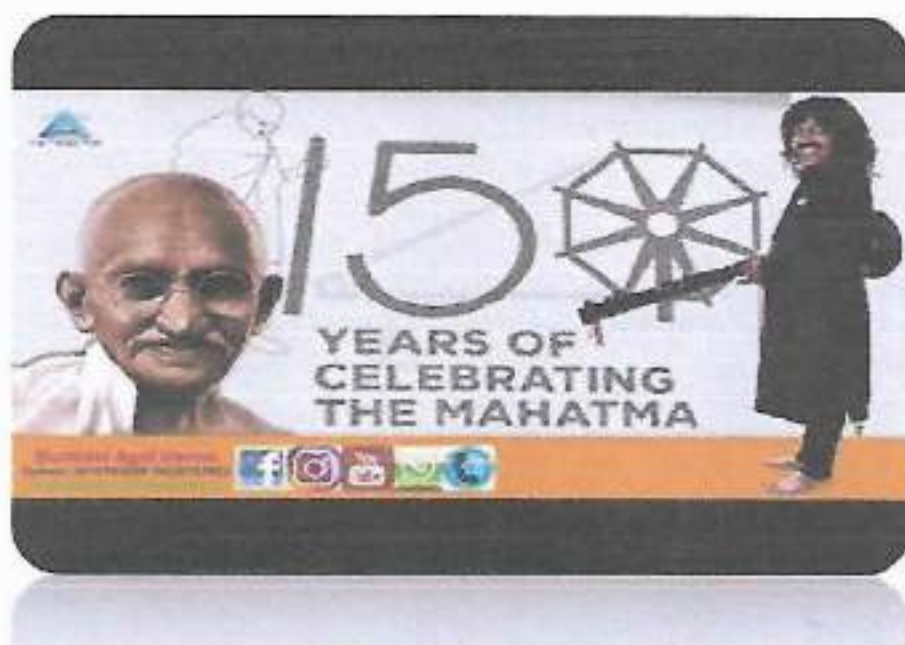


**ANNUAL REPORT-2019-20
OF
GANDHI AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(GARD)**



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BACK GROUND

The Gandhi Agency for Rural Development (GARD) came into existence during the year 1994-95 in pursuance of Societies Act XXI, of 1860, Govt. of Odisha vide its Registration No-19629/61 dtd.22.07.1994, Cuttack issued by the Registrar of Societies, Cuttack, Odisha

This Society hailed from Rural Back ground emphasizing the traditional cultures of the people in practical and following the realistic realization through proper study, research and analysis thereof. The Founder Members of the Organization resolves to dedicate the social activity for sake of mass poverty stricken people which includes Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, Minority, other back ward community including deserted women, Older people and children amidst the acute poverty. Thus, with the collective initiatives and dedicated efforts of the Members the Organization decided to deliver the humanitarian services and beneficial programs for the targeted beneficiaries to help them assist increasing their existing socio-economic standard towards a sustainable livelihood. The Members of the Society were deeply concerned about the persistent plights & predicaments of the poor vulnerable groups, Socio-Economic Backward Communities, Small & Marginal farmers, Women and Children, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes including minority communities. The society greatly concern about the grave inequalities and large disparity among the people living in our project area.

In this back drop the Society resolved to extend their humanitarian services for sake of the needy groups of people suffering with poverty and hunger and decided to launch the scheduled activities and programs concerning to their Socio-Economic Development. Thus, the Society has to address these issues of the people by means of launching several programs and activities in those identified project areas in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. The activities and programs are envisaged with appropriate prospective plans to bring a sea change in the lifestyle of the people especially who belong to SC & ST, Backwards, Artisans, Agriculturists, and other Socio-economic backward communities. Among the programs include such as :- S.H.G promotion and Formation, Natural Resource Management, Aged Care Program, Cultural Program, Awareness on Drug-De-addiction program, Road Safety program, Consumer awareness program, HIV/AIDS Awareness Program, skill Development Program, Handicrafts Training program, Residential School for SC Children, Plantation Program, Environment Awareness Program, Health & Nutrition Program, Swachha Bharat Mission, Yoga Training Program, Tailoring, Stitching & Embroidery Program, Computer Training Program, Agriculture Program, Vocational Training Program, Water & Sanitation Program, Income Generation Program, Watershed Management Program, Awareness on Child Labour Program, Capacity building Program, Lobby & Advocacy program.

This Annual Report of 2019-20 consists of brief outline and approaches done in favour of the target people which require dissemination among the people in common platform to bring transparency and truth in real sense. The Society congratulates its Staff members, Members of the Governing Body, Pious donors, Govt. & other agencies who have contributed a lot for which we reached in achieving the target.

(Pranati Majhee)
Secretary

VISION:

The "GANDHI AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GARD)" is to render need based services for the most deserving identified Target people i.e Poorest of the Poor, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minority, Other Back ward community, destitute Women, Orphans, neglected Children, Older people and Rural Artisans by means of Empowerment with mobilization of local Resources including Physical disabled persons, providing all possible supports with their practical involvement & participation of local communities & PRI members in the process of development.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide need based services towards securing a sustainable livelihood of the most neglected, downtrodden, indigenous people, poor women and children through community initiative and empowerment, covering health, education and formation of self Help Groups and to instill Income Generation Program.

To sensitize the people for Disaster preparedness and to provide emergency services for the distressed people.

To educate the people for usage and application of Renewable Energy Sources in the field of Agro Production/Horticulture, /Livelihood Projects/ Power for Lighting, Domestic necessities, essential Rural Power needs, Irrigation, etc. as a substitute power source against the traditional Power Resources.

To initiate suitable measures for Safe Custody and Preservation of Manuscripts found neglected conditions kept with Individuals, Community level i.e Bhagabat Tungi & Religious places. And both Rural & Urban areas.

To aware and introduce program for Management of natural resources for sustainable development of the community and promotion of Eco-friendly environment.

To bring a sea change in the quality of life of the disadvantaged elderly people within the social fabric.

Promotion and strengthening the traditional Artisans living at Rural areas basically for Handicrafts through increasing their skill and capacity.

To educate the people for protection of Wild animals with the involvement of the respective communities,

To launch and implement Educational programs for the people living with HIV positive.

To conduct widespread and effective awareness programs for prevention of HIV/AIDS.

To implement programs that will help assist the people living with HIV/AIDS.

" GANDHI AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GARD) " is committed for sustainable poverty reduction and development of Socio-Economic standard of the target people/communities by means of introducing relevant activities/programs/ network basing on the concepts of Education, Health, Purified Drinking water, personal hygiene and sanitation initiatives along with other Welfare, Livelihood Programs and developmental activities in the respective project areas.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

The followings are the objectives of the Society incorporated in the Constitution of the Society:-

1. To enhance and increase the Economic, Social and ethnicity standards of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes and other backwards and vulnerable Communities particularly in Rural area.
2. To have an sustainable athlete development programme that will consistently produce educated sports person.
3. To organise various sports and athletic tournaments, matches & competition to promote the rural athletes.
4. To expose young athletes to current techniques & tactics and technologies in order to put them to State & national level.
5. To Organize the Rural Handicraft Artisans being SC/ST/Minority/OBC/ & others with more emphasis to Women category and ensure for formation of Self help Groups /Federations among them and empower them with Socio-economic development through increasing their existing Skill and Capacity for promotion of their respective Craft business and making linked with local financing banks/financing institutions and seeking assistance from the Development commissioner(Handicrafts),Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
6. To establish/maintain institution for the promotion of Science, Literature, Music, Drama and fine Art & also promote spirit of conservation of heritage & culture, protect old monuments and promote research/documents & collection of artifacts and data for the benefit of the public in general.
7. To select rural athletes from primary to + 3 level & provide studentships, scholarships, fellowships & render other kind of aid to them including books, stipends, awards/ medals & other incentives to trained as a perfect athlete.
8. To co-operate, co-ordinate & associated with other sports organization, physical training institution for the benefit of the rural athletes.
9. To be affiliated with Govt. ,District ,State & National level sports organization.
10. To organize & channelize youth energy in character building activities & develop a sense of pride and Nationality accepted value like Democracy, Socialism, Secularism, Justice, Liberty, Equity, Fraternity, Harmony, Unity, Integrity, Peace & Progress.
11. To raise funds & collect donations, subscriptions for the furtherance of any or all of the objects here in mentioned from the Central & State Govt. Institutions, Corporations, corporate Bodies, Nationalized & Cooperative financing agencies, sports Organization & other persons.
12. To ensure and insist the collectives of Women & Youths: awareness created & sensible towards their human rights, power for development and social action.
13. To access and attainment of quality education for Children, competency and value based leadership development created among children.
14. To create awareness regarding child protection, child security, child rights, child abuse, etc.
15. To establish Training institutions, coaching Centres to promote various sports.
16. To organize summer/winter camps to train the rural athletes.
17. To subscribe to become member of/of otherwise co-operate and associate with any other organization whose objects are together or in part similar to those of the organization.
18. To provide quality relief during natural calamities & rehabilitate the affected people.
19. To bring environmental awareness & implement projects of plantation, afforestation, waste management, water conservation, Wasteland reclamation & recycling etc.
20. To eliminate poverty and change their existing Socio-economic status, mutual co-operation and bring unity among the villagers involve them with collective and combined efforts towards Rural development by implementing KVIC programmes and other developmental activities.
21. To initiate suitable measures for implementing developmental activities in the areas of operation of the society particularly for the down trodden on the aspect of : Health, Pre-Education, Adult Education, Sanitation, and Accommodation activities.

22. To organize and revive Rural based dormant industries for Production of Domestic, Commercial as well as fancy articles through Cottage industries.
23. To infest and invigorate self reliance among the Rural people and building up of a stronger community spirit in the Rural areas.
24. To initiate all necessary steps being relevant towards Promotion of Renewable Energy at all spheres of the Society particularly in Rural area conducting Workshops and massive awareness Campaigns to sensitize the common people for taking the benefits from Renewable Energy and during the daily life of the people instead of other Energy Resources being un-reachable by the Rural Pooors in the field of Agriculture, Domestic usage and Commercial Sectors in general.
25. To initiate appropriate steps for Safe Preservation of Old Manuscripts kept in neglected conditions with the different individuals & communities concerning to Literature, History, different Cultures of the People etc. by means of proper Survey and inventories undertaken for restoration of those documents as the National Property.
26. Emphasizing special focus to increase the Productivity of the Rural people in the process of Self-employment and self initiative.
27. To Borrow or avail loans from different financing institutions i.e **NABARD/GOVT.OF INDIA/FOREIGN GOVERNMENT** agencies or different financing Banks or any other agencies for promotion of developmental activities.
28. To organize and promote Sale Help Groups with linkage and assistance from **NABARD**.
29. To organize Training & orientations for Artisans engaged in Khadi and Village industries and to insist Co-operative effort among them.
30. To undertake and promote Research in Production Techniques, Applied sciences in Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Govt. of India and Khadi & Village Industry Board, Govt. of Odisha, sector and to provide facilities for Trainings, Orientations and implementation of Small Scale Village Industries/ Rural Schemes for revival/promotion and establishment of various Developmental projects for the Rural Artisans including other category of people in the Society.
31. To initiate and encourage the education and activities of Women on their Rights, liberation, Development, Empowerment, Dignity and Self Sufficiency.
32. To advance and diffuse information's on Educational matters, Formal and Non-formal and with the objectives to subsidies for document, Print, Publish, issue and circulate, bulletins, papers, Pamphlets, Periodicals, Books, journals, etc. on Education, Development and other related subjects.
33. To conduct and/or participate in seminar, workshops, study circles, camps, field trips, lectures, sports, conferences, statistical /economic/sociological surveys, research and training programmes, audio-visual, and mass services, exhibition, etc. in accordance with in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.
34. To undertake programs/ Network/Campaigns/Workshops for conducting mass awareness Campaigns regarding Safety & security of the Animals, Plants including Environments,
35. To promote & undertake developmental activities for the needy & weaker sections of the Society people to render services for the poorest of the poors & perform activities of charity/relief to those who are in need.
36. To engage in Social Service activities, aiming at improving the living conditions & Socio-Economic standards & general Welfare of the Poverty stricken people, particularly belonging to Tribal's, Adivasis, Scheduled castes, Schedule Tribes, Small, Marginal & landless farmers, agricultural labourers, women & other Backward Communities.
37. To promote Community Health and Services thereof.
38. To Undertake & Assist Agricultural Development & identified programs on irrigation for Sustainable Agriculture.
39. To Promote & Assist Subsidiary Occupations.
40. To initiate and assist Village/ Cottage industries, Small Scale Industries, Handicrafts & other programs which provide Self-employment to the Rural poor.

GLOSSARY OF ACTIVITIES DURING 2019-20

- ❖ S.H.G Promotion and Formation program
- ❖ Natural Resource Management Program
- ❖ Aged Care Program
- ❖ Cultural Program
- ❖ Awareness on Drug-De-addiction program
- ❖ Road Safety program
- ❖ Consumer awareness program
- ❖ HIV/AIDS Awareness Program
- ❖ Skill Development Program
- ❖ Handicrafts Training program
- ❖ Residential School for SC Children
- ❖ Plantation Program
- ❖ Environment Awareness Program
- ❖ Health & Nutrition Program, Swachha Bharat Mission
- ❖ Yoga Training Program
- ❖ Tailoring, Stitching & Embroidery Program
- ❖ Computer Training Program
- ❖ Agriculture Program
- ❖ Vocational Training Program
- ❖ Water & Sanitation Program+
- ❖ Income Generation Program
- ❖ Watershed Management Program
- ❖ Awareness on Child Labour Program
- ❖ Capacity building Program
- ❖ Lobby & Advocacy program

SHG PROMOTION AND FORMATION PROGRAM

The SHG Promotion & Formation is the ultimate result of Women Empowerment. Empowerment primarily needs to bring them in organized manner i.e. Formation of Self Help Groups and strengthening towards promotion and collective efforts and systematic manner. It is essential to enhance the increasing the traditional life style of Women groups living in abject poverty through their direct involvement in developmental and progressive activities with group spirit. Therefore, it was resolved to organize them in several groups i.e. self help Groups and impart regular training and orientations towards their capacity development and instill leadership quality. In this regard, the organization Organized 1200 SHGs in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. The basic principles of Self Help Groups to encourage for thrift and credit activity and promotion of activity. These Women groups has already involved in thrift and credit business out of their own savings. The NGO has been providing all sorts of developmental services to the respective SHGs so as to empower them with Socio-Economic gain and strengthening the sustainable livelihood by means of Groups spirit. They have been duly affiliated with "GANDHI AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GARD)" and are working under this NGO since long. The organization has ensured them for linkage with local financing Banks seeking financial assistance for promotion as well as reaching the goal of sustainable Development.



Maa Kalijai Self Help Groups of Jatani Block in Khurdha district Block are holding a meeting during 2019-20 for promotion of day to day activities.

Micro-Credit activities & Income Generation

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Natural Resource is an important factor for amicable equal access and sharing of Natural resources of a Community. Practically some influential persons of the concerned Society apply their force to avail excess than the actual use meant for them. The lack of unity amongst the people encourage such forces to make illegal interferences over the available natural resources. Since the day of arrival of our NGO activities the matter has been settled. It was decided to initiate proper measures for equal access to the available natural Resources by each individual, group of individuals, any class, creed and social status of the people reside in the Society. Generally, the natural resources consist of, Pasture land, Natural Rivers, Mountains, village ponds, etc. Our organization has already formed 1500 Village Development committees in each village in the selected districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State coming under our project area for judicious use & management without any discrimination. The Committees hold meetings at regular intervals and discuss about the problems and difficulties faced by the people, groups, community concerned and to set aside the matter on convergent. The said committee is represented by the Sarapanch, Zilla Parishad members of the respective Panchayats for strengthening the action plan and activities scheduled for the purpose. The NGO Coordinators are working in each village to guide and counsel the committees as a regular routine work.

AGED CARE PROGRAM

Due to growing un-ethical principles by the modern people the Parents as well as Age Old people are obviously being neglected and thrown to a miserable life style and harassment during such humiliating period of last life. The Man became self-centered only for their spouse and children, keeping in distance the Parents & other older members of the family. The Age Old people are dragged towards humiliation and torture by their legal heirs and kinsmen. According to a practical study, it was found that, in the name of High Society & following western civilization and culture the modern people forget their responsibilities towards the aged parents and are reluctant to provide

minimum comforts and requirements for them. Thus, " **GANDHI AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GARD)** established a shelter/Home at Dhenkanal in Dhenkanal Sadar block to provide shelter i.e home against a home for the neglected and deserted Parents, Older People who have no means for their survival and existence. There are presently 50 beneficiaries admitted and continued in our Old Age Home. The Organization provides all sorts of comforts and pleasure during their stay and covers them with regular medical checkups. Wherein the organization provides minimum comforts i.e. food, shelter, medical checkup, and recreation facilities with reading of News papers, viewing Television for sake of entertainment of the inmates. Those beneficiaries are getting trainings for income generation activity such as preparation of Paper Thungas, Coir products, Embroidery, Sewing etc. at their leisure and they are also paid for the labor they put for the production of different commodities. The Society meets the establishment cost out of its own fund.

CULTURAL PROGRAM

The Organization has been associated deeply with various Communities on the aspect of several Welfare and developmental activities. The organization seeks the active cooperation and involvement of the concerned communities during the project activities. As a social obligation and being the part and parcel of different communities the Society is witnessing on several Festive occasions and cultural programs organized by the community concerned. Therefore, on the initiatives of the organization the Dramas, folk dances, song competitions, etc. are organized in each year where the large numbers of people including men and women meet together for exchange of ideas, views and entertainment. Our Society avails this opportunity to address the problems, such as drug addiction, deforestation, superstition, illiteracy, abuse of environment etc. in the form of entertainment i.e. drama, folk, dance etc.



The Cultural Program staged by Women Group of Ganjam district on the occasion of Durga Puja during the year 2019-20

Involving the local youths for receiving wider public response. In this connection, the Organization facilitates Local Folk dances, Dramas, Sankirtans, and other Melas, for the purpose togetherness and unity among diversified groups. During this year of report the society has organized Folk dances, Dramas in each district for the purpose of heritage. The Organization has been associated deeply having close affinity and rapport with various communities on the aspect during implementation of several Welfare and developmental activities. This Society avails this opportunity to address the problems, such as drug addiction, deforestation, superstition, illiteracy, abuse of environment etc. in the form of entertainment i.e. drama, folk, dance etc. Involving the local youths for receiving wider public response. In this connection, the Organization facilitates Local Folk dances, Dramas, Sankirtans, and other Melas, for the purpose togetherness and unity among diversified groups. During this year of report the society has organized Folk dances, for the purpose of heritage & traditional culture. The Program is covered in the districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State.

AWARENESS ON DRUG-DE-ADDICTION PROGRAM

'The people knowingly about appearance serious consequences by taking Drugs, Ganja, Brown sugar, Opium etc. still they never try to deter from it. In this regard, lots of programs and activities have been delivered to the people for their awareness and refrain them from such intoxication habits but this chronic disease still drags numerous people causing adverse effects and take away many valuable lives. The Govt. made obligations on the part of the production companies to expose the warnings on the body of the such products 'as statutory warnings that consumption of tobacco is injurious to health' which practically puts no real impact for such addicted people. Therefore, **GANDHI AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GARD)** has been conducting regular awareness campaigns by means of Padayatra, Students Rallies, Foot path theaters to impress the people not to consume Drugs and intoxicated commodities and to give up intoxication for sake of their children and families. The group theaters, Folk dances deliver lasting impact over the people and many addicted persons are found changing their bad habits. The program is being extended to the districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar,

Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. there were 20 Workshops organized in the above districts and the beneficiaries about 1850 attended the program and successfully mass impact was obtained.

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

Road Safety and its relentless propagation by the Government and Non-Government agencies have already entered into repeated efforts and practices for sake of these modern living style people. It has been experienced in our daily life that, there is no impact of reflection of such awareness to follow road safety guide lines during plying with vehicle/vehicles through streets, roads and lanes. We find series of horrible accidents covered in the media's and terrible demise messages delivered to their kins men. In this connection this Society decided to Organize the different School Children for participation in Road Safety programs to convey messages for such unruly people who ply carelessly on the roads and meet un-natural deaths causing serious casualties and death news for their families. The Society has organized Rallis and Campaigns in different district Head Quarters involving the respective School children to insist massive awareness. During this year of 2019-20, there are 20 Rallis conducted in the districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State to achieve the target of road safety program.

CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Consumers in daily life are very often being cheated in terms of quality, quantity, and durability of the goods or commodities purchased from different markets /Hats/Bazars etc. . The legal forum established by the Government is called as Consumer Redressal forums both at district and State level. The concerned consumers of the district may move to the district consumer forum for redressal for their grievances in simple method of applications with little expenses to get the justice with minimum and lowest expenditures. In this context, the organization has been organizing awareness camps in the project areas to sensitize the people for the same. The State Commission of Consumer forum is the appellate court against the decision of the district consumer forums. Thus, highlighting the simple procedure of legal steps, the organization has been conducting regular Awareness Campaigns in the districts of Cuttack, Jajpur, Keonjhar and Balasore. . During this year of 2019-20 there were 18 nos of Awareness campaigns held in the districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State involving the 1260 consumers i.e. 830 men and women 430 nos attended the workshop.

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAM

It has been recorded that, the Govt. has been able deliver much more awareness programs to the people to save the valuable lives of such unruly people. Despite positive efforts and measures initiated by both Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies for prevention of such dreadful disease this has been recorded as its increasingly growth in the society. Some of the districts have been earmarked as infected prone area such as Ganjam, Kendrapada, Balasore, Jajpur due to involvements of the major people in these districts. Because, It is linked with Major National High Ways and Roads leading to various parts of Odisha and other neighbouring states. And the High way drivers, Helpers, Workers in Dhava, Hotels and other fields are getting affected owing to unsafe sex and in some cases STDs is affected due to blood transfusion, and use of unpurified needles during the treatment done by the inexperienced medical personnel's and health workers. In this regard, the organization has been conducting regular awareness campaigns in the district of Ganjam, Kendrapada, Jajpur and Keonjhar both at semi-



The Beneficiaries are witnessing in a HIV/AIDS camp held Nayagarh district during 2019-20 organized by the Gandhi Agency for rural Development(GARD)

urban, Urban and Rural point to sensitize the people regarding consequences of such STDs infections and prevention of them by observing due care and attention for the basic features of the infection. During this year of 2019-20, 20 Nos of camps were held in the above districts to involve more people in awareness campaigns.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Society is committed and seriously concerned about large scale un-employment in Rural Sectors particularly. While the modern Society has changed its traditional outlook and diverted its attention towards technical and developed process of living followed with well equipped thoughts and activities thereon. Therefore, in this context a trained and skilled capacity of the youths is to be increased following the rapid development and growth of the Society. There is no such proper facility and scopes either in concerned localities or any effort is being delivered to the deserving youths found with wandering in the streets by the Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies to provide required employments for such un-employed idle youths. In this backdrop, it was decided to launch programs like trainings, orientations and Vocational Educations encouraging them for self-employment. Thus, during this year of 2019-20 a total of 20 nos of Skill Development Trainings were conducted in the districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State to facilitate the un-employed youths of the concerned area. The selection of candidates was made particularly from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Communities including Socio-Economic backward communities of the project area. During this year of 2019-20 a total of 950 youths were successfully participated in the training Camps. Out of total beneficiaries 720 male and female 230 nos. The selected subject matter of themes of the trainings are; - Carpentry, Masonry, Computer fundamental education, Stitching & Embroidery etc. More topics along with prescribed syllabus are proposed to be introduced during the coming years.



A Skill Development Program running at Dhenkanal district and the trainees are attending the programs during the year 2019-20

HANDICRAFTS TRAINING PROGRAM

During conduct of Baseline Survey in the project area, it was revealed that, the Traditional Artisans working in Rural Areas are leading with a distressed & miserable life since their traditional production techniques do not keep pace with this modern Society. Their traditional products are being treated as slow moving items and the customers are discouraged after going through the said products. Following the above mentioned negative and persistent affairs of the Rural Artisans, the Society decided to conduct regular Training camps in these areas providing update information about modern technology & process of new strategy of production and simultaneously marketing. There is a total of 20 nos of Training Camps held in the districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. In this regard, the Society has already organized Self help Groups from traditional Artisan Groups and selected deserving Artisans for training purpose. The persons having expertise in the field of Arts & Crafts were engaged for trainings. The Artisans from above districts sponsored for the training are 1020



The Handicraft Training on Art Textiles organized at Khurda district during the year 2019-20.

and out of them Women 750 and men 270

selected from different Self help Groups . Among the selected Crafts, Cane & Bamboo, Terracotta, Brass & Bell Metal, Horn Craft, Appliqué and Textile are covered during the training program.

RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SC

A Residential Primary School has been established at Dhenkanal at Dhenkanal Sdar Block in Dhenkanal district. The School is aimed to provide children from Scheduled Caste community who are deprived of schooling due to want of poverty. The School is maintained out of its own fund of the organisation. There are 100 Scheduled Caste children get the education facility with boarding and lodging. The School provides dress, Text material, free medical checkup at regular intervals and provides all possible supports for successful running of the centre. Major children have entered into higher study and some are proved to be included in literacy range normally. This intervention of **GANDHI AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GARD)** has caused a great social change among parents and respective communities. The holistic approach of the organization towards development process includes all-round development of the children of the community. The moral teaching included in the education system is no doubt a positive factor for moral growth and mental development of the children towards nation's building process. The school has been turned into a model one due to its encouraging ambience and joyful learning environment. The teachers are also well qualified and trained in this regard. In each year the teachers go for regular orientation, training, new inputs relating to various methods of teaching to increase their capacity building for the purpose of rendering good education and to deliver the appropriate methods of study for the student. The best care and support provided by the center is that teachers have creative minded to invigorate ability among students for achieving meritorious results and awards. Level.

PLANTATION PROGRAM

The " Gandhi Agency for Rural Development(GARD) is committed and encouraged for a target of plantation of 15,000 saplings in every year with the help of respective community people in the district of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. The plantation was done in the village forests, community Land and including individual lands/orchards. Top priority was also given for the village forests & Community land in this regard. The plantation made by the individuals is advised to take care of the planted saplings till their complete growth and survival of the plants during the coming years. The selected plantation done by the particular individuals proved to be successful achievement in case of proper care and attention. The plantations cover in the species of Casurina, Mango, Chakhunda, Guava, Eucalypts, Akashi, Gambhari, Tinia etc. Being the local varieties and popular in fulfilling the requirements of domestic wood and fuel woods for the people in large scale and simultaneously the positive means of initiative for protection of degraded Environment.

ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Environment has been treated as most important chapter for the Man, Animals, Plants including other bio-diversities on this earth. The Environment degradation has been seriously reflected on various chapters such as Agriculture, Rainfalls, Water resource, Factories, Productions, Industries and several other Commercial units affect badly. In this regard, the Society could realize the importance of environment protection with the collective initiative of the people living on this earth. Thus, the organization conducted regular awareness campaigns in the identified area in the districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. During this year we have organized the school children, teachers and volunteers of the respective villages and held rallies in different Gram Panchayats to save the environment by means of individual efforts and collective initiatives. The Students worked as peer educators in this concept. The campaign was made successful through distribution of brochures, fixing big poster and pamphlets in the walls and conspicuous places of the different villages of the concerned district. A total of 20 nos of Campaign organized in the above districts. The beneficiaries involved in this programs are from - Self Help Groups, Mahila Samities, Local NGOs, and CBOs to

sensitize the people in general. The participants being 1240 i.e Male 840 400 female members of the respective communities attended the programs organized by the society during the year 2019-20 .

HEALTH & NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Society began its initial activity having rural background and commenced its activities providing need based services particularly for the vulnerable groups which basically cover S.C & S.T, Backward Communities along with other poverty stricken people who have no access to the Health Care facility & Nutrition Awareness . The Organization viewed this subject as primary and essential requirements for such neglected families and decided to provide such required services to the deserving masses. Thus, Health Check up Camps were organized with awareness for Nutrition care in different districts of Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State . Majority of the people reside in remote rural sectors are the real beneficiaries in this Campaign. Therefore, the scheduled activities of Health Check Up Camps were conducted in the above districts covering the needy beneficiaries of the respective locality. . During this year 2019-20 a total of 20 nos Health and Nutrition Awareness camps were conducted in the above mentioned districts . A total of 1530 beneficiaries i.e. male 1250 and female 280 received the health care services. .The referral cases were forwarded to the respective district head quarters for immediate care and service. . The Medical officers from local area hospitals along with professional Health experts hired from various Medical Units attended the Health Check Camps for sensitization of the Beneficiaries. The local Govt. officials, Bank representatives, including PRI members were invited to encourage the participants.

SWACHHA BHARAT MISSION PROGRAM

The organization has been working under the banner of “ **SWACHHA BHARAT MISSION**” being initiated by the Govt. of India/ Odisha. The Campaign was based on Sanitation arrangement in Rural areas for the people living in villages. In addition to this, the Society has been organizing the people for cleaning of streets, School campus, and disposal of solid Waste and Waste waters both at Individual and community level. The Programs are being implemented in the districts Khurda, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. During the year of 2019-20 , the Society has organized the Awareness Campaigns with the involvement and participation of School children , Teachers and volunteers of the respective villages including women Groups, Mahila Mandal and held rallies in the different Gram Panchayats in Khurda district. . The theme of the campaigns are: to educate the people about process and techniques of Waste disposal and Plastic waste recycling along with waste water disposal and alter the use of plastic with Poly bags to prevent environment bad effects. The Society has formed Village Development Committees in the project area and established a system for giving special and regular focus towards **SWACHHA BHARAT MISSION** and organized 20 nos of Awareness Campaign were in the above mentioned districts to encourage the people for achieving the target at large.



Gandhi Agency for Rural Development (GARD) organized Swachha Bharat Campaign at Sundargarh district during the year 2019-20.

YOGA TRAINING PROGRAM

“Yoga Training ” has been sincerely recommended by the Health Experts and Medical Science while experiencing with sufferings of the people with multiple Health problems and treatment of which is not possible on their part. According to the developed Medical Science, the treatment techniques have gone higher cost than normally experienced earlier. Therefore, the practice of yoga and its relevant training is essential to cover the Society by means of awareness and trainings. While Yoga is co-related to health care activity, therefore, the Society decided to conduct Yoga Training for the people in general by means of proper counseling and persuasions. While introducing the yoga Training as a panacea of mankind the Trust considered this program to be more helpful for the SC/ST/OBC/minority and other Socio- economic backward communities who fail to afford such costly medical expenses. The Society could analysis the problems and difficulties of these people and decided to conduct Yoga Training Camps at remote Rural areas where the beneficiaries anxiously welcome to our such beneficial programs and attended the Camps. During the year 2019-20 a total of 20 nos of Yoga Training Camps were organized in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. A total of 970 people where (720 male and 250 female) beneficiaries participated in the training camps. The Yoga Gurus and Training Experts were invited to conduct trainings successfully.



The Yoga Training Centre opened and running by Gandhi Agency for Rural Development (GARD) in the district of Ganjam.

TAILORING, STITCHING & EMBROIDERY PROGRAM

The “ Gandhi Agency for Rural Development(GARD) began its Social carrier right from a Rural platform. The organization has been well affiliated with the people of its project area during implementation of various programs and activities in the selected area. During the period it came across the miserable poverty situation of the Rural people during the course of its scheduled activities. The Socio-economic status of Rural Women has been a most sensitive affair than any other need based services. While the Society is in a continuous efforts to increase the existing socio-economic status of the Women including Women & un-employed youths come from SC,ST,OBC & other backward communities of the Society. Therefore, it was decided to organize programs like Trainings on Tailoring, Stitching & Embroidery particularly for the rural women in the community. In this connection, the Training Centers for Tailoring, Stitching & Embroidery has been established in the districts of Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Nayagarh, Khurdha, Kalahandi and Keonjhar. During this year of 2019-20 a total 830 beneficiaries from female groups were admitted for such training course and completed the scheduled training. Professional and Master Trainers were appointed to work as resource persons during the period of 6 month's course. After completion of the training course the candidates were issued with relevant certificates for the purpose.



The Tailoring Training Centre running at district Head Quarter Nayagarh organized by GARD.

COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM

The Organization has already identified the needs of the various project fields taken up initially and found that, the majority of youth from both men and women are found in search of job. Practically, the situation has been changed during the rolling of time and rapid change made in the society. Whereas the Employment has become technical oriented and arrival and introduction of multi-techniques subject in various chapters of the society debar the youth from engagement and employment. In this context, it was decided by the organization to introduce computer education among the un-employed youths particularly. Therefore, the organization opened a Computer Training Centres at the district Head Quarter of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State for the purpose of, accommodating and encouraging the un-employed youths of respective localities. The Priority was given to Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribes and other Socio-economic backward communities. The Professional instructors were engaged to conduct regular education according to prescribed syllabus of the Computer Education. A total of 850 beneficiaries i.e 630 male and 220 female candidates from S.C. & S.T. Communities were successfully completed the Course during the year 2019-20.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

According to various study and analysis it is found that, 80% of the people living in Rural areas depend on Agriculture as their principal livelihood. It has been experienced with much tragedy that frequent floods, droughts and other natural disasters responsible for discouraging the farming society to accept the agriculture as their livelihood program. Because, untimely rains and irregular rain falls destroy the crops prior to reaching in harvesting stage. In this regard, there has been a lot of pathetic and grim affairs experienced by the people. Because, many more farmer's death and suicidal episodes are our past records. The matter was seriously taken up and it was decided to organize the farmers of different adopted districts and impart technical trainings about sustainable agriculture. During the reporting year of 2019-20 there were a total of 20 nos of Workshop held in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State to sensitize the traditional farmer Groups about various processes and techniques of Sustainable Agriculture and innovative procedures of Crops, applying Seeds, process of low cost cultivation, application and use of indigenous technologies for agricultural purposes. There were a total 1880 farmers participated in the training camps and received the relevant and latest information about agricultural activities and available technologies for improvement of their productivity capacity. In order to educate the trainees Professional & Technical Personnel's were invited from different Resource persons from the respective Dist. Agriculture Office for successful implementation of the programs.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Organization has given top priority for the identified un-employed youths inclined towards Vocational Training. The management has established and running the vocational training centers in the respective district Head quarters of the project area. In this connection the society has already opened the Vocational Centers at Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, in Odisha State. The beneficiaries are recruited particularly from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Communities and other backwards classes. The selection was made from both the sexes with priority for women candidates in the concerned project area. There are a total of 670 men and 130 Women beneficiaries participated in the Vocational training programs from the above mentioned districts during the year 2019-20 and successfully completed the Training Courses. Among the trades taken for Vocational subject are: Candle making, Khaliplate making, Agarbati making, Badi and papad making, Pickles preparation, Carpentry and Masonry etc. to enrich the skill and capacity of rural youths for the purpose of self employment.

WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Availability of safe drinking water in major parts of the State is considered has become a matter of great concern & serious crisis. Majority of the people lack practical knowledge about safe drinking water and its use for sake of good health and problem free body. During our base line survey conducted earlier, it was revealed that The Organization in fact has been working at Grass Root level particularly for a long period & basically in rural based areas where a large nos of people are deprived of from availing Safe Drinking Water. Majority of them have no knowledge about what is called as Safe Drinking Water and from where it can be procured. The necessity of awareness is essentially an effort to save the people from regular infections by using unsafe water and causing a great volume of health hazards and un-necessary expenditures in this regard. It has been experienced that, the people of our project area usually suffer from Water Borne diseases, such as malaria, Fevers, diarrhea, scabies, skin diseases, worm problems and other serious disease like hepatitis, typhoid's, flu's, etc. and the reason is use of unsafe drinking water. Thus, the Society decided to conduct Workshops regarding use of safe Drinking Water in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State. There were a total of 20 nos of workshops were organized in above districts during the year 2019-20 to sensitize the people about the use and benefits of safe drinking water. The Workshops were conducted by the Resource Persons like Health Experts, Doctors, and professional personnel's to educate the people.



Water & Sanitation Campaign by School Children organized by Gandhi Agency for rural Development as Gajapati district during the year 2019-20

INCOME GENERATION PROGRAM

Women Empowerment is only possible where Income Generation Program & involvement of women particularly has been successfully established. The women Groups have to directly invest their Skill and Capacity for successful operation of the scheduled Income general activity suitable to them in their concerned native area and locality. Empowerment. Soon after formation of SHGs the members used to make savings in each month systematically. And said funds accumulated are being distributed among the members with minimum rate of interest as per their requirements. The Loan is availed with the motto of exercising some small business trades to fetch incomes out of investment. The Women particularly fairly practice of Stitching & Sewing, Making of Ropes from Sabai Grass, Pot Making with Cane & bamboo, Vegetable vending, Fish vending, Goat Rearing, Poultry farming, dairy milk etc. for the purpose of income generation programs. Gradually, the Unit becomes day by day stronger while distributing profits among them. They need not go to local money lenders for availing money with high rate of interest because money is generated at their level to make them self-employed and self-sufficient. Further, after raising a sizeable amount of the fund is being placed in a local nationalized bank by opening a savings account in favour of the group. Accordingly, the bank received the group as effective and active group and as per their circular they provides fund as against the deposit by the SHG groups to meet the highest requirement of the members for the purpose of income generation programs. Now this procedure is on to eliminate the want of funds by the Women group in appropriate manner and proper investment of the same in a productive process. The organization in this regard conducts trainings, orientations, and awareness about the marketing and practical study and information for the beneficiaries regularly on the way of sustainable development. Thus, in view of extending the Income Generating Activity the organization has already formed 1200 Self Help Groups in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State and working for promotion of the said groups by means of savings, linkage with respective Banks to strengthen the IGP Programs. During the year 2019-20 a total of 20 nos of Awareness Camps held in the selected districts for the purpose.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The use of Water for the purpose of irrigation of cultivable land & also domestic use during crisis period the preservation of water is said as Watershed Management. The conservation of surplus water from the High level to downstream and storage at bottom point and use of said water for the purpose of cultivation is an innovative process of preserving water for the purpose of irrigation and domestic use is called as the Watershed management. There are some technical processes for conservation of water with the help of watershed Check Dams, Soak Pits, Water Harvesting Tank and other processes of preservation of water are the important factors of watershed management. Management. In this regard, regular awareness campaigns are being done at rural point particularly for the farming groups who primarily depend on agriculture. And survival of their livelihood through agriculture. There are 18 nos of Awareness campaigns organized in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State during this year of 2019-20. The farmer groups were involved in such campaigns. The people could derive knowledge about the benefits of Watershed Management. The Watershed management is meant to increase the level of ground water & surface tanks to manage the crisis of Water.

AWARENESS ON CHILD LABOUR PROGRAM

Despite relentless efforts and endeavours contributed both by the Government and Non-Government agencies for elimination of Child Labour & providing a specific aspect i.e. securing the Child rights, Child Labour is persistently exist in each town, & every spheres of life for which poverty is solely responsible. Since, compulsion promotes the parents to engage their children in child labour for survival of their family. The Parents find no other means for their survival and ultimately the children are put into hazardous labour to supplement the feedback support for the family. Thus, they compel the tiny agers to work in the Brick Kiln, Hotels, Dhabas and in other hazardous work. The Parents never think of Schooling of their children instead of searching work for food and shelter of the family. The study conducted in this regard is no doubt startling to ascertain about the plights of the children working in such hazardous jobs. And the payment of wages was also alarming. Because, the amount is given to them depends upon the mercy of the owners not according to the labour contributed by them. Thus, it was decided to hold and conduct Campaign in each Village, Lanes and Basti's to aware the people about the offence of engaging their children according to the existing provisions of Law in the Society. There were 20 nos of Workshop in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State during this year of 2019-20. And a total of 1630 beneficiaries (1410 male & 210 female) from the above districts were participated in the campaigns.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

"Gandhi Agency for Rural Development (GARD) has been working with the diverse Social concepts in different project area which need appropriate knowledge and techniques for its proper implementation. The Staffs, Trainers, volunteers working in the Office and project offices require trainings and orientations about the new chapters, procedures, methods and modules of different project activities for smooth implementation of the scheduled programs/projects in the identified project field. Unlike every year there were 12 nos of Capacity Building Trainings were organized during this year of 2019-20 to increase the existing Skill and Capacity of the Staffs as well field Educators, Community organizers and local volunteers accordingly. The experts on different concepts of Social activities were invited to work as resource persons in the workshop. The themes in the Trainings include, operational activities, procedure of Proper Lobby and advocacy, Management of the Project affairs etc.

LOBBY & ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Organization believes in reaching the goal of objectives by means of exercising Proper Lobby & Advocacy to secure Right based approach basing on the concept of need based services of the deserving masses which cover: small & Marginal Farmers, backward Community, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes, Minority, OBC, Women & Children, neglected parents and deserted women etc. Accordingly, the policy of Lobby & Advocacy through proper Networking and participation and involvement the respective Community, identified beneficiaries, Local PRI Members, Local CBOs, women Groups are the stakeholders by which the true achievement of the goal of the deserving people became the true instruments to reach the successive point. The Advocacy & Networking is the magic concept where herculean task can be achieved. The Professional & technical personnel's working in the organization conceived proper Action Plan and accordingly, Awareness Campaigns were organized to involve the various stakeholders for implementation of our scheduled programs and activities through proper Lobby and Advocacy. Among the participants: Project Staff, Ministerial staffs, Local Volunteers, Representatives from Community, and other Local Govt. officials participated in the Campaigns. Resource persons from the Local Govt. Agencies like BDO, Tahasildar, Branch Managers from Financing bank, DIC, Officers were cordially invited to encourage the programs. During this year 18 nos of workshops were held in the districts of Khurdha, Nayagarh, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Kalahandi in Odisha State to sensitize the various stake holders, NGOs and CBOs of the respective community.