bank of India, markona branch joined as resource person and guest in this programme. The programme was totally focused upon how to make the women SHG groups self sustainable by creating entrepreneurship mind among them. This was a one day training session and it is a most effective training programme.

7. PROGRAMME FOR ARTISANS:

As like previous years, this year also emphasized had been given to ensure livelihood of artisans. The artisans of Bamboo, Cane craft, Golden grass, Potters, Wood craft artisans of Jagannathpur, Bachhada, Artung, Gud, Padhuan, Betada, Simulia, Soro, Bideipur under Balasore and Bhadrak district had benefited. The organization had taken initiative to make these places under Cluster Development Programme to enhance their capacity to produce value added products which are market applicable and decorative which provides handsome income. As like the previous years this year also our organization has also started purchasing the handicraft products from artisans and sale in its own initiative. By this process more than 200 artisans were benefited.

8. CARE AND SUPPORT OF THE OLDER WIDOW PERSONS:

The Old age home for older widow persons run by our organization at its registered office, Sadhubir for the benefit of older persons of Simulia, Khaira and Soro blocks of Balasore district. In the home this year 15 nos of home less older widows are staying. They had given two times meal and 2 times Tiffin in each day. Apart from that the holy books, musical instruments and game materials have been arranged by the organization for their time pass. Regular health check up have been done. Yoga and Pranayam trainings also arranged for them. A leadership has emerged among them in the meanwhile and some unknown history of the areas were also come to out side. This old age home was supported by the philanthropic persons donation of the area.

9. PROGRAMME FOR STREET CHILDREN AND BAGGERS:

As like previous years, our Bal Abas at Jamjhadi has been running successfully by getting public donation and on behalf of our organization, I would like to give thanks to those generous persons who extended support for this noble work. Out of 12 children 11 had already gone to their home to continue their higher study. Similarly 6 street children newly joined in the camp. Our organization will try to make it permanent and to get Govt. fund.

10. MEETING ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING:

An anti trafficking meeting had been conducted at Brahmani Gan Gp of Basudevpur block in Bhadrak district. The daily women labourers, fisher women and

other working women had participated in the programme. Mrs. Pritilata Mohanty, Social Worker had addressed them as chief guest and suggested them some valuable things which can be useful in their day to day life. The programme was very successful and appreciated by the local people, participants and the port authority.

11. PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE:

Now a days the youths and teenagers victimize on this issue from early college days. This is a great threat to our nation and every citizen has to think about this. Taking this in view our organization had conducted 2 nos of meetings and awareness rallies in Ghatagan block of Keonjhar district and Udala block of Mayurbhanj district. Hundreds of youths and general public had participated in rallies. Slogans and playcards have shown in the rally. In the meeting it was emphasized upon 'will power' and 'yogic' methods. In our registered office our co-ordinator counsels the alcohol victims regularly.

12. SEMINAR ON LOK NATYA/JATRA:

A seminar had conducted on "LOKNATYA/JATRA- The Present scenario" at Chalunigan Gp in Simulia block of Balasore district on the eve of Buddha Purnima. People from cross sections of the society had participated and had given their views. As Balasore district is one of the culture district, Loka Natya is also another oldest culture which burished in the modern society. In the meeting the views were collected from the eminent persons. Our organization had given responsibility by the participants to take leading role to revive this culture. So our organsiation conducted one Yatra at Sadhubir village on the eve of Budhha Purnima by the local artists. In this occasion our organisaiton facilitates eminent artists like Mr. Jagabandhu Ratha, Pradip Ku Das, Gouranga Ch. Lenka and Ananta Pr. Padhi in the area by Manapatra and cash prize.

14. PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN RURAL AREAS:

To popularize science in rural areas of Keonjhar district, the organsiation arranged one seminar and Chhau nrutya troop to spread messages of science in the local languages at Harichandanpur block. This programme was very much successful. The chief scientist Dr. Sudhansu Mohan Das headed the meeting and the entire session. School and college students along with public had participated in the meeting.

15. SEMINAR ON BIO DIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND EARTH DAY CELEBRATION:

A seminar had conducted on the various issues of environment and ocean in Gopoprana Mahavidyalaya on the eve of World Earth Day i.e. 22.04.21. The topic was "BIO DIVERSITY CONSERVATION". The meeting was headed by Dr. Purna Ch. Singh, Principal, G.P. Mahavidyalaya. More than 200 students, eminent persons from the society, Civil society organisations, SHG leaders had participated in the meeting.

16 ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

One sensitization cum awareness programme had conducted by our organization for the minority (Muslim) girls of Puruna Bazar in Bhadrak district. In the programme more than 25 Muslim girls had participated, where so many things had been discussed faced by them in the society. They also share some interesting stories which they had faced in the society. The programme was very much appreciated by the locals.

17. YOGA TRAINING CAMP::

The organization is running a coaching centre at College Square, district headquarter of Bhadrak district by giving free coaching to SC/ST/OBC and Minority students on Railway, Banking, OTET other competitive examinations. This year 40 students had given coaching. Most of the students got success.

18. PROGRAMME ON COVID -19:

The organization this year conducted so many awareness camps on use of renewable energy like- Solar and Bio Gas. In Nayagarh district, more than 50 solar street lights installed in different GPs by creating awareness among the PRI members. Similarly 5 Bio Gas plants had constructed in rural areas of Bhadrak district.

19. PROGRAMME ON WATER CONSERVATION:

Water is life and the water level is decreasing day by day. The scarcity of water affects the growth of the nation. So creating awareness on proper uses of water is very much necessary. Keonjhar is a district where water scarcity occurs from the month of March to July. Our organization organized meetings among local people by creating awareness on conservation of water, watershed management and different diseases spread by contaminated water.

17. MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMME:

Apart from these programmes our organization has also done so many research and evaluation works, Surveys for different agencies in collaboration with other organizations. The National Youth-Day was observed at different places of our target area to involve more and more youths in the reconstruction of the nation and sensitize them of their duties towards nation.

The international women's day: To inculcate a spirit of awareness on Human/Women rights symposiums and rallies were conducted at Simulia, Basudevpur, Champua to highlight on girl child education, dowry consequence, mal nutrition and economical empowerment of women through group action (SHG), environment restoration and other so many issues related to them.

The world Forest Day: To preserve Mangrove forest and maintain bio diversity thereby the world forest-day was observed at Bibek Bharati Vidyalaya, Jagannathpur, Basudevpur.

The International Labour day: It was observed at Padhuan in Bhadrak district and Bhandra in Keonjhar district with participation of 40 child labours and 25 labours. Apart from these all other national days like Independence Day, Republic day, Gandhi Jayanti and other important days like International Yoga Day,, World AIDS Day and other important day have been celebrated in its office premises.



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