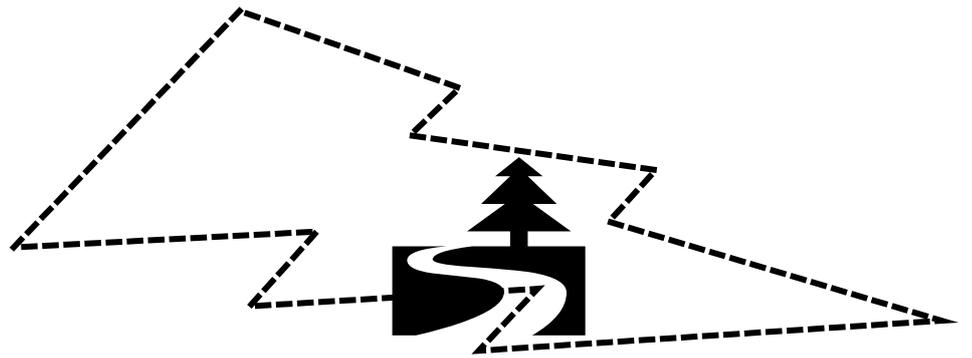


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**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY.....**

At a facilitating group of our mission is to work for the vulnerable communities of the society to satisfy their felt needs. In course of time our concept will be fulfilled in some extent and we could visualize the people's demand in a better manner.

However, people's expectation from us is rapidly increasing and there is no path to get rid from their assignments. Notwithstanding the above facts our mission is to work towards integrated development of the physically handicapped, economically backward and socially mal-adjusted communities. A closely knit and well equipped group with spirit and dedication for the cause is another need that warrants us to work; we were in plant to achieve both. During the year, we could have implemented multifarious social welfare and Rural Reconstruction activities.

While placing this year's consolidated activity report for all concerned, I would very much like to keep in record my deep appreciation for all my colleagues, the volunteers based at the community(s) the village elite groups, different deptt. of local administration, several Ministries of Govt. of India, our consultants, Auditors, Bankers, Advisors, to the near and dear ones and to the villagers who have always been inspiring and assisting us at all times.

Thanks were accredited to those who help us in one way or the other to achieve our mission. Besides this, our gratitude to those who will allow us to work and think for them, when become most neglected and vulnerable. They were our hopes and aspiration. We could be noble only, because they allow us to be noble and dedicated.

Last but not the least our special thanks must go to the volunteers of our organization who could ceaselessly made the effort to a grand success.

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## DETAILED ACTIVITIES

### **01. Environment Awareness & Celebration of Earth day Program:**

Since a long span of time forest has been serving us in all our needs. We cannot just avoid the forest as far gains and benefits are concerned. So it is our ultimate duty to protect it, as it has made possible our life up to the hilt. But these days the condition of forest is no safer. Deforestation is killing it. Until and unless we take a defensive step to protect the forest, then the day is not far away when we all will be under the clutch of death. So, keeping all the above in mind we have been arranging awareness camp on protection of environment by planting trees on our own land and on road side every year in our operational areas on the eve of Earth Day-16 on 22<sup>nd</sup>. April.

### **02. Consumer Awareness Program:**

To make people aware about consumer's right to purchase qualitative products by paying actual price we had arranged 2 nos. of awareness camps in different villages of Biswanathpur under Salipur block of Cuttack district. We had also organized a cultural program on the issue of consumerism. So people are able to understand the problems they have been facing and how much their right to protect this exploitation.

### **03. Youth Leadership Training**

In order to strengthen the youth & women members "AAKASH" has evolved support strategies which includes conducting regular exposure, training's meetings, general body meetings & visiting, To develop capacities and leadership of women members a special attempt has been made by the organization. The disabled cadres are also trained to take up more & more responsibility at this level.

### **04. Promotion of Self-Help-Group (SHG)**

Now there is a slogan "Self help is the next alternative" to make the people self-sufficient in all respect. In rural areas self-help group will give benefit to the poor people through micro-credit activities. Self-help means extending co-operation among each other in both social and financial aspect so can their living style may change. Henceforth our esteem volunteers have formed 21nos. of groups so far.

### **05. Awareness Generation on Women atrocity**

The organization "AAKASH" was always giving priority on women and girl child education program. In remote SC and ST hamlets of Tangi block of Cuttack district, we have organized this camp to aware the mother and girl child about this issues to protect and prevent this bad evil from this society.

### **06. Afforestation Program**

It is observed that day-by-day degradation of forest is increasing. It has become a threat for environment. Hence our organization is organizing & motivating people for forest protection & community forest management. Till now five forest-protection committees has been formed and 10 Acres of forest have been protected. Environment awareness camps are being organized regularly.

#### **07. Handicraft Training program**

To promote and develop the rural artisan's skill and technology our organization always organizing training program of the handicraft materials which is locally available. In this connection we have formed many groups of the rural artisans and proposed to work in a cluster. For this purpose we have motivated them to come under medical insurance policy with minimum of affordable premium.

#### **08. Workshop on Rural Sanitation**

Rural sanitation drive is a central mission. As we are thinking globally and acting locally, in order to supplement the central mission, we have to play a major role in our locality. However, due to our community sensitization, motivation and mobilization we have organized community level awareness camp to check environment pollution and keep the locality clean for controlling various health hazards.

**AAKASH** organized two sanitation program on addressed composting problem and the other the train age of waste waters home stead composting with low cost technology was demonstrated under Tentulikhunti block of Nabarangpur district and under took development and cleaning of village drains.

#### **09. Cancer Awareness Program**

We have arranging an awareness camp on CANCER/AIDS/STD during the month of December 2018 in the village Biswanathpur under Tangi-choudwar block of Cuttack district. During this tenure of camp more than 180 participants are attended and among them about 24 nos. are detected as cancer affected by consuming Ghutka, Bidi, Cigarette etc. Nearby Tangi PHC doctor extended his kind co-operation to make this camp successful.

#### **10. Health Awareness Camp**

Health of rural poor men, women & children being checked up medicines are being distributed with the help of local P.H.C. doctor, during post cyclone period the health camp was organized in Rameswar G.P. head quarter under Salipur block of Cuttack district. A part from this PHC, MCH & small family norm has been regularly discussed monthly SHG meetings.

#### **11. Promotion of Medicinal Plants**

Our organization motivated rural farmers to cultivate some medicinal plants in their land and get more income than other crops from their lands. Besides also we have sensitized the women group members to plant some medicinal plants in their household to earn some income by selling it in the market. It is also impacting the Yoga beneficiaries to come under this program.

#### **12. Drug de-addiction Center**

With the help of some likeminded person's small donation our organization has been running one Drug de-addiction center at Tentulikhunti since last five years. But in this current year we got financial support from MoS&J.E., New Delhi. In this center 15 nos. of persons were treated and motivated not to take intoxicants and alcohol for their betterment as well as their family also. Many of the local poor people were benefitted by this center. So, some financial assistance may be needed to sustain this center in future.

#### **13. Legal Awareness Program**

With an aim to know the rural women group regarding the legal protection by the Law department to them for various social issues, like: Dowry Laws, Violence act, and other legal matters our organization conducted awareness generation program by our local lawyers and some educationist for their protection.

#### **14. Vocational Training**

Due to the lack of technical experiences young men & women of the project area seek ideal & some of them go away from their villages in search of employment. More & more village industries were destroyed during the past period. The recent tragedies are nylon & plastic industries emerged in India. Still today modern industries have not been able to offer even partly employment in rural areas.

Realizing the above situation, "AAKASH" has conducted one vocational training center through her existing available training facilities within its office premises at Salipur on Tailoring, Embroidery & knitting, Typewriting.

#### **15. Running of shelter home for the Widow Women (Older persons)**

Our organization has been running one shelter home at Tentulikhunti, Nabarangpur district since last four years which is being looked after by District Administration. In this center total fifty (50) nos. of widow women are taking admission and all sorts of care has been taken by our organization.

#### **16. Rehabilitation program for disabilities**

It is observed by us that after fifty years of Independence till date although the Govt. have chalked out many programs, schemes for the betterment of the disability, still all things remain constant and the real goal has not yet been achieved. As a result the disability persons in the society sit idle and lead their life very measurably in spite of having their skill and ability to work.

We understand that the reason behind it is only the problem of finance. By observing and realizing this situation "AAKASH" has taken a bold step by doing various income-generating programs for their rehabilitation.

### **17. Protection of Women Trafficking**

It is the most important activity of the organization that can prevent from human trafficking especially women trafficking. Most of the women worker forced to work outside from its locality due to lack of employment opportunity, education, and their poorness to meet their minimum needs like food, clothes, and shelter. Taking this back drop our management conducted many awareness program in our operational area at Cuttack and Nabarangpur district regularly to prevent women trafficking.

### **18. Human Value in Education Program**

Now a day there has been great advancement in Science & Technology, there has been a gradual erosion of values, which is reflected, in the day-to-day life of a large section of our present society. Our young generation under the growing influence of negative aspects of western culture, is standing on the cross roads, not able to decide which direction to take.

Taking this back drop our organization organized such a noble scheme in ten numbers of High Schools under tangi-choudwar block of Cuttack district under the financial support from Ministry of HRD, Deptt. Of Education, GoI, New Delhi since last three years. By this program more than 400 hundred students and 40 teachers were also benefitted.

### **19. Preservation of Manuscripts**

Taking into consideration of the old manuscripts are deteriorated day by day which are kept by people at village level our organization always give emphasis on this issue. For its preservation we have arranged one room and some preservative materials and some accessories are being provided by the Ministry of Culture, GoI, New Delhi during this year. Besides this some local people also extend their co-operation for its sustenance.

### **20. Road Safety Awareness Program**

Rapid growth of ethics is an important indicator of the development of economy the geometric increase in the number of vehicles on the roads of Orissa implies growth in transport gradation of goods of people. The increase in the number of vehicles especially in two wheelers as a result of increasing standard of living has create decor ours problem in the roads but the rapid growth in vehicle number have enhanced the rate of fatalities and except any natural disaster road accidents have been the largest single most factor responsible for human death this is due to serious lapses on the part of the road users especially driver in **Nabarangpur & Cuttack** District accidents in NH and state roads are found to be rising **AAKASH** considering the gravity of the problem organized seminar work shop and awareness camp on road safety in **Nabarangpur & Cuttack** district.

## **21. Free Coaching Center for ST/SC/MC/OBC students**

“AAKASH” has been running one coaching center at Salipur, Cuttack where minimum 130 students are taking coaching regularly each year. This coaching center was being conducted from our own sources and some educated persons also giving their vital time to teach the poor students on honorarium basis. But this current F.Y. 2018-19 we got financial support from MoS & J.E., free coaching to SC/OBC students minimum 40 nos. for OJEE/AIEEE & 40 nos. students for Banking courses.

## **22. Awareness on Women Empowerment**

The organization “AAKASH” has been always giving priority on women and girl child education programme. In remote SC and ST hamlets of Tangi block of Cuttack district and Tentulikhunti block of Nawarangpur district. We have running 4 No of functional literacy program to enhance the mother and girl child literacy rate in the above block.

## **23. Maintenance of Senior Citizen Home**

Our management also continuing one old age home for senior citizen persons coming under very difficult circumstances. As our operational area is coming under remote tribal area many vulnerable people like this have been benefitted in this center. The center was running earlier by some likeminded donor and district administration support. But now this year our organization got financial support from Ministry of S & J E, Govt. of India, New Delhi to maintain this center smoothly.

## **24. Yoga Training Program**

It is felt need that, now a day yoga is very essential for our body, mind and soul. To become healthy for self and for the society as well yoga practices is required for everybody. So, taking this in mind our organization has been conducting various yoga practices in our office premises daily in the morning and evening, where many house hold wife are coming to take part in this noble program. We have planned to practice regularly to the older persons between the age group from 60 to 70 years in our Old age home.

## **25. Cultural program**

To keep alive the cultural values of the tribal people our cultural team has been arranging many cultural shows in different festivals of the locality. Though festivity plays a vital role in the tribal people’s mind, it is necessary to keep these values for a longer period.

## **26. Handmade bag & Cycle flower making training**

With an aim to promote cottage industry our organization conducted handmade bag and cycle flower making training to rural women group in our operational areas. This program also on the other hand prevents polythene pollution

to some extent by using this handmade bag for marketing. It is also supplementing some income to our women community as well as develops income to our organization.

## **27. Promotion of Handicraft products**

Our organization conducted many training programs in Dhenkanal & Cuttack district for the rural artisans working for the development & promotion of handicraft products. We always give emphasis on Dhokra casting & Bell metal products in Dhenkanal districts. For this purpose we conducted different value added training programs at their doorstep to improve their economic standard.

### **OBSERVED DAYS:**

- \* Earth Day Celebration - April-22
- \* International Yoga Day - June-21
- \* World Environment Day - June -5
- \* Independence Day - August - 15
- \* Children's Day - Novermber-14
- \* Human Rights Day - December -10
- \* Republic Day - January - 26

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