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DETAILED ACTIVITIES REPORT

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 this social issue for betterment of the society.

VOCATIONAL/SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING:

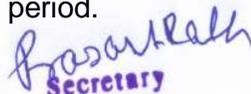
Due to the lack of technical experiences young men & women of the project area seat ideal & some of them go away from their villages in search of employment. More & more village industries were destroyed during the past period. The recent tragedies are nylon & plastic industries emerged in India. Still today modern industries have not been able to offer even partly employment in rural areas. Realizing the above situation, “**AAKASH**” has introduced various self-employment programs such as 1. Tailoring/ Embroidery for women, 2. Mobile repairing, 3. Type writing, 4. T.V. & Audio system repairing 5. Computer training.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOME (25 BEDED):

Since last seven years the management of “**AAKASH**” has undertaken various welfare activities for the benefit of the senior citizen and helpless people. Senior citizen persons are neglected by their children as well as by the societies though they have some necessity in the society. To rescue them from this situation we have been running one Senior citizen home at Tentulikhunti of Nabarangpur district since last five years with the financial support from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Where total 25 nos. of inmates are residing happily and it has been managed by the organization following to the Govt. guidelines.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR FARMERS:

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 AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

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 **Dhenkanal & Cuttack** District accidents in NH and state roads are found to be rising. Considering the gravity of the problem we organized seminar work shop and awareness camp on road safety in **Dhenkanal & Cuttack** district.

NURSERY RAISING AND AFFORESTATION 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.

SURVEY & TRAINING PROG. FOR RURAL HC ARTISANS

Our organization team was conducted door-to-door survey in Dhenkanal district engaged in Dhokra & Bell metal crafts and also gathered some valuable data regarding key aspects related to the handicrafts sector in our locality, including a clear-cut definition of handicrafts. This information in turn, formed the basis for conceptualization and implementation of various interventions by the policy makers aimed at strengthening the handicraft sector on the whole. During survey the following key objectives can be listed out:

1. To evaluate the number of artisans in different crafts in our locality.
2. To study the employment and wage structure of handicraft artisans.
3. To carry out social and economic mapping of handicraft workers.

DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT OF ADOLESCENTS:

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. The Guiding principle is that they should properly be educated sensitized awakened Organized motivated and mobilized. This age is very vital for the proper growth development and prosperity of the adolescents and youth. Keeping this view in mind **AAKASH** a leading social organization conducted a training program in **Nabarangpur** aiming at providing proper life skill education to their descents for their development and Empowerment.

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NEAC AND EARTH DAY PROGRAMME:

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 on April 22nd. each year.

FREE COACHING CENTER FOR SC/ST/OBC/MC STUDENTS:

The management of our organization has been continuing one coaching center for the benefit of the rural SC/ST/OBC/MC poor students since last ten years. The educated village people and our educated volunteers were imparting teaching to the High School standard students (from VII to X) from the locality of Salipur. Besides this we have been imparting OJEE and Banking entrance coaching for them free of cost.

PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL FOLK ART AND CULTURE:

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.

CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

How cheating is the best policy of business, who cheats more he can earn more. Though cheaters should be punished by the eye of laws it is efforts less, Consumers are not conscious due to lack of education consumers are not able to know the rules and regulations and what type of cheating like: -

1. Cheating of Batakara and Weights of goods.
2. By selling of Duplicate goods.
3. Paying high cost against the written cost of package.
4. Vessel of Goods (Mixing of lower cost goods in Original Goods)

Consumer should know about the rules like Consumer Protection Rules, Medicine Cost Control Laws, and Indian Standard Beauru of Laws etc. In order to make consumers' concept clear we have arranged five (5) motivated camps in Tangi-Choudwar Block of Cuttack districts. More than thousand people joined our camps.

RUNNING OF SENIOR CITIZEN HOME FOR WOMEN:

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

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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ANM/MIDWIFERY:

Aiming at creating some employment opportunity for the rural women community in remote areas our organization arranged training programme on midwifery to work in private nursing home or some other dispensaries. This training programme was being conducted in Cuttack district under Salipur block. Some likeminded people donated his house for running of this program. The trainers coming from near hospital imparting training honorarium. Minimum 15 nos. of beneficiaries are admitted to take training.

PROMOTION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS:

With the help from villagers in Tentulikhunti area our organization promoted to cultivate some medicinal plants in their respective own land. We also inculcate in their mind about its advantages and how to prevent diseases not to depend upon medicine. And it is also adding some income to full fill their basic needs. We also started to prepare a demonstrative field where all types of medicinal plants are to be available which could be distributed to cultivate in their home land in our operational area at Tentulikhunti.

CHILD LABOUR REHABILITATION PROGRAMME:

“Children are future of nation”. But in fact rural children are badly neglected today. The poverty and sufferings of children in rural areas at the present time are painful to us. These are pinched in the core of our minds. So it would be the first and foremost principle to the voluntary organization to receive expansive education program so that children belong to poor families can avail the opportunity of education. For this reason textbooks have been distributed among 50 poor school children during this year. At this work kind hearted pupil of our locality have generously donated to our fund for the purpose.

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 programs. We have planned to practice regularly to the older persons between the age group from 60 to 70 years in our Old age home.

RUNNING OF DISABILITY SCHOOL:

With objectives to create opportunities for success for all individuals affected by learning disabilities and to reduce the incidence of learning disabilities in future generations our organization has been running one special school for disability students last three years. Some people extended their good support for running this school in Nabarangpur District one of the most remote trial area of Odisha.


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AWARENESS PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

With the financial support from Ministry of HRD, UNESCO Division, New Delhi our organization this noble program in Town Hall, Cuttack during the month of December'08. Total 50 numbers of intellectual persons from different corners of the country were present and made the program more successful.

SKIL TRAINING ON MINORITY WOMEN GROUP:

It is observed by us that after fifty years of Independence till date although the Govt. have chalk out many programs, schemes for the betterment of the Minority people, still all things remain constant and the real goal has not yet been achieved. As a result these groups are deprived off all opportunities given by Govt. agency due to lack of awareness and leading their life very measurable 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.

HEALTH & SANITATION PROGRAMME:

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.

DRUG DE-ADDICTION CENTER:

This project was first started by our organization during the year 2016 by arranging small donations and kinds as well as manpower as required by the project. Now the project is continuing with the financial support from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi at Tentulikhunti since last five years.



In this center total 15 nos. of beds are allotted by the Ministry and accordingly the patients were admitted in IPD for treatment regularly. Awareness programs also conducted frequently in different villages regarding the advantages/disadvantages and its bad impact on health as well as on family life of taking intoxicants and alcohol. The village people are also being motivated by our volunteers and counselors not to take such harmful drugs for their betterment as well as their family also. District administration also visited regularly to check our activities and suggest some tips for its betterment. Many of the local poor people were benefitted by this center. For this project our organization regularly received grant-in-aid from Ministry.

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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.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

With an aim to know the rural women group regarding the lagal 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.

HANDICRAFT TRAINING PROGRAMME:

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.



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