



## **VISION**

A change towards a developed and dignified life for the people of the community with peace and prosperity, through meaning full utilization of natural resources, by peoples participation and promoting sustainable development.

## **MISSION**

A committed cadre with modern outlook will be developed for meaning full utilization of local resources existing in the community through active people's participation from the level of thinking, planning and executing by obtaining a common understanding towards sustainable community development.

## **CORE VALUES**

To develop quality of life of people through improve socio economic and health conditions with active participation in all developmental action and process towards removing the cultural believes and aliments responsible for ignorance, social injustice and poverty.

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## Foreword



**Dear-Readers,** With much pleasure and satisfaction – I am presenting Annual Activity Report **2015-2016** of Govinda Pradhan Smruti Sansad (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 25 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

## **THE ORGANIZATION – AN OVERVIEW**

**GPSS** started as an activist organization during 1991 which tried to visualize the problems of locality; feelings of people at micro level & raise voice for people. In course of time, spirit of activism got overshadowed by harsh reality of people's minimum materialistic thought of one's own survival. Witnessing changing attitudes and growing complexities – there is arises need for change in operational modalities to emphasize on developmental aspects.

GPSS got legal status during 1991 under Society's Registration Act 1860 and then got registered under FCR Act 1976. It has also been registered under Sec 12A & 80G of Indian Income Tax Act. **GPSS** family constitutes both General Body & Executive Body members who look after activities under different programmers'. General Body consists of all its members that meet once a year. Governing Body consists of 7 members. It meets twice a year. If situation demands, it can meet more than the usual time. General Body is final decision making authority and Governing Body is responsible to plan out & execute various strategies/tasks.

The organization does have a good team of Staff and experienced Advisors who are keen enough to take up every challenge. But for that only – the performance at field level have always been up to standard and reliance of people and that of Govt. line department have been gained in most honorable manner.

### **The Intervention**

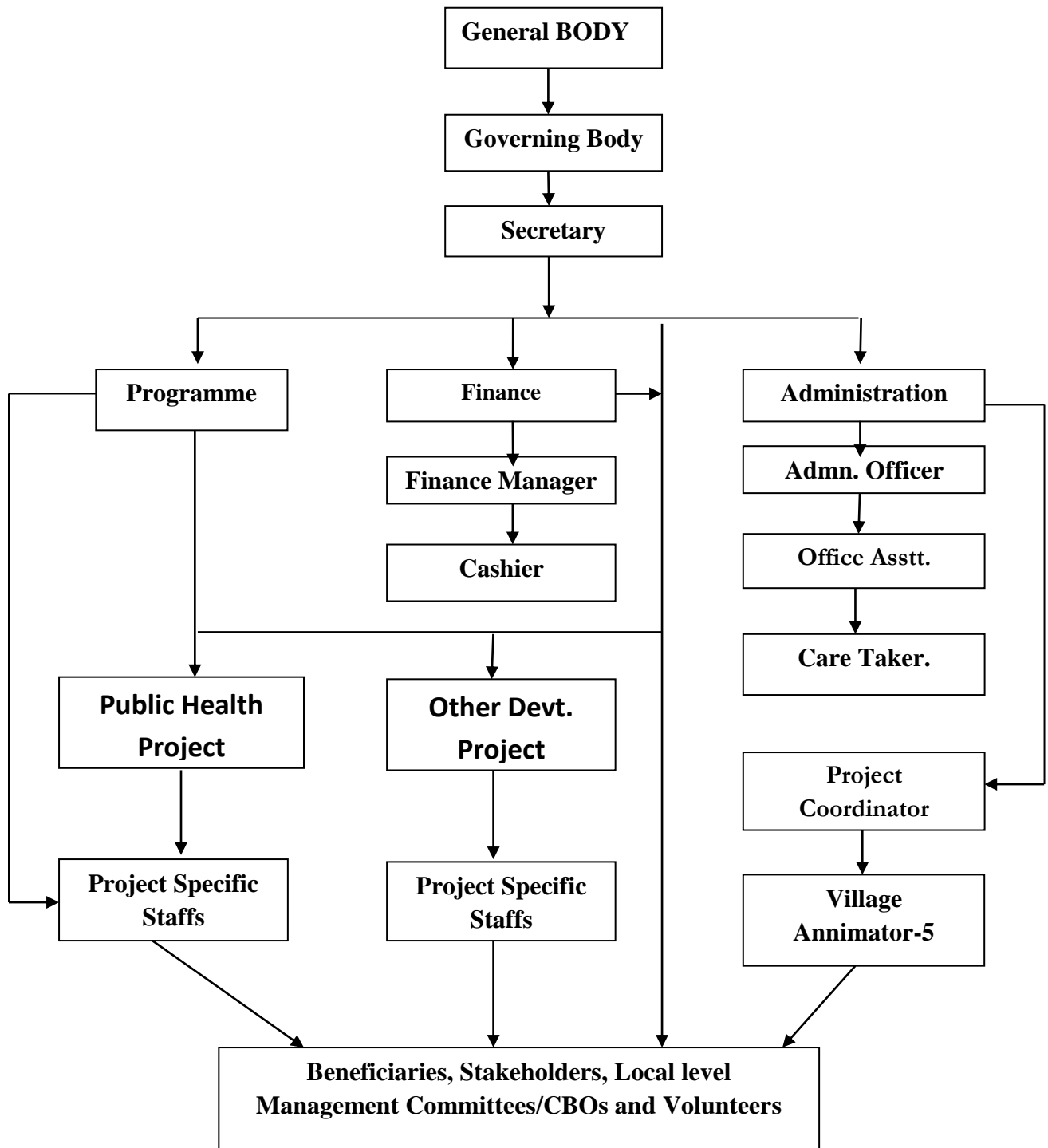
Over the years – through its consistent efforts and concurrent endeavors in different development activities, the organization has proved itself to be committed enough to pursue its commitments. Needless to say – the steady and persistent commitment to development of the rural poor and deprived/disadvantaged mass has kept it up rise to mark up its activities in due manner – more particularly emphasizing on wholesome development of the target population

Keeping eye on its Vision and sticking to the norm of developing its plan of action in objective oriented manner – the organization has till date been quite choosy to resort to those activities that has direct bearing upon the life and livelihood of people. However, with focus on development perspective of underprivileged people – the organization has been instrumental in insisting on voracious aspects and has thus taken up multifaceted activities – quite in an integrated manner.

During the year under reference – organization has undertaken following activities. In fact, it has made efforts in some new areas of action – the persistent efforts to follow up the existing efforts and pursuing further development activities has resulted in some memorable positive result which is best reflected in following paragraphs.:

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**PICTORIAL REPRESENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:**



# CHAPTER-I

## Unite Against Child Marriage

Unite against Child Marriage is a capacity building of community to restrict the underage marriage of girls from village level to Block level through formation, capacity building training. This program is awarded by Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi in Chatrapur Block of Ganjam District

### Background Rationale of the Project:

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 Adolescent Reproductive & Sexual Health (ARSH) and demand immediate attention to SRHR information, counseling, accessible, friendly and affordable services related to health and nutrition.

The base line report conducted in Kholikote Block in Ganjam District under UFBR programme in 2012 found that 71.29% women have got married before 18 years of age and 49 percent women gave birth before 18 years of age. To prevent low age marriage and teen age pregnancy, VHAi planned to implement “Campaign against Child Marriage” project in 4 blocks of Ganjam District.

### Activities carried out as follows:

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of event
01	Block level media sensitization workshop on promotion of right age at marriage	1
02	Block level Advocacy workshop on prevention of child marriage.	2
03	Organization of outreach camps on counseling and provision of STI/RTI treatment for young people at community / village level.	5
04	Campaign through youth clubs on prevention of child marriage	6
05	Sensitization programme for community members on risks of child/early marriage	10
06	Formation of Child Marriage Protection Committee at the village level.	10
07	Sensitization programme for CMPC members to facilitate counseling on risks of early marriage to adolescents, parents and family members.	10
08	Campaign on right age at marriage involving community level Institutions/ platforms like Youth club, Women Group, Adolescent clubs and CSOs	20
09	Hand holding support, walk in counseling for adolescents during VHND and facilitation of outreach services (VHND, AFHC, AHD, WIFS, ARSH programme) for enabling adolescent friendly health services.	20
10	Educative session for adolescent and youth on SRHR issues, with special emphasis on Right age at marriage.	30

## CHAPTER-II

### Promotion of Urban Poor:

To meet the objectives of Health for all the National Urban Health Mission developed a strategy to own the issues of Health and sanitation by the Slum community of Berhampur Municipal Corporation through formation of grass root level community organisation namely MAHILA AROGYA SAMITY (MAS) in each 500 populations of the slum locations and formation of Ward Kalyan Samity (WKS) is also one of the organisations for each word. The Urban health authority was involved GPSS as a part of this process, and we have undertaken the assigned activities this year in 23 words of BeMC as follows.

Sl.No	Name of the Program	No of Target	Achieved
01	Formation of Mahila Arogya Samiti	59	59
02	Orientation of Mahila Arogya Samiti	76	76
03	Orientation of Office Bearers of MAS on Accounting	76	76
04	Formation of Word Kalyan Samiti	23	23
05	Orientation/Sensitisation of WKS Members	23	23
06	Slum level sensitization meeting	81	81
07	Folk show/Slum level sensitization meeting	81	81

## CHAPTER-III

### Preservation and conservation of Manuscripts of Tribal community:

The Director General of Archives, National Archives of India, New Delhi has awarded a grant to GPSS Assistance for Preservation and Conservation of Manuscripts, Rare Books, Old and Rare Documents, Record of History of Tribal Community.

#### Contents of the Books are:

1. Introduction:-Meaning of "Tribes and marginalized communities.
2. Who are Adivasis?
3. The marginalized communities and Democracy:-
4. Challenges of the marginalized communities :-
5. Reflections on margilization of Tribes in South India:-
6. Constructional provisions, laws, as well as Tribes in India:-
7. Tribal development policy from its inspection has always been be sect by a contradiction :-
8. Sub-plan of both scheduled caste and scheduled Tribes:-
9. Actualizing Tribal self rule-the only panacea:-
10. Food security Bill and Tribal Rights of the people:-
11. Economic deprivation of tribal trace in India
12. Minorities and marginalization in India
13. List of Scheduled tribes in India
14. List of Scheduled Castes in India
15. Bibliography
16. Graphic arts on Dalits and tribes



## **CHAPTER-IV**

### **GAON SWASTHYA SAMIKHYA**

GAON SWASTHYA SAMIKHYA is a capacity building of Gaon Kalyan Samiti (GKS) Strengthening GKS from village level to District level through formation, capacity building training, reporting at various levels as well as monitoring the health system. This program in Digapahandi Block of Ganjam District with support of National Health Mission/ZSS Ganjam.

#### **Activities undertaken:**

1. Collection of baseline Data
2. Preparation of both GKS & Gram Panchayat level Swasthya Samachar Patrika
3. Organized one block level meeting on Jana Sambad
4. Strengthened village level GKS

## **CHAPTER-V**

### **Financial inclusion of SHG members under NULM**

The State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) has selected our organisation GPSS as a resource organisation to work in ward No.21 to 30 of Berhampur Municipal Corporation for Formation of SHGs, their federations, capacity building of all members and promotion of the financial inclusion of SHG members under NULM for a period of two years to ensure livelihood of urban poor

## **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 6 months per batch – each batch consisting of 25 trainees. And one Dress designing and appliqué training only for women” for a period of 6 months per batch – each batch consisting of 25 trainees. As such, every year – GPSS has enabled  $50 \times 2 = 100$  local youths to be developed as trained and skilled in aforesaid aspects.

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 84 skilled youth have been settled in private sector job and some of them have started business of their own in their localities itself.

## **CHAPTER-VII**

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

GPSS is a part of Ganjam Disaster Response Form (GDRF) formed during PHILINE in 2013 and done lot many work starting from rescue, relief and rehabilitation. To reach in a conclusion that the continue incidents/Disasters like PHILINE, HUDHUD, Draught and Flood the Global warming is the main reason. Considering these issue and decision of the GDRF it has decided to prepare a base paper on the issue of Global warming and out of organizing 6 different community consultation GPSS take his role and successfully organized one community consultation with the Farming community at Berhampur. GPSS as a part of GDRF participated in all 6 community consultation organized by the partner members of GDRF.

## **CHAPTER-VIII**

### **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICE**

With passion towards CHILD – The Pious Soul, the organization has been in most acclaimed efforts of protecting and promoting the rights of children in different parts of Ganjam district over the years.

Needless to say – the organization is a partner organization to a National Level Movement named as CACL i.e. Campaign Against Child Labour and have been making tangible contribution towards protecting the rights of destitute children and promoting enabling environment in different corners of Ganjam district.

To enable people have regular notice to the issues of Child Rights and have update knowledge about that – the Organization has been publishing a bi monthly Journal named as SISHU SWAR (Voice of the Child) and promotes public awareness about child rights issues i.e. violation of child rights like atrocities etc.

During the current year, like previous years – GPSS had arranged for observing Children’s Day in different Schools of Berhampur Town, Rally and Seminar on Child Rights Day.

## **NETWORKING AND ALLIANCE**

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.
- Orissa Voluntary Health Association [OVHA] Bhubaneswar.
- Indian Council of Social Welfare [ICSW] Orissa State Branch.
- Nehru Yuba Kendra [NYK] Ganjam, Berhampur.
- President of BLCC Digapahandi Block (A Block level CBO Network)
- Active in core committee of AIDS Awareness & Prevention Unit (AAP)
- Officiated in Orissa Network of NGOS on HIV/AIDS.(ONN)
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Orissa. And LEPRO Society (Orissa)
- MAAS/CHRD of Pune (A research Institute for HIV +ve people)
- Hindustan Latex Family Planning Trust (HLFPT) Orissa.
- Population services International (PSI) Orissa.
- Volunteer Services Overseas (VSO) India.
- HARSHTRUST & LIVOLINK FOUNDATION, Odisha
- Community Development through polytechnic under UCP Engineering School Berhampur, Ganjam
- Volunteer Health Association of India, New Delhi

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

With its impressive social efforts, the organization has yet been able to obtain fund support from many genuine sources like Different Ministries of Govt. of India except convergence support from local source. Even it is also not able to get fund support from foreign donors since it has not yet received any tangible fund under FCR Act of India.

Though strives hard to explore fund from different viable sources, yet has not compromised with its objectives and still managing its activities by donations. As yet, it is consistent enough to undertake all its objective oriented but need-based activities ensuring proper cooperation with people at all levels.

Despite the above constraints – the organization still aspires to optimize its services and intellectual support to its beneficiaries from time to time more vigorously. By the way, GPSS dreams to maximize benefits of its stakeholders by resorting to following aspects:

- Pre-school and on-school academic residential accommodation for the poor and destitute children
- Extensive Awareness generation on HIV/AIDS, STD & RCH in un-reached areas, especially in hard to reach areas
- Promotion of National Integration & Communal Harmony.
- Promotion of Environment Protection & Eco-restoration.
- Care for the Destitute. – Children, Women
- Development of Contacts – both supporters and donors.
- Promotion of livelihood-centered natural resource management
- Promotion of Community Health Management with emphasis on Concurrent and Chronic but Curable Diseases.
- Promotion of Volunteers and Cadres at grass roots level.
- Promotion of well-coordinated convergence drive at grass root level to ensure benefit to deprived mass.
- Care for the Aged (Through Old Age Home)
- Promotion of Bio-diversity and drought proofing.

## 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. And has 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

Of course, **GPSS** is having some of its proposed activities in pipeline that need to be revisited instantly during this year. Negotiation with some benevolent donors is also to be done this year to ensure flow of fund at least through some individual contributions.

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.