

Atmashakti  
TRUST

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Over the last decade, we have been able to create an platform that ensures community-led development process to bridge resources and policy gaps, in favour of the poor and marginalized.

***Ruchi Kashyap***

## Message from our Executive Trustee

Dear Friends,  
Zindabad!

With humility, I am extremely happy to share our annual report 2019-20 with all of you with an overwhelming sense of gratitude. While each of our work reflects on the path that Atmashakti Trust traversed over the last 10 years, this annual report will take you to where we are now, what we have achieved and what opportunities that lie ahead.

As our tagline goes, we are relentlessly working to **reaching out to the marginalized communities** in Odisha and Uttar Pradesh throughout our journey since 2009, we have been seeking new avenues to contribute to social welfare. Especially, this year, we have taken several initiatives to address the unmet needs of people across communities and regions. Education was the new avenue for us to start as a core thematic area this year whereas COVID19 response was the immediate call for us.

I truly believe that collective actions can reap fruits to overcome development challenges and looking forward to your support to make a better world for those who are living at the bottom of the development pyramid. Let's join our hands to bridge the gap to create a better tomorrow.





## ABOUT US

Atmashakti Trust is an organisation working for socio-economic and political empowerment of the most marginalised communities. Founded in 1995 with a broad mandate to support a mix of development initiatives in rural areas as well as urban slums, Atmashakti is now engaged in a long term mission to bring the benefits of government programmes to the poorest of the poor with a focus on Livelihood and food security, Sustainable agriculture, Health, women rights and gender equality, Education, Disaster intervention and community-centred empowerment initiatives on a rights-based framework.

Together with our allies, supporters and communities, we seek to see a society where equality and social justice for all prevails. Therefore, we facilitate the process of empowerment of people to take actions to realise their rights and entitlements.

## VISION

We envision a world without poverty, inequality, injustice and patriarchy and where everyone enjoys the right to life with dignity.

## MISSION

Our mission is to reach out to 10 million underprivileged families in Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and then expand our coverage to Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and other poorest states. We strive to work in solidarity with the poor, marginalised and other excluded communities to bring about systemic and social change to defeat poverty, inequality, discrimination, patriarchy and social injustice.



# OUR FOOTPRINTS

Since 2009, Atmashakti works in Odisha and Uttar Pradesh with the broad objectives of creating awareness on rights and entitlements among the most marginalised rural community with an emphasis on Adivasis and Dalits. We facilitate the formation of rural level Sangthans who then take up various issues that concern them, to resolve. Our work is spread across:

**2**  
STATES

**18**  
DISTRICTS

**85**  
BLOCKS

**974**  
GRAM PANCHAYATS

**9484**  
VILLAGES







## AREAS OF OUR INTERVENTION



**AGRICULTURE**



**HEALTH**



**SANGATHAN INTERVENTION**



**TRAINING AND  
CAPACITY BUILDING**



# WHAT WE DO

## EDUCATE

- Sensitize community members, leaders, youths and other social actors to create an ecosystem where assert their rights and entitlements
- Promote sustainable and organic farming to promote environmental health, economic profitability, and social equity

## EMPOWER

- Facilitate creation of peoples collectives, build their leadership skills, sensitize and connect them with larger alliances to drive collective action for social development
- Enable Poor and marginalized women contend and advance their rights for changing patriarchal mindsets and create a gender equal society ,

## ADVOCATE

- Amplifying Marginalized Voices through advocacy, campaigns and networking for development of policy or change in existing policies by the government
- Make the system accountable on equitable and accessible education and healthcare for communities who are at the bottom of the development pyramid







## Celebrating a Decade of Sangathan building and people's struggle



In July 2009, with 60 field activists, the intervention began in 5 districts of Odisha with the support of local Sangathans. In the journey of our 10 years (2019), Atmashakti Trust has been working with 21 regional Sangathans and two state level alliances namely: Odisha Sramajeebee Manch and Mahila Sramajeebee Manch, Odisha which are working with more than 10 lakh families of 9484 villages in 798 Gram Panchayats under 75 blocks of 15 districts in the state.

Addressing the gathering, Executive Trustee Ruchi Kashyap Said "the past 10 years has been an incredible and vibrant journey and we have witnessed many challenges, limitations along with major milestones and impact in the journey.

As an organization, we mobilise the most marginalised communities living in the remotest part of the state on their rights and entitlements by building strong people's organization, an ideation to form them into collectives.

Through Atmashakti, we aim to enable the formation of mass based organization started with village level committees which is going upto the block and district level collectives. She also informed that Atmashakti Trust will work with these Sangathan in the state level with an objective to promote this process in 17 districts for 3 million households out of which 1 million households have already been reached out by the Sangathans", Ms. Kashyap told.



M.M. Singh, a renowned philanthropist and Managing Trustee of Atmashakti Trust informed that Atmashakti was started to create awareness on rights and entitlements of the most deprived and marginalised section of the society with an emphasis on Adivasi and Dalit communities. He also emphasised the need to improve the life standard of the rural people through proper facilities in health and education, employment guarantee, safe drinking water and commitment to upholding efforts to ensure people's empowerment.

Attending the celebration event, renowned economist and former Finance Minister of Odisha Mr Panchanan Kanungo, who was felicitated in the event for his solidarity said "ensuring common people's rights and entitlements is a challenge. However, we should appreciate Atmashakti's relentless efforts in advancing the lives of Dalit and Tribals who are often being sidelined from the developmental priorities of the government. There should be more people's collectives, Sangathans who come up and raise people's issues to have a scalable impact on the lives of the people".

In the concluding event, renowned social activists Pradip Pradhan, Manas Jena, Manas Mishra, Sandeep Pattnaik, Senior Journalist Mr Ravi Das and many other dignitaries were felicitated for their long term association and solidarity with Atmashakti's decade long journey.

In this event, Mr Arun Prasad Dihudi, Gopinath Majhi, Pravat Kumar Sahu, Panchanan Pradhan and other senior members of Atmashakti Trust shared their journey with the organization.





# Key Events- Jansathi Sammilani

Janasathi Sammelan is an annual congregation of team members and Sangathan members of the organization to meet, participate in group activities, exchange ideas and reflect on new learnings and avenues.

This year, we organised our Sammelan in Balangir, Odisha which was hosted by our local ally Lok Unnati Sangathan. More than 300 team members and Sangathan members were present in a 5-days intensive team gathering. Janasathi Sammelan is also considered as a window point to debate and dialogue on the current socio-political scenario of the state and review organizational plans to take forward Sangathan activities.

During this event, the Leader of the Opposition party of Odisha Legislative Assembly Mr Narasingh Mishra, Former Lok Sabha Member Mr Bhakta Charan Sahu, educationists and leaders of civil society joined and shared their views on the need for a collective effort to mainstream marginalised communities in the development process.





**Snapshots from  
Jansathi Sammilani**





# International Women's Day

## This is not just a gender gap: It's a power gap

To mark the special day, Atmashakti together with its allies celebrated International Women's Day in 17 districts across the state to create mass awareness and draw the attention of the government to address women's issues to create a gender-equal world. The theme of the event was "this is not a gender gap, this is a power gap".

During the event in Bhubaneswar, team members of Atmashakti and its allies celebrated the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and discussed the role of civil society and the government to address women issues.





# Consultation on CEDAW

The government must take actions on the constitutional, legislative and administrative reforms that have been adopted by our country in response to CEDAW recommendations to eliminate discrimination against women as well as to prevent and address gender-based violence against women, said a group of women rights activists and grassroots level women leaders who congregated in a workshop on Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), held in Bhubaneswar today.

The workshop was organised by Atmashakti Trust, Odisha Shramajeebee Manch and Mahila Shramajeebee Manch, Odisha, the people collectives which work towards socio-economic and political empowerment of the people, especially for Tribals, Dalits and women.

“Orthodox and brutish male-dominated family systems, and the tradition of patriarchal inheritance have shored up the idea that women are mere ‘possessions’. All forms of violence against women must be stopped and collective actions to abate this is the need of the hour”, said Ms Shanti Bhoi, President, Mahila Shramajeebi Manch, Odisha.





# Key Events-

## Setting up Community Resource Centre

On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, a first-ever Community Resource Centre (CRC) was set up in Karlapita village of Balangir district. More than 300 people from Karlapita and neighbouring villages witnessed the event.

Members of Lok Unnati Sangathan, our ally in Balangir have set up the Community Resource Centre in Karlapita which will be fully managed by the community. It has been set up to provide a learning platform for the aspiring youths and people of this Panchayat as the reading habits among youths are declining and rural people find it hard to access information on various government schemes, benefits and on their rights and entitlements.

Before this, the Sangathan organised some sports competition such as Kabaddi, Puchi (played in a squatting position) to keep alive traditional rural games. However, the Pitha (a type of rice cake) was a unique showcase in the competition where women from Self-help groups made varieties of Pitha and the best of them were awarded.

Zilla Parishad Member Mr Satya Narayan Bhoi, Balangir Sadar Block Chairmain Mr Golap Bagh, Sub-Collector of Balangir Mr Pritibas Seth, BDO of Balangir Block, Ramadatta Bhoi were present at the event and applauded the efforts of the Sangathan in raising people's issues and ensuring people's rights and entitlement in the district.

Among others, the District President of Lok Unnati Sangathan Ms Sumitra Rana and Secretary Ms Susama Puta and representatives of OSM and MSMO were present and facilitated the event.





# Honing Skills

## Mentorship training

The idea of the mentorship training is to mentor a group of team members placed in various positions (who also have the potential to influence a large number of other team members or replicate) on different skill sets which includes management skills, life skills and brain mapping skills, design thinking, etc. in 6 months.

During this period, we developed a module on mentoring by recording processes of different stages. Subsequently, we also have need done assessment of all the selected mentees by conducting a one-to-one discussion.

In the mentorship programme, 33 mentees have been selected and are being provided skill based training on leadership building, management skills, life skills, mental health and the programme has been being taken up by 5 sub-mentors and one Chief Mentor.







## Honing Skills Management training

Management training has been designed to equip our management staffs to expertise on various skills which will help them to manage their portfolio work efficiently and to learn skills to upgrade their current learnings, as they do involve in strategic planning, monitoring and team work in the organization.

There are 27 management trainees who have been guided and provided trainings on effective thinking, financial planning, developing tools and framework, data management, leadership development, self care, life skills and so on.



# Key campaigns

## Livelihood campaign-Amari Gaon re Ama Jeebika

As various study reports reveal, people of Western Odisha, especially from Nuapada and Balangir, migrate due to the lack of enough non-agricultural jobs in the villages. So, the villagers in search of job in the lean season migrate to neighbouring states to support their family with an extra source of income. However, for most of them, migration has been a terrifying and disheartening.

To address this issue, we kick started a two-month campaign drive from 22nd September in Balangir, Kalahandi and Nuapada districts to deter illegal/forced migration and to facilitate process to ensure livelihood opportunity in the locality.

We have covered more than 70 migration prone villages of Nuapada and Balangir districts under “Amari Gaon re Ama Jeebika” through conducting Padayatras, village meetings and meeting already migrant and potential migrant families, youths and sensitising them about the the plethora of adversities related to distressed and illegal migration.





# Key campaigns

## Siksha Swasthya Ama Adhikar, Jabab Dia Mo Sarkar

Shiksha Swasthya Ama Adhikar, Jabab Dia “Mo Sarkar” was a month-long public campaign on education and health coordinated by the people’s collectives Odisha Shramajeebee Manch (OSM) and Mahila Shramajeebi Manch, Odisha (MSMO), which is aimed at educating public about their rights and entitlements and to influence policymakers on ensuring implementation of Right to Education Act and ensuring healthcare for all in the state. The campaign targeted to tag #Mo Sarkar initiative the objective of which is to provide service with dignity to the people who are coming to government offices for different purposes with a 5T approach so that demands from the communities are heard and redressed with immediate effect.

This month-long campaign has witnessed active participation of nearly 10000 people across the state representing from Sangathans, Civil Society organizations, PRI Members, MLAs/MPs and other like-minded individuals. The first phase of the campaign started within respective districts till 14th November through Bike Rally and second phase of the campaign through Cycle Rally where delegates from the districts moved towards the capital city Bhubaneswar to attend the culminating events and putting forth their demands before the government.





# Key campaigns

## Siksha Swasthya Ama Adhikar, Jabab Dia Mo Sarkar

### Activities under the campaign

- Awareness through Bike Rally- with pla cards having campaign demands through village meetings, street plays and other programmes
- Assessing the provisioning vs current status on education and health through school report card survey and fact-findings
- Awareness through Cycle Rally in district level
- Signature campaign- 1 lakh Signature from 17 districts in support of our demand
- Marking of the institutions based on the compliances as per set indicators on education and health
- School level painting competition Wall painting, street plays, story-telling, human chains
- Meeting with PRIs, MLAs/MPs, government officials to influence them for immediate actions on our demand
- Collection of evidence based stories, case studies, personal stories, testimonies from communities, CSOs/NGOs network in support of our demand and highlighting issues
- Organising press conferences, using social and digital media handles
- Writing articles, feature stories in newspapers to invite attention of policy makers
- Sharing findings with researchers, thematic experts, intelligentsia, like minded NGOs/CSOs through knowledge platforms such as consultations, meetings and discussions
- 1 lakh post card campaign: Postcards from the community that narrates their story of struggle, deprivations and inaccessibility from various government schemes and rights under education and health





# Key campaigns

## Siksha Swasthya Ama Adhikar, Jabab Dia Mo Sarkar

- Prepared and released a report card of 973 government run school and 337 health institution of Odisha
- Submitted 1 lakh postcard to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha concerning education and health issues that need immediate redressal.
- Collected 1 million signature in support for the cause of education and health from across the state
- Cycle rally from Malkangiri to Bhubaneswar (more than 600 kms) to submit grievance to the Chief Minister
- Organised drawing of Dream school by school children and submitting their dream school ideas to the Chairperson, OSCPCR
- Mass Dharana in Bhubaneswar to draw attention of the government on education and health issues
- Submission of memorandums to the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Odisha Human Rights Commission, State Commission for Women, Odisha and Odisha Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR)





# Key campaigns

## Siksha Swasthya Ama Adhikar, Jabab Dia Mo Sarkar

### impact of the campaign

- Media Highlights of our overall campaign and demands
- 91 PRI Members signed in Sammati Patra and supported our demands including 4 MLAs of ruling BJD Party who inaugurated our district level campaign
- Mass grievances to CM Office is one of its kind
- 4 Boundary walls are being built and new teachers have been given to the schools in Kandhamal but we are planning to take stock of the progress on block level and the report of the impact will be more clear once we compile the data
- Copy of the receipt of grievances was given to all the cyclists which is not generally given.





# Updates from the ground

## Agriculture

The Agriculture Intervention was initiated with a goal to promote organic farming as a more eco-friendly, beneficial, sustainable and affordable option to the poor and marginalized farmers, with long term benefits reflecting in their health and finances. It was started in 2009 in Harbhanga Block and now covers 33 Blocks in 12 Districts of Odisha. The current team comprises of 15 staffs who take care of the field level implementation, along with a State Manager who is looking after the overall process, hand holding and providing technical support to the entire team.

### Highlights of our Intervention:

- Rs. 700 benefited to the Farmers through organic process in comparison to nonorganic farming
- 35 nos. of School reports card have been prepared during the survey Health & Education
- 15 nos. of Sub-center report card have been prepared
- 02 nos. of Primary Health Center (PHC) report card have been prepared
- 117 nos. of wall writing and 325 nos. of street play undertaken towards spreading awareness
- 2048 nos. of Postcard have been dropped as people's grievances

### Krishi Vikas Mela:

- Rs.1,05,000 mobilized for the Mela
- 270 nos. of people across the District participated in the Mela

### Impact

- Creating awareness among the farmers leading to an increase in the numbers of participating farmers
- KVV members are now conducting the demonstration of organic stuffs in their own villages and nearby villages
- PRI members have been participating in our rallies, campaigns and different events
- Government officials like PEO, GRS & AAO have participated in our programmes and in the ventilating of different schemes and provisions





# Updates from the ground

## Health

To cater to the unmet healthcare needs and to facilitate the eradication of malnutrition among underserved populations, we started our health-kit intervention project in 4 blocks (Baliguda, Daringbadi, Koragrah and Tumudibandh) of Kandhamal districts. Apart from that, we are also helping people to access benefits from the existing government schemes related to food & nutrition and village development, safe drinking water, activating local health institutions and ICDS centres, promoting Nutritional Kitchen Garden in the backyard and awareness generation activities on encouraging girl child education, malnutrition and reproductive health of women and adolescent girls.

### Highlights of our Intervention:

- Till date, 61 Health Kits have been formed in both Tumudibandh & Kotagarh Block of Kandhamal District, Odisha. Due to this, people got medicines at their doorsteps, were able to save money, awareness increased amongst the villagers and Swasthya Sathis became aware of different health schemes & programmes.
- In consultations with Sangathan members, 108 Swasthya Sathis were selected in both blocks.
- As of now, 122 Swasthya Sathis have been trained on Health Kit management in both blocks ( 60 From Kotagarh & 62 from Tumudibandh)
- Total 1671 family covered by 61 Health Kit (798 from Kotagarh & 873 from Tumudibandh)

- For the formation of Health Kit, team member generated Rs.76,410/- through collection of contributions ( Rs.41660/- from Kotagarh & Rs.34750/- from Tumudibandh respectively)
- 61 Health Kit covered 8361 populations (3889 from Kotagarh & 4472 from Tumudibandh)
- During the period, April 2019 to March 2020, a total of 1254 people benefited from the Health Kit. Out of 1254, 591 were males, 469 were females and 194 were children. 673 people were from Kotagarh and 581 people were from Tumudibandh.
- 228 VLC were formed in both blocks after which, people identified & addressed their local issues, giving solidarity support to other villagers.
- Awareness level developed on different schemes, programmes and the role of government officials. 4 GP level committees were also formed in both the blocks. As of now 2 Block committees have been formed which meet regularly as per requirement to highlight different issues at block levels.





## Updates from the ground

- Through Wall Writing, sangathan members tried to create awareness among the people. 241 wall writings were made in different strategic locations in both blocks on different issues.
- Keeping in mind the issues of malnutrition, sangathan members identified 80 households in both blocks and extended technical support and guidance towards developing a Nutritional Kitchen garden in their backyard. Through this intervention, people became sensitive towards nutrition rich diversity foods and interest level increased to promote the same. 30% people added green vegetables in their food, they also incorporated wild edible fruits like "DIMIRI" in their diet and were able to save 20% expenses towards their food.
- Through Herbal Kitchen Garden awareness level developed amongst the community towards the usage of different herbal plants. During this period, sessions and demonstrations were conducted in 45 villages on how to make herbal medicines.
- Awareness sessions on Hand wash were conducted in 26 schools in both blocks, which were attended by children, school teachers and parents.
- Organized 4 Hata demonstrations programmes in both blocks. Through this, we were able to reach more than 600 individuals and share the different activities of the sangathans.
- Organized 7 Village Level Health camps in consultations with the local SC staff which were attended by adolescent girls & women. During the health camp, hemoglobin levels of the participants were tested and a counselling session was organized by the team members.





## Updates from the ground

### Impact

- As of now we have a strong presence in 186 villages in 10 Gram Panchayats in both blocks.
- We had Submitted 15 applications to CDPO Tumudibandh & Kotagada to regularise Anganwadi centres out of which all 15 centers were regularized through the efforts of the sangathan
- members, which further helped them to access benefits from the schemes such as THR food, regularization of pre-school centers & VHND and regular home visits were ensured.
- Drinking water issues were resolved in 30 villages out of 48 applications after the interventions by block officials.
- Sangathan members placed a request letter MO to regularize ANM Center in Kotagarh block after which ANM started visiting the villages on a regular basis.
- A Rally programme on electricity issue was organized by the Sangathan member in both the blocks, at the end of which a demand letter was submitted. Within a month of submitting the letter, the following issues were resolved; fluctuation of voltage issues resolved in 13 villages, 9 villages were newly electrified





# Training and capacity building

## Centre for Learning and Development

The primary idea of Centre for Learning & Development (CLD) is to build a different learning process aiming towards a pedagogy from below. The CLD would function as a learning centre for both activists as well as non-activists. It would engage people from different walks of life such as activists, community leaders, community members and others interested in such learning process. It is a strategy for creating knowledge characterised by taking action to realise just relationships that transform unequal power structures in our personal, social, cultural, political, environmental, spiritual, and economic lives. This could be accomplished by linking critical reflection to activism by creating opportunities to connect the action to self-reflection, self-discovery, and the creation and comprehension of values, skills, and knowledge.

The primary goal of CLD from the margins is to assist the learners to emerge as responsible citizens. In such a circumstance, the learner should be provided with the opportunity, skills, tools, and strategies to be active agents of change. It is a creative learning and educational practice in which participants engage in a set of learning activities that help them understand themselves as capable of effecting change for social justice, distributive justice, sharing of values and a balance of ecology.







# Training and capacity building

## Highlights of activities

- Designed foundation course-II on Human Rights
- Participation of Training at SAMBHABANA: CLD team members participated in a five days training on Secular Politics at SAMBHABANA, an institute based in Himanchal Pradesh.
- Organised 7 batches of training for team members on Indian constitution, land and forest rights and refresher courses for team members
- Development of training modules, training materials, audio-visuals, movie screening for the trainees

## Impact

- Created a knowledge platform and resource centre of learning in the areas of rural development, rights based framework, social and political theories, indian constitutions and other laws which was instrumental turning participants understanding into scientific manner, logical and lawfulness.
- Training helped our team to develop critical thinking, team building, building perspectives and enhance professional skills to increase efficiency in their work.





# Training and capacity building

## Birsa Bahini

Capacity building fosters a sense of ownership and empowerment, so that community partners gain greater control over their own future development. And in our work, we felt that communities and grassroots leaders need to build up their skills, processes and resources to enable the committee members and potential leaders at all levels (Villages, Gram Panchayat, Block and District) towards a life with dignity by continuously engaging in a people led empowerment process through a right based approach to access constitutional rights and other entitlements.

Thus, Birsa Bahini was formed to support the capacity building process in the grass root level through various levels of intervention with different strategies. Now, Birsa Bahini functions under training and capacity building unit of the organization and has a team in 16 districts and in the state level to take up capacity building programmes.







# Training and capacity building

## Highlights of Capacity building programmes

- Watch group: We have already formed and given training to the District Level Watch Group consisting of 30 representatives from almost all operational districts. Similarly we have also trained the Block Level Watch committee members on the goal, objectives and the strategies for the Block Watch Group consisting of 10 people from each Block.
- Campaign: We facilitated the Swasthy Sikkhya Ama Adhikar- Jabab Dia Mo Sarkar campaign. The campaign started from four areas ie. Malkangiri to Bhubaneswar, Kalahandi to Bhubaneswar, Sundargarh to Bhubaneswar and Mayurbhanj to Bhubneswar. The orientation and follow up process was facilitated by Birsa Bahini.
- Committee and Sangathan members meetings: The members of the District and Block Sangathan of all 16 districts were trained on the different issues to strengthen the campaign.

## Impact

- 1774 participants were provided capacity building training on manifesto campaign planning, induction to new coordinators, life skills, demonstration of annual planner, collection of data and testimony for school and health report card.
- 15 libraries have been set up across operational areas including a community resource centre in Balangir
- Spearheaded FRA Campaign and Janasathi Sammilani,
- set up District level cultural team in Jharsuguda
- selected 10 resource persons and developed 10 modules of capacity building



# Sangathan Intervention

Odisha Shramajeebee Mancha, Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, Odisha and Sonbhadra Vikash Sangathan, UP

OSM and MSMO are state-level apex bodies of 21 local sangathan (people's collectives) in Odisha which work to create awareness among communities and capacitate them to collectively take actions to access their rights and entitlements and anchor for relevant policy changes through advocacy, campaign, networking and building solidarity networks. Similarly, Sonbhadra Vikas Sangathan was formed in 2015 in Uttar Pradesh to help marginalised communities access to their rights and entitlements as well as to resolve local issues that concern them the most. The Sangathan emerged as a social force to educate, and empower communities and facilitate them to take collective actions.

## Odisha Shramajeebee Mancha (OSM)

### Sangathan Strengthening

- 9269 awareness meetings on importance of Palli Sabha/Gram Sabha among sangathan leaders and community, Preparation of 2924 Village Development Plan with community and placed in Palli Sabha
- Preparation of 596 Village Development Plan with community and placed in Gram Sabha out of which 288 plan approved
- 426 different activities such as campaign, rally, submission of memorandum, policy analysis, dialogue with MLAs, MPs etc organised at state level for effective advocacy with the policy makers, bureaucracy, judiciary and political parties
- Mobilised 46 community and sangathan leaders for effective participation in social audit, public hearing and other various events
- Identified 163 common issues, preparation of advocacy plan, mobilised community through sangathan leaders at village level



### Education campaign

- 2891 Conducted sample study to understand the reason for dropout
- 1191 Awareness on importance of education and 1302 Function of SMC, PTA, MTA and school cabinet
- 1354 Capacitate the SMC, Sangathan leaders, team members on Right to Education Act., 1888 Ensuring teachers and student ratio 30:1
- 1466 Application for new Ration card



# Sangathan Intervention

Odisha Shramajeebee Mancha, Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha and Sonbhadra Vikash Sangathan, UP

## Impact

- 80 new roads constructed/developed in our operational areas due to the sangathan demand
- 21 Anganwadi centre building constructed which helped children to avail Pre-primary education
- 13 no. of school boundary constructed upon the Sangathan demand
- Sangathan members demanded for electrification of 600 villages out of which 541 villages received electricity connection
- Through campaigns and events, Sangathan members and communities oriented on rights and entitlements which helped them to access government benefits and increasing their livelihood opportunities
- In the financial year 2019-20 till now, we were able to facilitate around 12000 households getting an average of 60.45 man-days amounting to Rs. 20.74 Crores in terms of wages. The most significant achievement of this initiative is that communities have been involved in the planning of work for their wages; they have been participating in village development plans.





# Sangathan Intervention

Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, Odisha

## Operational coverage

The footprints of Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, Odisha is spread across 13 districts of the state covering 2926 village under 442 Gram Panchayats of 49 blocks.

## Highlight of intervention

- At grassroots level there are almost more than 3000 committees with women's representation
- More than 10000 women taking the lead roles of the Sangathans at local level and 1000 women are in the leadership roles
- MGNREGA; if we see the achievement in the year 2018/19, with the support of our local sangathans 12000 families have got jobs
- Food Security Act: one million post card sent to chief Minister demanding to include free salt, Dal and cooking Oil under PDS
- Inclusion in Social Security Schemes; In last year 1500 families AADHAAR are linked with Ration cards through a rigorous support of local sangathan
- Organised and spearheaded campaign on Forest Land Rights, Manifesto Campaign and Campaign on Health And Education





# Sangathan Intervention

## Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, Odisha

### Impact

- Participation of women has increased up to 80% in Pali and Grama Sabha
- 30% women are sensitized about their constitutional rights after MSMO intervention
- Now a days the women are taking the lead roles in solving the social issues
- Local sangathan have built a strong support with various line departments and like-minded people/institution at their local level
- 205 villages are identified and recognized as women centric villages where the women
- are priorities for the sangathan and the sangathan leaders and taking care of those issues and resolving them at their local level
- The women leaders are raising question to the departments if they found any negligence and corruptions
- A pressure has been created on government at state level through the lobby and advocacy activities by the people's collectives
- Janasathi model is running as a successful model
- Local medias and mainstreamed medias are covering the covering the stories in regular basis





# Sangathan Intervention

## Sonbhadra Vikas Sangathan

### Operational coverage

The Sangathan's work in Uttar Pradesh is spread in 359 villages under 103 Panchayat of Nawga and Chhatra blocks of Sonbhadra district, catering to the needs of over 42510 families.

Key focus areas of intervention are Formation of People's collective, Livelihood, Women Empowerment, Rural Education, Food and Nutritional Security, Training & Orientation, Plantation under Hara Bhara Tariya and Cultural Group formation through UFAAN

### Highlight of intervention

- As a result of Sangathan efforts, 380 village committee, 114 Gram Panchayat committee, and 2 block committee meeting organised

### Education

- Identification of drop-out children-298(from 52 schools-25 Nagwa and 27 Chatra) , Admission done of drop-out children-93
- 259 plants have been planted in the schools in the 36 schools(22 in Nagwa and 14 in Chatra)

### Hara Bhara Village Programme:

- A total of 45000 saplings were planted out of which 38000 plants were mobilised from forest department and from the locality. Despite water scarcity, community efforts have managed to save 38000 plants.
- To protect the plants from wild animals, a 30 membered green warrior has been formed by the leaders in both the blocks.
- Plantation in the schools to sensitize children towards environment-259 plants





# Sangathan Intervention

## Sonbhadra Vikas Sangathan

### Campaign & Events

A campaign on building awareness on education and health was launched on 15th November and concluded on the "Human Rights Day", i.e. 10th December. During this 23 days of campaign, an attempt was made to create the awareness among the marginalised community of 103 gram panchayats. The theme of the campaign was awareness on RTE, Signature collection on the demand, sharing post cards to the government on highlighting the issues.

On the day of conclusion 300 village leaders attended the rally from the district headquarter to office of BDO and submitted the memorandum.

### Impact-MGNREGA-

- Total 5685 households have got the work through sangthan effort and total 266574 mandays generated, i.e. 48,249,894 Rupees generated @181 per day
- 1965 households (1140 from Nagwa and 825 from Chatra) have got the late payment(FY 2018-19)

### Resource Mobilization

- Through MGNREGA- 482.5 lakhs have been leveraged and other government scheme for community with a tune of 2.16 Cr Rupees
- Organised 4th Annual event of Sonbhadra Vikash sangthan on 28th Feb, 2020 where community members contributed the event expenses which is equivalent to Rs. 62000
- Through Nukkad Natak held by Prerna Kala Manch, Rs. 51455 were collected from 9 villages.
- 38000 trees from line department and community contribution were raised which amounts to Rs. 3.8 lakhs
- Sangthan Sustainability-10 no. of JS have been partially sustained on community membership where 73% of amount was paid through Sangthan and 23% was paid through Atmashakti.
- During the education campaign, a total of Rs. 93120 raised through local contribution and solidarity support





# Sangathan Intervention

## Bhubaneswar Bikash Sangathan

Bhubaneswar Vikas Sangathan germinated with an aim to establish a long term sustainable people's organization in Bhubaneswar slums. with a targeted reach out to 97505 families in 362 slums under Bhubaneswar Municipality Corporation area. The purpose of the formation of the sangathan was to replicate our sangathan approach model in selected urban areas and continue to deliver services to the marginalised and deprived communities.

### Highlights of intervention

- Meeting at the slum level: Introductory presentation meeting on BBS concept, issues identification, sangathan formation, sharing of information on Food Security provisions, identification of key active leaders & preparation of adhoc committee. During this period, we visited 95 slums with a total of 21212 HHs in the Northern zone of the urban slum.
- Ad hoc Committee Formation: 80 Adhoc committees were formed in 80 slums and in each, Committee President, Secretary and other key members were selected with the consent of other slum dwellers. We discussed their role and responsibilities and the importance of the ad hoc committee.
- Birsamunda Jayanti celebration: To encourage the school students and women, we celebrated Birsamunda Jayanti in two tribal slums i.e like Tuyu Gutu A and Tuyu Gutu B. In total, 30 students from Class 1 - 8 and 16 women from the slums participated in the programme. We also organized different competitions like Drawing/ Quiz competition for children, and puchi competition for the women. From both the slums, about 40 slum dwellers were present to encourage the participants.
- 2154 HHs surveys have been completed
- 26 committee members, 54 children and 29 women from Bhubaneswar slums took part in our state level programmes during Siksha swasthya Adhikar campaign







# Sangathan Intervention

## Bhubaneswar Bikash Sangathan

### Impact

- Visited 14 wards, 95 slums and 21212 HHs of the Northern Zone of Urban Slums under BMC.
- Organised introductory meeting to explain the concept of Bhubaneswar Bikash Sangathan in 95 slums of Ward 14 in the Northern Zone.
- Slum Level Women Committees were formed in 80 slums and selection of President and Secretary was done with the consent of other members of the committee.
- Issues identified from 95 slums like poor infrastructures (tarpaulin roof), IHHL, sanitation, drainage, kachha road, drinking water, ration card, pension.
- Issue addressed at the Ward Level i.e. issue of new Ration Card for 27 households in Ward No 5 & 9. After our interventions, a total of 18 old people from Ward 10, 11 & 14 got their pension which was pending with the government.
- Solved drinking water and sanitation issues of Ward 5 & 9 by approaching the concern departments.

**Networking with different stakeholders:** Strong relationship developed with various CBOs, Corporators, Ward Officers, Community organizers and NGOs

**Mobilization of food & essential commodities during COVID-19:** During the critical lockdown period we mobilized ration, grocery and cooked food for 1676 poor households from 16 slums and 10 wards under Bhubaneswar Bikash Sangathan in the Northern Zone.

We also mobilized support in the form of grocery and essential commodities from YUVA and Matrushakti Foundation for a group of 6 physically challenged persons from Phulbani district who were stuck in Keshari Basti Ward 47.



# Sangathan Intervention

## Berhampur Bikash Sangathan

### Puri Intervention

With the help of local administration, the team members of Atmashakti had a meeting with the collector, Puri & other district officials. After that A team of Atmashakti Trust visited Berhampur Gram Panchayat, one of the most cyclone affected areas of Krushnaprasad block in Puri district. In this context Atmashakti team had three times meeting with collector and PD, DRDA. There are a total of 1238 families out of which about 750 families live on an island in the middle of the Chilika Lake and the mouth into the Bay of Bengal is only around 2 kilometers away.

Looking at the trail of devastation and acute sufferings of the people, Atmashakti realized that it is extremely crucial to help people get back their livelihood which has been greatly affected by Cyclone Fani and other Restoration works.

To know the extent of damage and to assess the need of the people affected by Cyclone Fani, Atmashakti conducted a baseline survey in five 5 villages of Berhampur Gram Panchayat. The report revealed that restoration of livelihood and other developmental works are the priority of this Gram Panchayat. Hence mutually a decision had been taken that following are the key areas those are needs the immediate attention.

Priority areas of intervention that were included are: Livelihood restoration through mobilising OLM and other livelihood sectors aswell as from organizational support,

Construction of new House under PMAY & other housing schemes, Ensuring Drinking water by engaging RWSS, School infrastructure and quality education and Accessible healthcare facilities Banking facilities.







# Sangathan Intervention

## Berhampur Bikash Sangathan

### Highlights of intervention and Impact

- 61 households was identified and given assistance for livelihood restoration. The total sum of the grant was Rupees Twelve Lakh eighty thousand @ Rs. Twenty thousand per family
- OLM conducted an employment campaign for the youth age between 18-35 years for their livelihood
- OLM agreed to provide support to the poultry framing initiatives to the interested 100 household on priority basis.
- Able to ensure Allocation of 92 numbers of individual housing projects under Indira Awaas Yojana-IAY/Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-PMAY. Infrastructure work is on progress
- Able to ensuring Allocation of 76 numbers of individual housing projects under Phailin.
- Able to ensure 450 numbers of more housing projects, which are in the pipeline and will be executed after due scrutinization
- 6 schools received Rs. 2 Lakhs as school repairing assistance and the work is in progress. The work is on the verge of being completed
- Additionally, 2 schools received a budget of Rs. 4.5 lakhs towards the improvement of the school
- Mobile health service will be ensured soon
- Drinking water projects worth Rs. 3 crores are in the pipeline
- Also, Collector proposed for additional budgets for the schools of the Gram Panchayat, so that equipments like computer, furniture and other assets can be procured to ensure quality education in the school.





# Success story

## Kandhamal's youth warriors on mission to spread awareness on COVID 19

With the pandemic comes the stigma, superstitions and distress about the disease among people. Meet 10 youth volunteers of Atmashakti Trust and Jeebika Suraksha Manch of Kandhamal who have taken on mission to inform communities about the COVID-19 Pandemic. To oust the myths and provide a basic scientific understanding of the public health measure behind the endemic, these group members drive their way to remote villages everyday to inform people about social distancing, handwashing and the importance of wearing masks. The locals are all praise for these youth groups as they have already covered 224 villages of 11 Gram Panchayats under Tumudibandha and Kotagarh Block where they are educating people about the Corona pandemic and helping SHGs to distribute foods to the people in their houses.

In these villages where basic amenities are hardly fulfilled and we are leaving no stones unturned to provide the government benefits to the people, the noble gestures of these youths are praiseworthy, says Mrs Basanti Behera Majhi, Sarpanch of the Jubaguda Gram Panchayat.

"Neither the villagers were wearing masks nor were washing hands or maintaining social distancing until we informed them about the hazard of the Coronavirus. Through the confusion, stress and worry that COVID 19 causes naturally, we needed to contribute to our society", said Madhab Majhi who himself is a partially physically challenged but a frontline warrior of the group of the organization.

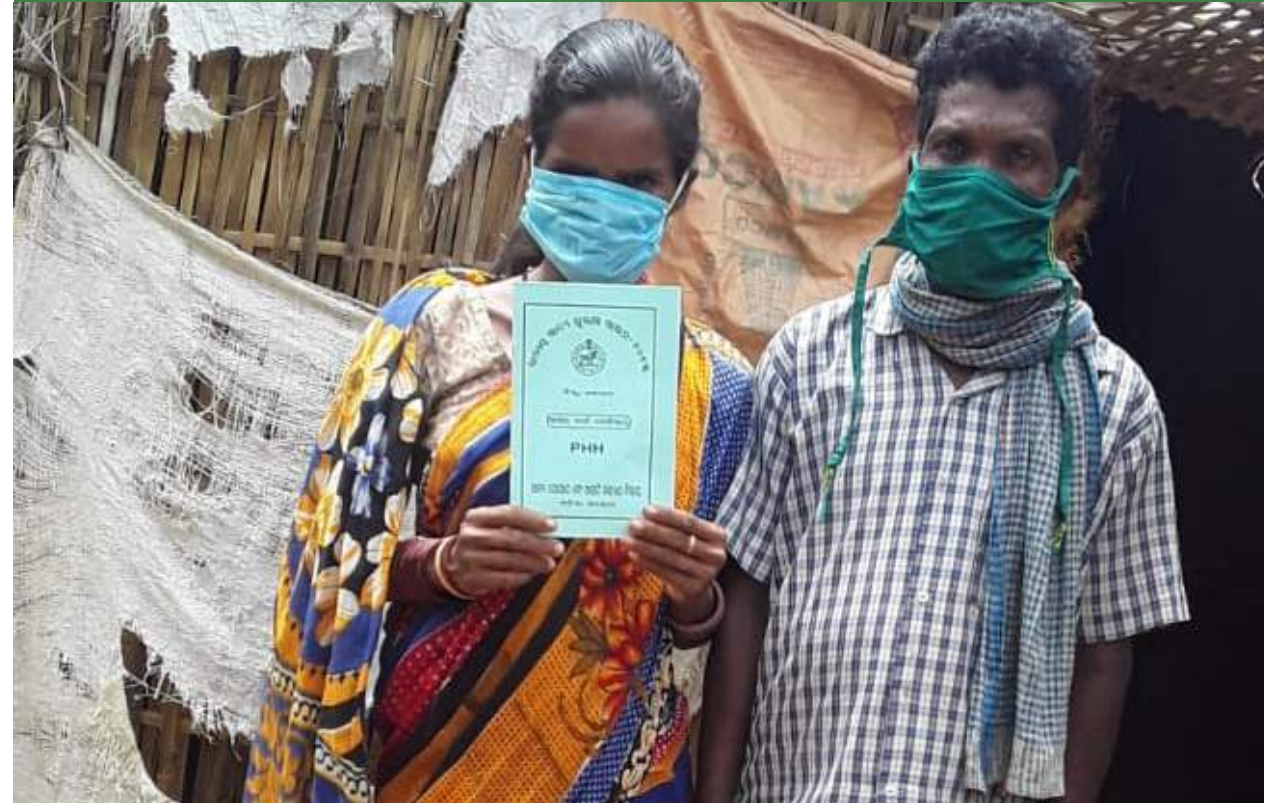
We are spreading awareness on social distancing, handwashing, importance of wearing masks and helping Self-help Group's efforts to provide food at doorsteps in over 224 villages of 11 Gram Panchayats of Tumudibandha and Kotagada blocks and not only this, we are also spending from our own pockets to help needy and distress families where government benefits are not yet reached, concludes Puspanjali Kar, another group member and who works a Janasathi with Jeebika Suraksha Mancha, Kandhamal.





# Success story

## Now, Sasmita's family is ensured of 3-months ration



Sasmita lives with her family in Kudigunja, a village under Daringbadi block of Kandhamal district, Odisha. Both Sasmita and her husband Aruna work as daily wage earners to manage their households. But as the pandemic induced lockdown was imposed, they lost their jobs. Over uncertainty, they knocked many doors for help to feed their family but remained unsuccessful. It was Rashmita, our Janasathi in that area who met Sasmita's family and witnessed their ordeals. Very soon, together with our ally Jeebika Suraksha Mancha in Kandhamal, Sasmita's story was tweeted consistently, tagging the State Food and Consumer Welfare Minister, Chief Minister's Office and the district administration of Kandhamal, to seek action in this regard.

Within a week, the district administration took action upon our Twitter posts and provided rations to Sasmita's family. "I had been fighting for rations. But everybody turned a deaf ear to my request. Now, with the help of Jeebika Suraksha Mancha and Atmashakti Trust, we got rations for at least 3-months. I am grateful to the Sangathan members for their timely help, especially during COVID-19 pandemic period", says Ms Sasmita.

## How the distribution of dry ration helped Sudha Devi to feed her kids

With a hope to make a living, Sudha Devi migrated to Noida from a remote village of Jharkhand. It was difficult for her to take care of two kids in the village where there was hardly any sustained livelihood opportunities.

Raising children as a single woman was already a challenge. And the lockdown posed another challenge as the family had to struggle with the acute food shortage. It was a crisis within the crisis for Sudha Devi.

She was working as a domestic help to many houses in sector 44 in Noida where she was staying. It has been five years that she has been taking care of her kids all alone after her husband passed away. The lockdown made her more helpless. She had no savings. So, she was even unable to buy grocery or refill a gas cylinder.

"When I had almost lost faith in humanity as there was no support rendered to us, Atmashakti provided us the much-needed rations which enabled me to feed my family", tells Sudha Devi.







# Way Forward

## Sangathan interventions

- Expansion of operational area and human resource
- One campaign relating to women's rights and people's struggle in each quarter through Sangathan intervention
- Orientation of state committees of MSMO and OSM through Birsa Bahini and Centre for Learning and Development (CLD)
- District level actions to strengthen Sangathan presence and increasing coordination of Sangathan in zonal level
- Activities to promote economic inclusion of women through leveraging livelihood opportunity/linkages and giving some income source for the community
- Strategizing a comprehensive campaign on Community Forest Rights (CFR)
- Organising Sangathan Sammilani for OSM and MSMO
- Alternative membership collection ideas such as bringing Sangathan Sustainability Month through cultural troupe and other innovative ways
- Interchange best practices and lessons learned trends of research study findings for OSM and MSMO members
- Setting next level actions on 100 women centric villages: Piloting incentive based iron-tablet consumption practices for women in a control group at our health-kit intervention area. This will be a community driven initiative to ensure that all women have required level of hemoglobin in their blood.



# Way Forward

## Research studies and Advocacy

- Research studies on Displacement, and migration issues in Balangir, fluoride water issues in Kalahandi, Cervical cancer issues
- in Nuapada, research on BT Cotton through our agriculture programmes

## Agriculture

- Research studies on Displacement, and migration Expansion of operational area and human resource
- Promoting khajra khat and pot medicine by demonstrating it (acre-wise details)
- Developing a Seed Bank which will serve the purpose of a training and demonstration centre on traditional seeds, where
- promotion and protection of traditional seeds will be practised. Decentralising nursery (to be used as a gift economy and
- linking it to the Block Sustainable Unit
- Creating demands and movement for women farmers with reference from cross-national studies.
- Promoting Millet-intensive farming and market linkages of the millet
- Developing a report card on Agriculture highlighting general trend of agriculture in the state and putting forth demand based
- on the report card findings
- Organising Kisan Sammilani to showcase traditional farming practices, its advantages and impact on human health

## Health

- Expansion of operational area and human resource of Health Kit Intervention to Malkangiri district and carpet coverage in
- existing Kotagarh block of Kandhamal district.
- Campaign cum awareness drive on anaemia in mining area of Sundergarh by bringing Sangathan in Front

## Centre for Learning and Development (CLD)

- Leveling/grading CLD Courses for participants
- Covering all 500 Janasathis for 1st level of CLD course by doing Sibirs (camps) and conducting coursework in batches
- Assessing the impact of CLD course for the participants. Follow-up of their impacts will be measured by Birsa Bahini.
- Using sports and art as a medium to teach in CLD courses for those who find it difficult to understand the course in theoretical
- mode.
- Introducing study circle and bringing solidarity network together through it
- Special arrangements of CLD course will be taken up for women who cannot attend the CLD course in Bhubaneswar. CLD by bringing the course to their doorstep



# Way Forward

## Birsa Bahini

- Profiling and report card of all the employees will be prepared by Birsa Bahini
- Ensuring that all the recruits and new recruits attend at least some fundamental level of training
- Implementing scoreboard to the Janasathi level

## Campaign

- Setting framework and action for pre, during and post follow up of each campaign
- Ensuring a state level campaign on our thematic intervention or local issues in every quarter
- Building solidarity network to pluralise efforts from the diverse groups, communities to ensure that people's voices are heard



# Financials

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# In the news

## Women still get 34 pc less wages than their male counterparts: Study

**BHUBANESWAR:** A delegation assembled to celebrate International Women's Day 2018 which was organised by Amashakti Trust, Mahila Shramajeebi Mancha, Odisha and Odisha Shramajeebi Mancha here in Bhubaneswar, Saturday.

Ruchi Kashyap, executive trustee, Amashakti Trust said, "Women in India represent 29 percent of the labour force, down from 35 percent in 2014. More than half of the work done by women in India is unpaid, and almost all of it is informal and unprotected. Women are not well represented in most sectors, including business leaders. Though they comprise almost 40 percent of agricultural labour, they control only 9 percent of land in India."

Women are also starved of the formal financial system. More than half of India's women don't have cell phones, and 40 percent don't use them to connect them to the internet. If as many women as men had phones,



it could create US\$7 billion in revenue for phone companies in the next 5 years, according to a report published by UN India Business Forum.

Gender Specialist Himansu Nayak said, "World Economic Forum (WEF) has recently released Gender Gap Index 2018 that shows India has slipped to 113th position. India slid four places in terms of gender equality and increasing disparity in terms of women's participation in the formal economy of the country. An Odium report on inequality published in January revealed that in

# GENDER-BASED INEQUALITY PUTS SHACKLES ON WOMEN

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Jan 19:** The deteriorating condition of women safety in Odisha have led to activists urging the state government for constitutional, legislative and administrative reforms based on CEDAW (Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) recommendations by the United Nations (UN).

In a workshop—organised by the Shramajeebi Manch and Mahila Shramajeebi Manch, Odisha, held here, Saturday—the women leaders and activists discussed ways to eliminate discrimination against women as well as prevent and address gender-based violence against them.

"Orthodox and brutish male-dominated family systems, and the tradition of patriarchal inheritance have shored up the idea that women are mere 'possessions'. All forms of violence against women must be stopped and collective actions to abate this are the need of the hour", said Shanti Bhoi, President, Mahila Shramajeebi Manch.

- 5.6%** National Crime Record Bureau report (NCRB), 2017, Odisha has a share of 5.6% of all crime against women ↑
- 9.7 per lakh** Data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) shows between 2012 and 2018, the incidence of rape cases in Odisha increased from 7.2 per lakh women to 9.7 per lakh ↑
- 63%** Female literacy rate in the state is 67.4%. By the time girls turn 15, their school attendance drops to 63% ↓

As per the data released by National Crime Record Bureau report (NCRB), 2017, while Odisha contributes to only about 3% of India's population, it had a share of 5.6% of all crime against women during the same period. With 91.5 cases of crime against women per lakh people, it ranks as the second-worst state in the country on this front.

The CEDAW is an international treaty adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly which has been ratified by 180 countries across the world. Described as an international bill of rights for women, the treaty mentions about 30 articles to eliminate discrimination against women in the field of health care in order to ensure, on a basis

of equality of men and women.

However, data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) shows a grim picture of the state of women in Odisha. The survey says, between 2012 and 2018, the incidence of rape cases in Odisha increased from 7.2 per lakh women to 9.7 per lakh women. In the six years from 2012, 2,921 women have been killed for dowry-related issues in the state.

Furthermore, the data further disclose that the female literacy rate in the state is 67.4%. By the time girls turn 15, their school attendance drops to 63%. Therefore, the state government must prioritize efforts to ensure an equitable and a rightful place for girls and women of our state.

# Children's brushstrokes of dream school reach SCPCR chief

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Dec 11:** A delegation of school children, Wednesday met Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) chairperson Sandhyasati Pradhan and presented her their paintings on their dream schools. The delegation includes children from government schools of Malkangiri, Naspada, Boudh and Bolangir.

Recently, children from government-run elementary schools of 17 tribal dominated districts have showcased their art pieces on the theme "My dream school". The photos narrated everyday struggles and stories of hope of

children in accessing quality education even after 10 years of implementation of Right to Education Act. They have painted their own dream schools that need government attention to actualise the needs of the children.

The children also apprised Pradhan about lack of infrastructure, teachers' absenteeism, school closure and other issues. After meeting these children Pradhan said, "Education is a fundamental right of the children after RTE was enacted. Their dream about their school is innovative. The commission will direct the state government to ensure that all the facilities are available in their schools."



School children with SCPCR head Sandhyasati Pradhan

Among others, members of SCPCR Manjankane Kar, Gitanjali Baidya, Haritree Nayak and Susanta Patra were present and discussed with the children on school infrastructure and management of mid day meal. As per report released by Odisha

Shramajeebi Manch and Mahila Shramajeebi Manch recently on its website in the state, only 6.6 per cent of the state-run schools of the state are compliant with RTE norms after 10 years of implementation of Act. There are 306 schools where

## NOTICE ON DAV REGIONAL DIR OVER 'RTE VIOLATION'

The Odisha State Commission for Protection Child Rights (SCPCR) has served a show-cause notice on Regional Director of DAV, Odisha Zone-1, KC Satpathy, over the alleged violation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act. The Commission has issued the notice on the basis of a petition filed by the Odisha Parent's Federation (OPF). The Federation had alleged that general category students were enrolled under Economically Weaker Sections and Disadvantaged Group quota in DAV schools across Odisha during 2018-19 and 2019-20. The Commission has asked Satpathy to reply by December 26.

there is no school building. The state government has also closed down 966 schools where the student strength is less than 10 in the current academic session which is a gross violation of the RTE Act. According to the NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index

report, not a single school in Odisha has adopted the transparent online transfer system for school teachers. Nearly 25 per cent elementary schools in the state failed to meet the teacher norms mandated under the Right to Education (RTE) Act.

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# PANEL DISCUSSION ON RTE, HEALTH

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 6:** A panel discussion on Right to Education and Health was organised by Odisha Shramajeebi Manch (OSM) and Mahila Shramajeebi Manch, Odisha (MSMO) here Wednesday. They had also started a month-long statewide campaign on education and health, November 6, which covers 12 lakh households from 17 districts of the state.

In the event, government's apathy towards public education and healthcare in the state and lack of public pressure were discussed.

Anjan Pradhan, convener of OSM, said as per the report of National RTE Forum, 6.6 per cent of schools of the state are compliant with RTE norms after 10 years of implementation of Right to Education Act 2009. There are 306 schools without a school building. The state government has also closed down 966 schools where the student strength is less than 10.

Shanti Bhoi President, MSM said nearly 25 per cent elementary schools in the state failed meet the teacher norms mandated under the RTE Act. Also not a single school in the state had made any arrangement for Children with Special Needs (CWSN). Earlier more than 15 people from 17 districts had participated in the bike rally as part of the sangathan's month-long statewide campaign on education and health.

POOR EDUCATION INFRA

### FACILITIES LACKING

- 450** do not have electricity connection
- 98** schools not provided MDM
- 322** schools where School Management Committees not functioning
- 3,481** classrooms short in schools across State
- 238** schools have no drinking water facility

## 45 pc elementary schools have no library: Survey

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**AROUND 53** per cent schools do not have electricity, while **45** per cent schools lack library facility for students at elementary level in the State, revealed a survey report released on Friday.

A joint survey of Odisha Shramajeebi Mancha and Mahila Shramajeebi Mancha claimed that of the 960 schools inspected in 17 districts last

month, 450 don't have electricity connection. Similarly, 437 schools also do not have library facility.

The study findings also revealed that more than 70 per cent schools do not have toilet facility for children with special need.

A total of 835 primary and upper primary schools, which account to 85.93 per cent of the schools surveyed, have no Computer-aided Learning Laboratory.

What surprises more is that mid-day-meal is not being provided to children in 98 (10 pc) schools. School Management Committees are not functioning in 322 (33.5 pc) schools.

The irregularities in schools do not end here. The survey report stated that as per Right to Education norms these schools should have 5,976 classrooms. But, they are running short by a whopping 3,481 classrooms.

Though State Government asks school authorities to ensure that students are not allowed to go outside school campus between 10 am and 4 pm, around 725 out of 960 sample schools didn't have boundary wall. Drinking water facility is also not available in 238 (25 per cent) schools.

Not just schools. The health establishments are also in a shambles in the State, claimed the report.

It revealed that of the 216 Sub-Health Centres, 185 are bereft of toilet facility while 97 lack drinking water facility.

While 21 SHCs have own building 44 are operating in rented accommodations and 151 are running in other government buildings. Over 50 SHCs also don't have electricity facility.

The finding said 46 out of 55 Primary Health Centres also don't have toilet facility which is alarming. It also stated that all 13 community health centres where survey was conducted do not have blood storage unit.

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ପୁରୁଣାଗଡ଼, ୧୦/୧୧ (କେମିସି): ଏହି ରାଜ୍ୟ ଭୂତଳ ୧୫ ପଞ୍ଚାୟତରେ ଭୈରବୀ ଶ୍ରମଜୀବୀ ମଞ୍ଚର ସଭ୍ୟମାନେ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ରାଲି ଆୟତ୍ତ କରିଥିଲେ। ଏହି ରାଲିରେ ଆଦିମ ଏକତା ମଞ୍ଚର ସଭ୍ୟମାନେ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଓ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ସେବା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଥିବା ମୌଳିକ ସୁବିଧା ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧରେ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ସଚେତନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ରଖି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ରାଲିରେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ କରିଥିଲେ।

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