

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021-22



SHAKTI

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From Secretary's Desk.....

Dear Friends,

I am humbled to present the Annual Report of SHAKTI for the financial year 2021-22. With each passing year, the organization has only grown strength to strength and it is truly encouraging to see its work impacting its beneficiaries.

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.

We are conscious of our responsibility towards development of society in any means. This year the organization stepping into lots of research and survey works with new partners like NuSocia, Everest foundation, Vedanta, SRF foundation etc..

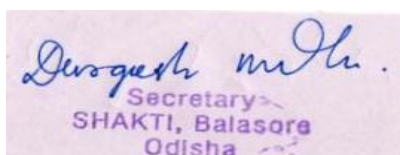
From the marginalized beneficiary in remote village to the People's organizations, we see the beginning of transformational changes taking shape as our people start walking with a new purpose with renewed vigor. It has been a successful year and this annual report outlines our progress in community development, sustainable agriculture, Education 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 we move into a new year with optimism, I would like to thank my colleagues and staffs for their unwavering commitment to execute the initiatives of the organization and contribute to a positive change in our society. I am also grateful to our partners for their continued support and conviction that helps us push the boundaries and raise the bar each time achieving our aspirations for our state and as well as for our country.

As COVID-19 ravaged the country, SHAKTI stepped into help. Organisation provided critical help to various needy families and plays a vital role to those families whose income severely effected by this pandemic. Once again I extended my thankfulness to all.

With best regards...

(Durgesh Mishra)



Secretary
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1. INTRODUCTION:

After COVID Pandemic, this year is a very crucial year for our organization to do a lot for the beneficiaries of our target area. So many families are job less, so many families are guardian less and many more. In this situation. We have to start some income generation programme immediately for the needy beneficiaries. As like previous years SHAKTI is going to produce its annual activity report that have been implemented during the periodic span 2021-22. 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 19 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. RESEARCH EVALUATION AND SURVEY

SHAKTI is always gives emphasis upon research, survey and evaluation. This year SHAKTI conducted need assessment and impact surveys for various companies and organisations through NuSocia.

Need Assessment of Bhadrak, Jaipur and Dhenkanal district

One need assessment survey through house hold survey, FGD, KII has been conducted for FACOR-VEDANTA through NuSocia in Bhadrak, Jaipur and Dhenkanal district of Odisha. In Bhadrak 8 GPs. In Jaipur (Sukinda block), 8 GPs and in Dhenkanal (Kankadahada block) 4 GPs. The survey has been conducted about overall social, financial and cultural details of every house holds. In these three districts, 16000 house holds covered in the need assessment survey.

Need Assessment at Kolkata Municipality

Similarly one need assessment survey has been conducted for EVEREST Foundation through NuSocia in Gardenreach (Metia Burz) area of Kolkata municipality. 600 house holds of slums had been covered in three nos of wards. Detail need assessment assessment of slum dwellers had been conducted.

Impact Assessment Survey at Nuh district of Haryana

One impact assessment survey had been conducted for SRF foundation through NuSocia at Mewat – Nuh district of Haryana in primary and middle schools. The survey had been conducted in the 45 nos of primary and middle schools of this district where the ERF foundation implemented education development project in these areas.

3. 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 20 nos of children had admitted to the general school and successfully continue their study by constant supervision and follow up of our organisation.

4. PROGRAMME FOR ARTISANS AND POTTERS

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, Nilagiri 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 400 artisans were benefited.

5. OLDAGE HOME FOR OLDER WIDOW PERSONS

The Old age home for older widow persons run by our organisation 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 17 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.

6. MOTHER AND CHILD CARE AWARENESS

One awareness camp had been organized by our organization at Gopa Prana Mahavidyalaya premises on Mother and Child Care. The Principal of the College Sj. Purna Ch Singh and the Local doctor Sj. Maheswar Sahu attended the camp as resource person. 50 mothers from deprived group had participated in the meeting.

7. AWARENESS ON USE OF RENEAWABLE ENERGY

An awareness camp on use of renewable energy had conducted at U.N. Govt. High school, Khirkona. Sri Debabrata panigrahi, Science Teacher of the school discussed the benefit of the use of solar energy among the students. He also suggested all students to encourage their family members and their society to use solar energy. The secretary also told about the benefit of solar energy and how it is also economical and good for t our environment.

8. CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL YOGA DAY

The international Yoga day was celebrated in Khirkona of Simulia block to encourage all people to adopt yoga in their day to day life for leading a healthy life. How Yoga is necessary and beneficial for our health has been discussed in the event. More than 50 participants attended the camp.

9. SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR SC/ST YOUTHS

One skill development training programme on Computer hardware training has been conducted among the youths of Khirkona Gp of simulia block in Balasore district. The recent pass out 30 students of GP Mahavidyalaya had given Computer

hardware training which is more beneficial for them in future carrier. All the participants are belongs to SC/ST community.

10. ANTI TRAFFICKING MEETING

An anti trafficking meeting had been conducted at Jagannathpur Gp of Basudevpur block in Bhadrak district. The daily women labourers, fisher women and other working women had participated in the programme. Mrs. Sanjukta Mishra, 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 local administration.

11. MEDP TRAINING ON MUSHROOM CULTIVATION

One Micro Entrepreneur Development training (MEDP) on Mushroom cultivation and its Pickle making had conducted at Khirkona office of SHAKTI. 30 women SHG members of Chalunigan and Khirkona GP had successfully participated in the training. The training was for 12 days. After COVID, it was a very successful training to address the immediate income to the families who suffered due to COVID. The programme was supported by NABARD.

12. MEDP TRAINING ON DRY FISH PROCESSING AT BHADRAK

One Micro Entrepreneur Development training (MEDP) on Dry Fish processing had conducted at Adhuan Gp under Basudevpur block of Bhadrak district. 32 SC women SHG members of fishing community of Adhuan and Chudamani GP had successfully participated in the training. The training was for 15 days. After COVID, it was a very successful training by which all the participants knew about how to make dry fish in a hygienic manner and how proper packaging is also equal important to market a product with high price. The programme was supported by NABARD.

13. MEDP TRAINING ON DRY FISH PROCESSING AT BALASORE

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14. PROGRAMME FOR 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.

15. AWARENESS CAMPAIGN THROUGH FOLK MEDIA ON NUTRITION AND HEALTH AMONG SCHEDULED TRIBES OF KEONJHAR AND MAYURBHANJ DISTRICT.

Four nos of awareness campaign consisting of 4 days each had been conducted in Champua and Patna block of Keonjhar district and Betnati and Suliapada block of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. The awareness was created by the method of Folk media (Pala) and drama. In each programme more than 200 participants present and gather knowledge. All are from scheduled tribe community. The programme was supported by Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.

16. PROGRAMME FOR YOUTHS AND ADOLSCENTS ON ROAD SAFETY

One Road safety awareness campaign had been conducted at khirkona among the youths of GP Mahavidyalaya. One cycle rally was conducted from Chalunigan to jamjhadi. Students showing play cards and banners in hand and spreading the message of road safety among the people.

17. POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE 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.

18. HIV/AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME

An awareness campaign had been conducted and World AIDS day also celebrated at Bibek Bharati Vidyalaya, Jagannathpur of Bhadrak district. All the students make a rally showing paly cards and banners in hand and aware the people. In the meeting, detail discussion held covering the cause of AIDS and how it is very seriously spread in the society.

19. FREE COACHING CENTRE FOR OBC,SC AND AT STUDETNs

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.

20. POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE AMONG RURAL CHILDREN.

To popularize science in Bhandra GP under Champua block 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. kamalakanta Swain headed the meeting and the entire session. School and college students along with public had participated in the meeting.

21. AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR MINORITY CHILDREN

One awareness programme had conducted among minority children of Puruna Bazar of Bhadrak district. In the awareness campaign, the detailed discussion had conducted about national integrity and education. How education is impotant in some ones future was discussed. In the camp, 30 Muslim boys and girls participated in the meeting.

22. SEMINAR 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. 22.04.22. The topic was "BIO DIVERSITY CONSERVATION". The meeting was headed by Dr. Purna Ch. Singh, Principal, G.P. Mahavidyalaya. More than 100 students, eminent persons from the society, Civil society organisations, SHG leaders had participated in the meeting.

23. RUNNING OF 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 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.

24. PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE OF INDIA

A seminar had conducted on "LOKNATYA/JATRA- The Present scenario" at Khirkona Gp in Simulia block of Balasore district on the eve of Diwali. 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 organsiaton conducted one Yatra at Khirkona on the eve of Maa Kali Puja (Diwali) by the local artists. In this occasion our organisaiton facilitates eminent artists like Mr. Satyajit Mishra, Amar Ku Mohanty, Lombodar Barik and Sushanta Ku Jena in the area by Manapatra and cash prize.

25. SUPPORT TO WOMEN ENTREPRENUERS TO DEVELOP START UP

Every year SHAKTI has focused on entrepreneurship development programme. This year, SHAKTi extended support to one start up company namely Think Raw Innovative Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Running by two women entrepreneurs. They developed two excellent products for the fish farmers and general farmers. "Dhibara mitra" and "Krushi Dhanu" are the products which they developed and it was very beneficial for the farmers.

26. 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. Basudevvpur, 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, Basudevvpur.

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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