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FOREWORD

Since a decade plus **AAKASH** (Association of All Kinds of Awareness Services for Human being) uses to publish its Annual Report by the end of every financial year, and this year also the same is published. While placing this for all concerned, at the very outset we would like to acknowledge our sincere thanks and gratitude to the local administration, NGO activists, our banker, auditor, legal advisor, consultant, well wisher etc, who in every step are guiding and inspiring us to achieve our milestone. It is also a proud for all of us to notice the overwhelming participation of our esteemed members and the target people at different staged of implementation of activities. This year **AAKASH** has expanded its activities to other district and very actively participated in NGO movement. The activities especially for women, children and disables have received tremendous support and encouragement from all sections of the society **AAKASH** is a dedicated body of volunteers and promise to gear up the activities targeting all socio-economic problems of the resource poor communities.

We would like to thank the beneficiaries who have associated themselves in the successfully implementation of the programme. Our hearty congratulations are due to our colleagues, friends and workers whose dedication and suggestion at different times can never be forgotten the organization basically working in the field of human resource development and natural resource management. The basic mandate of the organization is to render area saturated holistic and integrated developmental services for the greater benefit of the resources poor communities. The organization's strong commitments are due to its determination devotion and deduction

The yearlong activities of the organization are subscribed in this annual report. This annual report for the year 2019-20 is the humble testimony of our achievement. The organization pays respect to the democratic process of management in all its affairs and maintains transparency at all level. We relentlessly striving and marching ahead to bring a drastic change in the standard of living and quality of life of the down trodden community and we still promise to upkeep the version till then.

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DETAILED ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

N.E.A.C. & EARTH DAY PROGRAMME:

Environment pollution & 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. So that we have organized earth day on 22nd. April 19. 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.



AWARENESS ON WOMEN ATROCITY:

Violence against women is one of the crucial social mechanisms by which women are forced into a subordinate position compared with men. Violence against women and girls is a problem of **pandemic** proportions. At least one out of every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime with the abuser usually someone known to her. Violence against women can fit into several broad categories such as: **rape, domestic violence, sexual harassment, honor killings, dowry violence, female genital mutilation, marriage by abduction, forced marriage sexual violence and sexual slavery.**



In order to prevent this sensitive issue our organization "AAKASH" has been organizing awareness generation program in different places of our operational area regularly. In this program we have invited Local eminent pleaders, educationists, social activists to aware and sensitize our SHG members who are in future can be able to protest these social issues for betterment of the society.

SHELTER HOME FOR HELPLESS SENIOR CITIZEN PERSONS:

Now a day the senior citizen persons are found to be neglected at all spheres of life by their family members because they think that the older persons are becoming worthless and destroying rice by just sitting at home not doing anything. Facilitating and enabling them to lead a respectful life those neglected by their family members our organization **AAKASH** is continuing one shelter home for them since last five years at Tentulikhunti, Nabarangpur where 25 nos. of Senior citizen persons are staying. This center is now running with financial support from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi since last three years.



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CHILD LABOUR REHABILITATION:

The organization is playing a very distinctive role in raising the community level awareness for eradication of child labour. In this pretext awareness campaign followed with public meeting and conventions of SHG Leaders, student's competition and distribution of resource materials at the operational area are being organized. Due to the impact of the programme many a lot child laborers have been admitted at the nearby non-formal school and are being properly undergone for proper care in health and education.

DISABILITIES REHABILITATION PROGRAMME:

The problems faced by disabled persons in **Nabarangpur & Cuttack** district of Orissa are many and multifaceted in nature. The disabled persons are considered as a burden and unproductive. In Nabarangpur district nearly 2.5% of the total populations are disabled. The disability in the area is mostly caused by malnutrition and lack of pre and postnatal care. As the district is one of the most backward districts of the country dominated by tribal population lack of awareness and education are found to be the significant factors contributing to the disability trend in the district,



AAKASH to initiate community based rehabilitation programme in the district for the people with disability organized consultations and a survey of disable persons in Tentulikhunti block of Nabarangpur district and found 54 disabled are in need of special services under rehabilitation programme soon after the survey **AAKASH** organized a Panchyata level awareness programme and meeting of disabled person to identify the actual need and problems they face.

HEALTH AWARENESS:

Health and sanitation problems in tribal and rural areas of **Nabarangpur & Cuttack** district is very acute as govt. sponsored facilities are meager in comparison to the local needs the people are primarily depending on the village quacks who charge exorbitant rates for common diseases from the illiterate tribal people. Even the diseases instead of being cured gets severe in many cases and resulting in loss of life **AAKASH**, organized two health check up camps during the reporting year.



During the camp period free medicines were distributed to the poor needy persons. **AAKASH** is in constant touch with different agencies to initiate community based health programme which will be one of our sustainable efforts. Besides awareness on health particularly, HIV, AIDS, Malaria were organized in three places in **Tentulikhunti** and **Salipur** block of **Nabarangpur & Cuttack** district respectively. The awareness was raised through public meeting and specialized persons delivered speeches on the diseases and their prevention.

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MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME:

During this reporting year our volunteers have gone through a padayatra in Mohana G.P. under Salipur block of Cuttack district and Tentulikhunti G.P. under Tentulikhunti block of Nabarangpur district to aware the general public to keep their house surroundings clean and use mosquoto net at the time of sleep at night. And the padayatra was ended at Block office to request the concerned B.D.O.'s to spray DDT in these two G.P.'s households during the month of July & August.

DRUG DE-ADDICTION CENTER:

With the financial support from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi and small contribution from our organization **AAKASH** has been running one Drug de-addiction center formerly known as **IRCA** at Tentulikhunti since last four years. In this center 15 nos. of persons were treated every month and motivated not to take intoxicants and alcohol for maintaining better life as well as their family also. District administration also suggested valuable tips time to time while visiting our center.



CULTURAL PROGRAME:

It is our regular programme. During this year we also organized Danda Nrutya, Kendera Badya, Palla Competition, Daskhatia Competition in Tentulikhunti & Papadahandi G.P.'s under Nabarangpur District and Salipur block of Cuttack district for revival and promotion of deteriorated Odishan traditional culture from our own sources by collecting some donations from general public.

RURAL SANITATION & WATER MANAGEMENT

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.

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LEGAL AWARENESS

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 programme by our local lawyers and some educationist for their protection.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING:

Skill development through vocational training poverty and seasonal unemployment has been in regular activates of **AAKASH** in rural and tribal areas people are facing difficulties in getting engagement all over the year. During off-season the agricultural wage earners migrate to other areas for work in construction and industrial work as unskilled laborer. But they are exploited and subject to in human torture outside of their community. Women are facing hard situations to rehabilitate these poor people especially women in rural areas, skill development through vocational training on tailoring for thirty women were under taken at – Tentulikhunti & Salipur of **Nabarangpur & Cuttack** district respectively. During this year the organization **AAKASH** has also extended the existing training programme.

MAINTENANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN HOME FOR WIDOW WOMEN:

Since last four years our organization has been running Old age home for widow women at Tentulikhunti G.P., where 50 nos. of widow women above 60 years are staying. This center had been managed by us by collecting some donations from this locality. But last year we got sanction from **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi**. Our volunteers also extended their co-operation to look after the center time to time for its smooth running. Now this center is fully supported in respect to GIA from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

TRAINING TO FARMER:

Agriculture is the backbone of rural economy and more than 60 percent of rural population depends on agriculture as livelihood. To sensitize the farmers on technological innovation in agriculture development, one day training programme was organized in Sapanpur village under Salipur block of Cuttack district where 33 local small farmers participated in this programme. After the training programme one farmers Club has been formed and necessary efforts to strengthen the club initiated during the reporting period.

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ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM:

Rapid growth of vehicles 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.

NURSERY RAISING & PLANTATION PROGRAMME:

AAKASH in association with local community based organizations and women SHGs has taken up a plantation work at Tangi-choudwar block measuring an area of 10 acres. Large scale cutting of trees results in ecological problems. Environment got eroded and the livelihood like food and fodder of rural tribal people got badly affected **AAKASH** in its continuous efforts to cover more Govt-wasteland under plantation programme. Prior to commencement of the programme the organization has arranged community level awareness regarding the importance of planting the trees and the people's participation components in making the project a success one. The community people are assigned the responsibility for watch and ward of the plantation. During the year the organization has been distributed 5000 seedling in its operational areas of Cuttack district.

AWARENESS ON 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.

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FREE COACHING CENTER FOR ST/SC/MC.:

“**AAKASH**” has been running one coaching center at Salipur, Cuttack where minimum 80 students are taking coaching regularly each year with financial support from Ministry of SJE, GoI, New Delhi for imparting free coaching to these students in Salipur Block of Cuttack district. Besides this other students also taking coaching with nominal fees and some educated persons also giving their vital time to teach the poor students on honorarium basis. Due to this reason this coaching center has been running successfully for last four years.

CPLI PROGRAM:

Now it is felt that the services rendered by our IRCA center the awareness generation, educating the school and college students etc. are not covered. Keeping this situation and following new guidelines of Ministry of S. & J. E, Govt. of India our organization trained Peer educator among the local youth mass who led community intervention for educating the vulnerable adolescents and youth in community. For which they can be able to referral services and linkage to counseling.

RUNNING ONE ODIC CENTER:

During this reporting year our organization provides some safe and drop-in case for drug users in the community. Besides this our organization also providing screening, assessment and counseling for treatment & rehabilitation services for drug dependents. Till now our organization covered 56 nos. of High School & College students in this prog.

DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF ADOLESCENT:

Regulating adolescent's behavior is a great concern and vital aspect for today. The youths and adolescents constitute a large proportion of the total population. They have the strength potentials enthuse, zeal and endurance to make difference if properly mobilized. In this context we organized career counseling program for them in Tentulikhunti block of Nabarangpur district & Salipur Block of Cuttack district during this reporting year.

AGP PROGRAMME:

To strengthen the rural women our organization sensitizes them about their rights & opportunities from Govt. sector and legal aids for them. This programme was sponsored by State Welfare Board, Bhubaneswar to conduct this in Nabarangpur district. Total fifty numbers of women was attended and get benefitted.

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PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL FOLK ART AND CULTURE:

Tribal folk art and culture is vanishing day by day. But these arts have a significant value for the society and the grate heritage of tribal community is smoothly functioning under its impact. To preserve and renovate the deteriorated tribal folk art and culture, **AAKASH** continuously organized such awareness programme. During the reporting year a five day SABARA DANCE was organized in which many Sabar people were participated and some resource persons were invited to took part in the discussion on various aspects of Tribal folk Art and Culture.

YOGA TRAINING PROGRAMME:

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.

AWARENESS PROGRAME ON UNTOUCHABILITY:

We have organized untouchability awareness programme in Tentulikhunti Block of Nabarangpur district during this reporting year with the financial support from ST/SC Development Deptt., Bhubaneswar. In this programme total 50 numbers of Tribal women were present and aware about the noble thought of "Mahatma Gandhi" regarding this which is crime for the society as per Bapu's vows.

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.

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