

GOVINDA PRADHAN SMURTI SANSADA

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Vision

To build an inclusive, empowered, and self-reliant rural and tribal society where every individual has equal access to education, health care, sustainable livelihoods, and dignity of life.

Mission

To work with rural poor and tribal communities through participatory approaches that promote education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods & rights awareness; to empower individuals and communities to utilize their resources, preserve their culture, and achieve social and economic self-reliance.

Core Values

Equity & Inclusion – Equal opportunity and dignity for all.

Participation – Communities at the center of development.

Transparency & Accountability–Honesty, integrity and openness.

Sustainability – Eco-friendly, long-term practices.

Cultural Respect–Valuing tribal identity and indigenous knowledge.

Empowerment – Building confidence and self-reliance.

Collaboration – Partnering with stakeholders for holistic impact.

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Foreword



Dear-Readers, With much pleasure and satisfaction – I am presenting Annual Activity Report **2024-2025** of Govinda Pradhan Smurti Sansada (GPSS). No doubt, this was a satisfying year for the organization as its work expanded to cover new activities and new areas.

Some of the new and interesting projects been started with new approaches towards beneficiaries with emphasis on participatory management of assets sphere heading the role of Women and the backward people at their respective areas. Budget of the organization also increased to certain extent though that does not amount tangible.

As GPSS was established during 1991, approaches completion of 34 years of its existence in the State and it can justifiably be proud of work it has done to treat and help people from marginalized & socio-economically disadvantageous background – more particularly those living in remote, far flung areas & those who remain frequently un-reached by the state. The organization has thus succeeded, to some extent, in rectifying the bias towards affluent that has, regrettably come to characterize India's development system today

At the same time, high quality services and empathy with the poor and underprivileged, continued to inform all that GPSS did. Organization also developed new models and standards in development approach through service to the disadvantaged. It is cognizable to note that its success has been possible in large measures because of dedication & deep sense of commitment of the staff. I would like to convey my deep appreciations of their efforts.

I would like to express my grateful thanks to our partners and long time supporters including TATA Trust for extending financial and other support to us. The Govt. of India and more particularly, the State Govt. and local (Govt.) authorities have been extremely supportive to our efforts and we have been able to work effectively in different spheres and peripheries only because of their cooperation and support in true spirit.

We have reasons to be hopeful being a Voluntary Development Organization. Till date – we have been able to make successful transformations both in micro and macro situations in many parts of our beneficiary areas. Answers to most of the challenges have been evolved, developed and sustained. But it will be prudent to accept the fact that – Efforts are still made to be quite adaptive to match to the changing situations in beneficiary areas. I am confident that GPSS will continue to work successfully to bring relief to those who suffer from the triple burden of poverty, diseases and discrimination.

(P.Santosh Kumar Patro)
President

Foreword



Dear Friends,

Printing an Annual Report is always an exercise in reluctant candidness; not because there are things to hide but because the process involves a degree of introspection and acknowledgement that can be both, unsettling as well as motivating. In telling the world what we have been doing, we ourselves get to see what we have not done. Mapping out the distances covered, gives us a clear view of the miles left to travel before we can stop a while and claim to have kept our promises. When we started out in 1991, we did promise ourselves, both as an organization as well as individuals, to do everything possible to include the poor in the process of development. We were unanimous in our belief that participatory development was the only way to mainstream the poor and the marginalized.

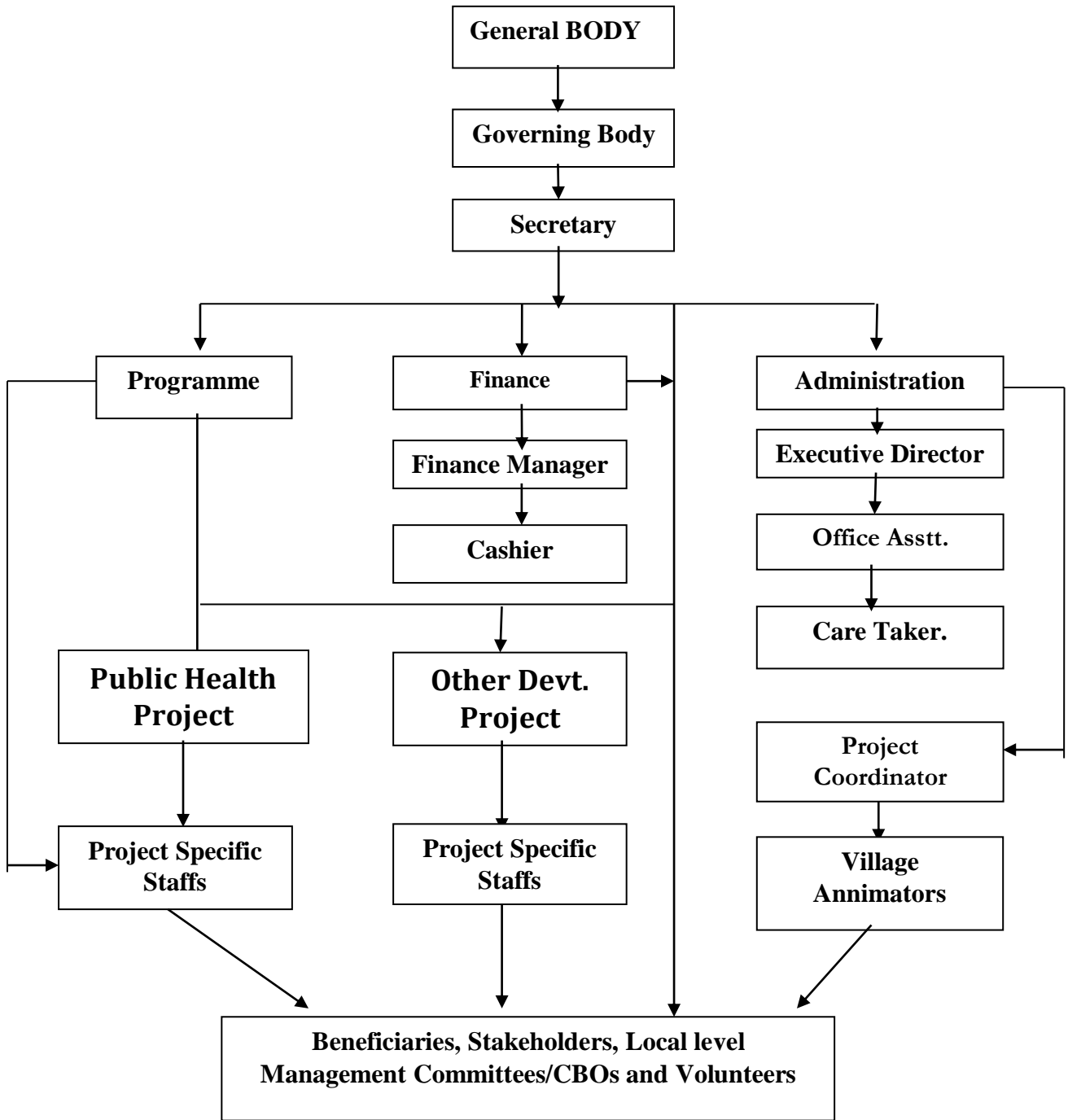
In the decade that has gone by we have tried hard to keep our promises. I may even add that we have had some measures of success. Be it consultancies, trainings or even internal initiatives, we have been able to maintain an unequivocally pro-poor, pro-inclusion stand. A large part of this has been possible because we have been committed as a group – though we yet to attain financial self-sufficiency to take up activities. Our development perspectives have paid for the organization as well as supported its various activist roles. Not being dependent on external funds has given us the luxury of not having to compromise on our beliefs and the freedom to work. However, while this continues to be the case we realize that it is time to ask ourselves a few questions since we have yet to work on a broad spectrum of issues that encompasses a lot for the wholesome development of the deprived and under privileged mass.

Participatory development is no longer a buzzword. It has been co-opted as another ‘must use’ jargon. This co-optation means that as an organization, which spearheaded the concept a decade back, it is now time for us to liberate it from its rhetorical glory and deepen and widen its practice. This requires partnerships and linkages. Relevantly, to broaden our reach and purview of approach and work - we have recently decided to open an office in the capital city of Odisha as a part of our expansion blueprint. We hope to set up that office to enable us continue building a strong network for development initiatives. In the year to come, we hope to build associations with like-minded organizations who will see our expansion for what it actually is: the expansion of participatory democracy.

My colleagues at GPSS and I share a common vision for the way forward. We would like to see a social order, without margins, one that accords every individual no matter whom, the right to have an active and influential say in the way the world around her or him is shaped. At GPSS we keep striving to do our bit - both professionally and personally. I am sure you would too. Thank You.

(Brundaban Panda)
Secretary

PICTORIAL REPRESENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:



CHAPTER-I

Promotion of Solar energy through RTS

Energy derived from the Sun's radiation. Passive solar energy can be exploited through architectural design, as by positioning windows to allow sunlight to enter and help heat a space. Active solar energy involves the conversion of sunlight to electrical energy. Most people know of solar power and its status as a “green energy.” But fewer people know about the specific environmental and public health benefits of solar power.

Non renewable energy sources damage the ground in several ways. Oil often spills into soil, harming Plants and animals; and fracking for natural gas damages habitats and several layers of the earth. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.2 million people die prematurely due to outdoor air pollution every year. A major cause of air pollution is the burning of oil, which contains several harmful chemicals that have carcinogenic effects. Coal isn't much better as it contains chemicals such as sulfur dioxide that can damage your lungs when inhaled. Air pollutants also have dangerous effects on eyes and can cause both short term and long term damage to your vision. Fortunately, solar panels don't pollute the air at all. The materials in them aren't released into the air even in extreme cases if there's a fire.

Thanks to the **Smart Power for Rural Development India Foundation** Gurgaon, Haryana-for their support on which as a service provider we have trained 64 volunteers from different corners of the Ganjam district. The trained volunteers were visited commercial & Institutional customers and provided adequate information on benefits of solar energy. As a result the awareness on solar is increased and 48 C&I Customers were agreed for installation of roof-top solar at the same time the concerned volunteers earned incentives for their lead generation activities.

CHAPTER-II

A Journey towards Samrudha Odisha 2036 Vikasit Bharat 2047

“**Purvoday 2025**” is envisioned as a flagship event, uniquely positioned to catalyze the growth and development of Odisha's entrepreneurial ecosystem, directly contributing to the national vision of “**Vikasit Bharat 2047**” articulated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, and the “**Samrudha Odisha 2036**” under the inspiring leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Mohan Charan Majhi.

Hence we organized “**Purvoday 2025**”, a strategic MSME conclave at PHD Ground Sambalpur for 3 days from 22nd to 24th February 2025. This Conclave was convened 1500 participants, representing a diverse spectrum of stakeholders crucial to the Start-up landscape, including MSME owners, entrepreneurs, SHGs, start-ups, representatives from universities and large corporations, industry leaders, investors, government officials, policy makers, academics, and industry associations from across Odisha and beyond. Aligned with the visionary goal of creating 100 start-ups with ₹100 crore businesses in the 100th year of Odisha's statehood, as envisioned by Sri Dharmendra Pradhan Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Government of India.

This dynamic platform offered a comprehensive and engaging program designed to stimulate growth, innovation, and collaboration, including:

- Inspirational Keynote Addresses by prominent industry figures and thought leaders.
- Interactive Panel Discussions featuring experts on critical challenges and emerging opportunities facing Start-ups.

- Practical Workshops and Training Sessions focused on enhancing specific skills and knowledge areas vital for MSME success.
- Dedicated Networking Sessions fostering valuable connections, potential partnerships, and business collaborations.
- Exhibitions showcasing innovative MSME products and services, providing market access and visibility.
- Business Pitching Sessions offering a platform for MSMEs to present their innovative ideas to Potential investors, facilitating access to capital.
- Recognition and Awards celebrating outstanding MSME achievements, inspiring excellence and innovation.
- Cultural Programs showcasing the rich heritage of the region and fostering a vibrant atmosphere conducive to networking and collaboration.

Thanks to the head of the Start-up Odisha under MS&ME Department Govt. of Odisha for their support and active cooperation towards successfully organising the important event.

CHAPTER-III

Research and documentation of plantation sites under GIM scheme

Conducted one Research and documentation under Green India Mission for year wise tree growth with response to Climate and epidemic factor as well as Socio-economic status of development of 15 VSS (Bhoirpada VSS, Dharapgarh VSS, Bhurdipada VSS of Titlagarh Range, Jhinkipada VSS, Shukunabhata VSS, Dwarseni VSS, Dangarpada VSS of Bangomunda Range, Semla VSS, Sargul VSS, Tetelkhunti VSS, Malpamunda VSS, Turekela VSS of Kantabanji Range, Beherapani VSS of Harishankar Range, Kadopani VSS, Guduramunda VSS of Patnagarh Range) for the year, 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively.

The key focus areas of the research were included:

1. Survival Rate Assessment-Evaluating the growth and survival rate of planted saplings.
2. Soil and Water Conservation Impact-Analyzing how plantations have contributed to soil stability and water retention.
3. Biodiversity Enhancement-Assessing the improvement in local flora and fauna due to afforestation efforts.
4. Community Participation Understanding the role of local communities in sustaining these plantations.
5. Income Generation Opportunities -Exploring the potential for local communities to derive sustainable livelihoods from plantation activities, including non-timber forest products, eco-tourism, agro forestry initiatives, and the utilization of supplied instruments for value-added processing and productivity enhancement. Exploring the potential for local communities to derive sustainable livelihoods from plantation activities, including non-timber forest products, eco-tourism, and agro forestry initiatives.

Thanks to the forest range officer, Titilagarh, Balangir for his support and active cooperation towards successfully conduct the aforesaid Research and documentation under Green India Mission.

CHAPTER-IV

CLUSTER LEVEL PROCESSING AND VALUE CHAIN

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment is implementing a flagship programme Crop Diversification Programme in Mega Lift Irrigation Project in the State of Odisha in cluster approach with an objective to diversify the upland & medium land paddy areas to different non-paddy crops. For custom hiring centre comprising of farm machineries, implements and equipment's which is to be supply to the farmers on hiring basis to reduce drudgery to farmers as per the following objectives:

- **Diversification from paddy to non-paddy crops** with focus on pulses & oilseeds and Horticultural crops in upland/medium land in Kharif.
- **Improving soil health** through promotion of crops with heavy biomass and less chemical input requirement.
- Integration with Livestock and Fisheries.
- **Cluster based promotion** of post-harvest, primary processing, Value addition & Marketing through CBOs like FPOs/WSHGs/PPs Agri-entrepreneur.
- To create **awareness, capacity building and community mobilization** of farmers on sustainability of cropping pattern and diet diversification.

As part of this program GPSS has awarded as CBO for the purpose of Establishment **PROCESSING AND VALUE CHAIN** unit at the cluster named Digapahandi Consisting of villages namely G.Ps JAKAR, GADA-GOVINDAPUR and KARAPADA under Digapahandi Block & GUIDALI GP under Kabisurya Nagar Block. Based on the assignment GPSS has established one **PROCESSING AND VALUE CHAIN** unit at Gada Govindapur village and GP of Digapahandi block comprising of the machineries as Mini Dal Mill, Cold pressed Oil Mill, Multy seed Cleaner, Maize Sheller, Groundnut decorticator and Pulverizer.

CHAPTER-V

Promotion of agriculture livelihood through DBI

The Diversion Base Irrigation projects implemented by GPSS in six tribal villages of both Ganjam and Gajapati District of Odisha with support of Jamsetji Tata Trust Mumbai during 2010 to 20014. After end of the project period the project was handed over to the concerned VDCs for management and maintenance of the project. As it is water project and water is elixir of life it needs to run the system continuously. As it is a pipe based projects we are providing frequent engineering support to maintain the water systems properly. In continuation to the follow-up activities we have re-oriented the VDC of six villages and maintained/repared the systems by using engineering technology with contribution of the villagers. Promoted 12 rural volunteer by providing training on rural engineering to make available of technology to meet the immediate requirement of any repair and maintenance of the villagers

Name of the villages and House Hold covered as follows:

1. **Kania Sahi** village in S.Tikarpada GP of Digapahandi Block of Ganjam
2. **Podakhhal** village in S.Tikarpada GP of Digapahandi Block of Ganjam
3. **Nuapada** Village in Dengapadar GP of Kukudakhandi Block of Ganjam
4. **Alara/Krushtnapur** Village in Dhepaguda GP of Mohana Block of Gajapati District

CHAPTER-VI

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO LOCAL YOUTH

GPSS is extending support to Community development through Polytechnic under UCP engineering school, Berhampur with support of ministry of HRD, Govt. of India since 2008 in a meaningful manner by providing infrastructure and coordination support to undertake Vocational Training for local youth At Bhismagiri – GPSS is conducting “Web-Designing” training” for a period of 4 months per batch each batch consisting of 20 trainees. And one Dress designing/Sample tailoring training centre is running at Chandi Sahi of Gosaninuagaon, Berhampur for the urban poor women” for a period of 3 months per batch – each batch consisting of 20 trainees. As such, every year – GPSS has enabled 40X3= 120 local youths developed as trained and skilled in aforesaid aspects with fully free of cost. Over the years – GPSS has coordinated to a number of finance and credit institutions including Public Sector Undertaking Banks including NABARD to provide technical and on job professional support to start and promote their small scale enterprises. As on date more than 400 skilled youth have been settled in private sector job and some of them have started business of their own in their localities itself Made convergence of this training with the women SHG federation working under DAY-NULM at word No.25 of Berhampur Municipal Corporation and through this program nearly 100 urban poor women enhancing/upgrading their skill through this outreach training services.

CHAPTER-VII

Skill up gradation and Marketing Skill Training to the SHG and ALF members

During January 2016 to September 2022 GPSS was engaged as a resource organization by the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) under Housing and urban development Dept. Govt. of Odisha for formation of SHGs, their federations, capacity building of all members and promotion of the financial inclusion of SHG members in word No.21 to 30 of Berhampur Municipal Corporation to reduce their poverty and to ensure livelihood of urban poor through SHGs under DAY-NULM.

Needs of Skill up gradation and Marketing Skill Training:

After end of the chapter in working with the DAY-NULM scheme and Based on the rapport with the SHG community and experience of GPSS during the project implementation some SHGs and their federation (Area Level Federations) of word number 25 & 26 requested GPSS for active association with them. Hence we are providing necessary training to upgrade their manufacturing, value addition as well as marketing skills in phase manner. Hence we have continued this program through contributory mode by collecting a small amount for remuneration of the resource person as well as other requirements.

CHAPTER-VIII

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ROAD SAFETY

To reduce road fatalities and serious injuries by strengthening enforcement, improving child safety, and applying scientific speed management every year on occasion of National Road safety week from 11 to 17 January applying different methods of awareness activities. This year on **15th January 2025** at Berhampur we have organized one training cum workshops by inviting representatives from line department and civil society organizations to prevent road accident to save the valuable human life through responsible parents and to prevent the causes of not wearing Helmets, mixed alcohol with drive, driving without license, rush driving etc.

CHAPTER-IX

Management of Elderly Care & Support Centre (SANJEEVANI)

Nabarangpur district has a significant population of older persons, many of whom face social isolation, poverty, lack of access to healthcare and limited family support. Taking consideration of this issue GPSS has started one Old Age Home/Elderly Care & Support Centre (SANJEEVANI) at At-Tirliambaguda Po-Bikrapur of Nabarangpur since 15th August 2023 with our own efforts as well as mobilizing donation and other needs from the local people and providing residential care, medical support, psychosocial activities, and community outreach for vulnerable older adults. The centre accommodated 12 older persons combined with safe accommodation, basic healthcare, meals, recreational activities, legal and social counseling, and linkages to government schemes. The aim is to pilot a replicable, community-integrated model that respects local culture and builds local capacity for eldercare.

CHAPTER-X

WORKSHOP ON SAFE MIGRATION AND HIV/AIDS

Ganjam District is a hub of HIV&AIDS, which is contributing 40% of HIV infection to Odisha state figure and according to NACO estimate Ganjam placed in 8th position in the country as HIV high prevalent District. The only reason of spreading the HIV virus in rural Ganjam is because of lake of employment opportunity in agriculture sector a large-scale youth migrating to other Cities like SURAT, MUMBAI, Chennai etc. for searching alternative livelihood, No political will and less interest of Govt. There is no prevention activities are going on in this District. Not only the migrant youths is getting infection due to ignorance/unaware of AIDS but also the virus spreading to their innocent spouses? As a result every minute the young generation is getting infection and everyday people dying with AIDS. A hues No. of infected widows and children adding every day. Another killer aspect is social stigma and discrimination kills the identified/infected persons each movements. GPSS is active in the field of HIV/AIDS since 1998. We are continuously working to mainstreaming HIV& AIDS in our regular activities. This year conducted two workshops in Digapahandi and Sanakhemundi Block of Ganjam District by aiming to making migration safe and informed as well as early detection of HIV. Also developing linkages them with Govt, Welfare Schemes like Madhubabu pension yojana.

CHAPTER-XI

ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE SEXUAL HEALTH (ARSH)

Child marriage has adverse effects for the child and for the society as a whole. For both girls and boys, early marriage has strong physical, intellectual, psychological and emotional implications, cutting off educational opportunities, chances of personal growth and better opportunities in the future. Early marriage and resultant early sexual activity combined with lack of information regarding **Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)** and demand immediate attention to SRHR information, counseling, accessible, friendly and affordable services related to health and nutrition. To prevent low age marriage and teen age pregnancy, GPSS has in continue process to build the capacity of Peer **educators/** village volunteers, Advocacy with the Govt. officials, media and other key stake holders on **Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)** for face to face knowledge sharing among the village girls to reduce the prevalence of sex ratio. In this connection we have conducted one training cum workshop on 10th August 2024 at Berhampur in Ganjam District of Odisha.

CHAPTER-XII

CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE ACTION

GPSS is a part of Ganjam Disaster Response Form (GDRF) formed during PHILINE in 2013 and done lot many work starting from evacuation to rescue, relief and rehabilitation. To reach in a conclusion that the continue incidents/Disasters like PHILINE, HUDHUD, Draught, Flood and other like natural calamities including the Global warming is the main reason. Considering these issue and decision of the GDRF we have prepared a base paper on the issue of Global warming and economic impact on farming community. Out of organizing 6 different community consultation GPSS take his role and successfully organized two community consultations with the Farming community at Berhampur. Collection of opinion and assessed impact of climate change on agriculture as well as GPSS as a part of GDRF participated in all 6 community consultation organized by the partner members of GDRF.

CHAPTER-XIII

Prevention of Tribal Art and Culture

We are working for the tribal community Since 2009 to promote their agriculture based livelihood through Diversion Based Irrigation and inspired after support from the Director General of Archives, National Archives of India, New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India for Preservation and Conservation of Manuscripts, Rare Books, Old and Rare Documents, Record of History of Tribal Community. GPSS was decided to promote their culture through different activities. As collection of Manuscripts, Rare Books, old and Rare Documents, Record of History of Tribal Community for preservation and Conservation. Prioritizing to promote the tribal culture we have successfully organized one Tribal fair on 25th October 2024 at Podakhil village of S.Tikarpada GP in Digapahandi Block of Ganjam District to inter exchange of language, traditional behavior and practices, uniting the sub groups of the local tribal (SAURA) community. In this events around 100 tribal from 12 villages including the villages of neighboring to Gajapati District were assembled and shared their experience and future prospects

NETWORKING AND ALLAINCE

Over the years, the organization has been in touch and association with a number of state and national level organizations – not because it has the readiness and interest to have exposure on versatile aspects of Development – but also does it have the potentiality to share and contribute on different issues of development that has direct and instant impact on the poor and deprived mass – at least in the context of issues that are local in nature but important from global point of view.

In fact, GPSS is acclaimed as a true contributor in different networks and forums of NGOs in different parts of Ganjam and Orissa itself. Over the years– it has retained its excellence of learning from source and contributing to the greater cause in a fair manner and still cherishes the good will to up right its action-learning excellence

Needless to say - as yet, GPSS has left lasting impression in different issue based and people centric efforts taken up through various network of NGOs and to create more enabling environment and broaden its knowledge base–the organization has been associated with the following institutions / forums as yet:

- Indian Network of NGOs on HIV/AIDS [INN], Ahmadabad.
- Volunteer Health Association of India, New Delhi
- Volunteer Services Overseas (VSO) India.
- MAAS/CHRD of Pune (A research Institute for HIV+ve people)
- Smart Power for Rural Development India Foundation, Gurgaon, Haryana
- Vibhavani-India A national level NGO Network
- SAKSHYAM,Odisha a platform of NGOs lead by SSK-Lucknow
- Odisha Voluntary Health Association [OVHA] Bhubaneswar.
- Indian Council of Social Welfare [ICSW] Odisha State Branch.
- Nehru Yuba Kendra [NYK] Berhampur, Ganjam, Odisha.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Odisha.
- LEPRA Society, Bhubaneswar (Odisha)
- Hindustan Latex Family Planning Trust (HLFPT), Odisha.
- Population services International (PSI) Odisha.
- HARSHTRUST & LIVOLINK FOUNDATION,Odisha
- UNFPA, Odisha Chapter, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India
- State Urban Development Agency, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- Department of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development, Govt.of Odisha
- Department of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment,Govt.of Odisha
- Start-up Odisha under MS&ME, Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- Department of Environment & Forest, Govt.of Odisha.
- Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL)

WHILE CONCLUDING ...

It is the spirit of doing well to the last man of the society that has tempted **GPSS** to continue and add more and more works for the cause of poor backward people despite all constraints and hindrances.

Needless to say bearing with changing eventualities, the organization does experiment how it can mature its coherence and amity as against all odds and hindrances. As such developed learning out of the emerged situations and hindrances in more diligent and efficient manner.

Of course, the organization has not yet been able to attain its cherished goal and rather striving hard keeping eye on its vision. Lest, at this stage, one can very well visualize the effect of its prime efforts for the betterment of poor and deprived people who are still in the lowest rung of their communities and leading uncared for life which is not at all worth human standard.

Even at this stage of limits & constraints, the organization dares to walk over some of its identified lacunae in different aspects of administration and management that needs proper attention. Still it is a fact that – the organization is much vigilant to all its mile stones and hence always marks up its activities in most coherent manner in

Over the years – some of its aspirations has reached its height due to continuous support and guidance of some friend, philosopher & guides most meticulously. By the way – their association matters. Of course, **GPSS** does have to make a stride ahead for the cause of the humanity and even for greater fraternity. It is always with open arms to welcome all who will make its work more pervasive and critic.