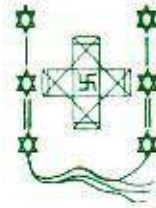


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(PEOPLE'S RADICAL ORGANISATION FOR GENERAL RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SANITATION)

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P R E F A C E

The PROGREESS's Annual Report for the year 2015-16 is offering in service of humanity. It gives up immense satisfaction to present our efforts in ameliorating the untold suffering at the hands of health, calamities, Right to Information, Capacity building, Neo-Humanistic Ecology, Monitoring & evaluation, Research and Development and other social welfare programs in this year. This is the time to offer our heartfelt thanks to all our patrons, sympathizers, donors and the volunteers. All of them deserve our appreciation for their timely and unconditional support. We owe it to them for our continued support service in the future as well.

Our personal reward is in the opportunity to be in service to the poor, the distressed and the victims of the man-made or natural disasters and other destitute. These unfortunate events keep occurring at an ever-increasing frequency on the face of the earth.

Odisha is yet to see a perceptible growth in the industrial sector, despite its huge natural resources in the form of minerals, forest, agriculture, marine / water resources, fertile land; while there are large industrial projects in the pipeline. The few and far between industrialization has left the people poorer. Several aspect such as corruption and lack of professionalism in approach has left unutilized the vast tracts of fertile land while on the other hand illegal and uncontrolled mining has led to serious land-degradation with pollution increasing manifold "High level of illiteracy and poor socio-economic indicator have left the poor section of the society in Odisha vulnerable to Maoist activities.

Odisha is abundantly rich with natural resources such as vast agriculture, mines, forest and resourceful marine where as on the other hand the poor people here use to sell their children just for mere hundreds of rupees due intense and extreme poverty / scarcity in the backward tribal areas. The reason of most of the atrocities and crimes in the world today is due to lack of proper balance and harmony in the physical, mental, economical and moral strata of life are responsible for all the socio-moral forms of degeneration and the global crisis.

In Odisha people who are starving or under nourished have no income and can't care for their families. They are left with feelings of hopelessness and despair. That desperation can lead to tension, conflict and even violence. They strive and slog so much in every way but they can't support their families and make their both ends meet. For this vital reason and drawback the whole state of Odisha is held back and as if it is in a black hole. To avert this situation we have spent our valuable time and too many years with a vast and enormous fund of capital with kind cooperation and coordination of other societies in developing the projects that have not yielded lasting results all that, but we have learned from these of our efforts. We realized that we lack appreciation, manpower and needed funds as well.

For Odisha 2015–2016 is an year of many tough challenges and uncertainties marked by geopolitical concerns, degradation of socio-economic, financial instability, social injustice, economic exploitation, cultural and moral degradation, religious dogmas, intense corruption and outbreaks of fatal diseases like Cancer, AIDS-TB and Epidemic diseases which has reached its apex without genuine eradication steps / guideline (on moralistic way) of life, men have lost its true path and now are hovering helplessly in the dark clouds of frustration and dejection to be or not to be.

In this critical juncture and our ongoing efforts are to be more effective and dynamic and constructive in our operations to meet these challenges and to better ourselves to respond to future challenges. All of these initiatives emphasize greater development effectiveness by focusing operations on the achievement of impacts and outcomes. We conducted a review of the reorganization and social welfare development processes and initial findings and recommendations of the review have already been implemented in 2015 – 2016.

We are pleased to present the dedicated service to the people of suffering classes and the performance of the PROGRESS, realized out of our sincere endeavors by socio-economical-cultural aspect in weaker section of the downtrodden and marginalized people of un-regarded area of Orissa.

The report brings a number of varied programmes comprising under heads of women's and child development to earn their livelihood and security of socio-economically backward communities and for the empowerment of rural women through SHG is the main weapon to fight against psychic-exploitation and fulfillment of socio-economical condition of women's and child section and implemented community based organization, SHG formation, reproductive child health awareness, Right to Information etc., which will be indispensable in sustaining benefit and creating, enabling environment for equity and gender thus are invariably the Nucleus of all developmental actions.

The organization has been involved Monitoring & Evaluation, Social Accountability, Good governance with Government and Private organization in all over Odisha.

The last decade about environmental destructions and sustainable, development under the heading Neo-humanism which is previous ideas on universalism, ethical, science, ethics to create new social outlook. It is fundamentally ecological in perspective. The present crisis facing our planet reflects the loss of balance in both the natural and human environments. To restore this balance, our response must give equal importance to internal transformation and external action. The Neo-humanist ecology are: [a] Maintaining a dynamic adjustment and subtle balance between the inner subjective world of human beings and the outer objective world of nature,[b] expanding one's sentiment to include the entire universe as one's own.

The Action programme of the prevention cruelty and atrocities against animals and plants and to save the environment it's allied- to set up herbal garden for free services of yoga, meditation,

Naturopathy and its treatment also to setup eco-tourism and development of herbal and Aromatic (science) Research activity.

Our active involvement and participation with Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (**AMURT**) and Rushikulya Vikash Manch, it's our sister concern always assisting us whenever and wherever any disaster occurs, the volunteers of PROGREESS reach there without a second thought and they never think of what they will have to face-they never get afraid of it nor draw back from it. The only thought in their mind is to rescue the persons facing the fury of the Natural and manmade calamities, provide immediate relief to them and then help them to start life again i.e. rehabilitation. This is what AMURT & PROGREESS both stands for Rescue-relief-Rehabilitation. Out of such sacrifice and selfless service one get more internal satisfaction for serving the humanity which can never be described in words. This is the real gist the volunteers receive in Lieu of their services. Most inhabitants tribal of Orissa – live in extreme poverty. Their poverty is not only a condition of Low Income and lack of assets. Its a condition of vulnerability, exclusion and powerlessness. Poverty reduction is about enabling poor women and men to become more aware of their rights and power and creating and maintaining the conditions that allow them to do so. Also our organization has participated in Right to Information (RTI) through awareness, training & counseling program capacity building for access to information supported by UNDP.

Also our involvement in socio-economic issues led us into community development. The realization that biodiversity conservation and livelihood security of tribal people can go together was a major lesson to learn in this phase of community development, thus emerged the phase of sustainable development.

The dedicated sacrifice service which gives internal happiness one gets by serving can only be experienced. So this spirit of service in PROGREESS continues to intensify as whole time rolls on. For the suffering of mankind can certainly be reduced remarkably and appreciably. But PROGREESS has to keep its volunteers ever ready all the time (whole timer). We appeal to all the philanthropic people-all the benevolent people of worlds over to help us, so that we can provide better services to the grief stricken people of backward classes and areas.

In this grim scenario, we need to move faster whenever necessary to work out the modalities of sustainable development and community welfare through all round service (ARS) in every nook and cranny of the Orissa.

Where all people can enjoy economic prosperity and lasting peace.

(Peace and happiness to one and all beings).

Saroj Ranjan Patnaik
Secretary



Observed International Yoga Day at R.C.Das Lane, Berhampur (Office Premises)



Yoga Training at Saraswati Sishu Bidya Mandir at Ramahari Nagar, Berhampur



Awareness of Use Alternative Energy Sources



Right to information, Consumer Rights & Human Rights Counseling & Capacity Building & Organized Awareness Camp at Berhampur



Climate Change effect



World AIDS day Meeting at Berhampur



Awareness cum Training program of Farmer

Cultivation system and Modernization of Agriculture & Irrigation system at Rambha

Inter Agency Co-ordination Group, Ganjam, Chatrapur


L.No. 3525 /IACG(Judl.)

Date..12/12/2013

APPRECIATION LETTER

This is to acknowledge that Anand Marg Universal Relief Team (AMURT) has rendered help in the post-Phailin relief and restoration work in Ganjam district.

The Inter Agency Co-ordination Group on behalf of Ganjam district administration acknowledges with gratitude the humanitarian service rendered by the organisation.


Additional District Magistrate
Relief and Rehabilitation Ganjam
Chatrapur.(Odisha).

Ramananda Avadhuta <acaryarama@yahoo.com>

9th Dec
2013

to Sister, Dada, Shiv, Dada, Satyajet, Satya, Pappu, Narada, MAX, Himanshu, Ram, Singh, Manohar, Karuna, Dhanjoo, Pashupati, Dada, Dada, AM, AMURT, Anil, Anirvan, Aryev, Ashok, B.D.

APPRECIATION LETTER by E-mail

Baba Nam Kevalam

Dear All

Namaskar!

Sectorial AMURT Secretary Ac. Satyashrayananda Avadhuta and Regional Coordinator of AMURT Sri Saroj Ranjan Patanayak from Beherampur (Odisha) have done commendable work today for the people badly hit by recent "Failine" affected people. This report of AMURT activities today is being forwarded to for information. Local people have written appreciation for AMURT services rendered to the suffering people.

With my best wishes and regards to all of you.

In Baba Only,

ABOUT "PROGREESS" IN 2015-2016

The organization for Memorandum of the People's Radical Organization for General Reconstruction of Environment, Education and Social sanitation, in brief "**PROGREESS**" is a registered society (Registered under the societies Registration Act. 1860) in the year 1998 as a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit making state level voluntary organization, Registered under foreign contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, under Govt. of India (Ministry of Home Affairs). PROGREESS are Tax-exempted in India under Registration U/s 12AA (1) (b)(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. And Grant of an Approval AL U/s 80G (5) (VI) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Affiliation with Nehru Yuba Kendra (NYK), an Autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (Govt. of India), & Planning commission of India and affiliation with other central / state government statutory body aiming in / for development cooperation means to provide all people with the basic necessities of life. It helps to create appropriate conditions and enable the inhabitants to lead a decent life. It is the people through their own efforts, who learn to meet their own fundamental needs of nourishment, clothings, medical assistance, accommodation and education (five fundamental basic necessities for all).

And to meet the specific needs of women and children in their struggle for development. As it is run by women, it serves as an organizational platform for women's and child development department, introduces programmes that aim at raising the level of health and educational status of women and their children. Educating women and girls improves the family health, raises the years of school enrolment of their own children. Providing medical care and knowledge to pregnant and nursing mothers directly translates into reduced maternal and neonatal mortality.

As well as enables us to respond to disasters almost anywhere in the Orissa, guided by common principles and conduct codes. Our grass-root level independent teams around the Orissa, allow us to be sensitive to local cultural needs and flexible in our disaster responsiveness. The organization has resolved to undertake, promote, sponsor, assist or aid directly or in any other manner, any activity for the promotion and growth of Rural Economy and rural/social welfare or any other programme for the promotion of socio-economic development and welfare or uplift of the people, in the rural and urban areas of Orissa.

PROGREESS is dedicated to help improve the quality of life of the poor and the under privileged people of the Odisha. It believes that the best assistance is to encourage and enable people to restore faith in and to help them develop their lives in a better way. .

VISION:

PROGREESS helps individuals harness their innate potentialities and utilize their own resources for securing the basic necessities of life and gaining greater economic, social and moral fulfillment and to liberate humanity from all forms of exploitation and create a congenial environment for peace and prosperity.

MISSION:

Our mission is to develop a dedicated sacrifice service minded moralist team that enables holistic / ethical development of quality of life for underserved and marginalized people and to serve in time of natural / manmade disaster through innovative replicable models, with a passion for excellence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF “PROGREESS”

- Each human being has the right to meet his/her own fundamental needs, such as nourishment, accommodation, Medical assistance, clothing and education. The resources of the earth should be utilized in a just and appropriate manner to meet those needs.
- Our planet has limited, though sufficient resources to cover those basic requirements of life. Resources need to be used purposively and fairly in order to improve the quality of life of all living beings.
- Everyone should be ensured the possibility of further development to an equal device / degree. The freedom to use one’s potential to fulfill physical, intellectual and ethical needs is a fundamental right of all human kind.
- Everyone is a worthy member of human society, regardless of race, religion, color, gender or social status, and deserves to be treated with understanding and respect.
- By respecting women and ensuring their integration and active participation in development project that a harmonious growth of the family, community and society can be actualized.
- Development is a balanced process that maintains equilibrium between industry and the environment, urban and rural growth, human needs and available resources. Development should reduce the gap between rich and poor and provide opportunities for all.
- Appropriate development begins within the social and cultural frame work of each community. It enables under privileged communities to gain greater degree of independence to determine their own future.
- Development should respect the natural ecosystems of the earth, so that all living beings may live in health and harmony.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- ❖ The humanitarian imperative comes first.
- ❖ Aid is given regardless of race, creed or nationality of the recipients without any distinction of any kind. Aid priorities are calculated on the basis of need alone.
- ❖ Aid will not be used to further a particular political or religious standpoint.
- ❖ We shall endeavor not to act as instruments for government foreign policy.
- ❖ We shall respect culture and custom.
- ❖ We shall attempt to build disaster response on local capacities.
- ❖ Ways shall be found to involve programme beneficiaries in the management of relief aid.
- ❖ Relief must strive to reduce future vulnerabilities to disaster as well as meeting basic needs.
- ❖ We hold ourselves accountable to both those we seek to assist and those from whom we accept resources.
- ❖ In our information, publicity and advertising activities; we shall recognize disaster victims as dignified human's not hopeless objects.
- ❖ Universal sentiment: All beings are an integral part of life on our planet earth and should be treated with compassion and respect.
- ❖ Universally approach and Regionally development
- ❖ Subjective approach through objective adjustment
- ❖ Action inspired by love.
- ❖ Ability to be all-inclusive so that everyone feels that he or she has a role to play in development. In short all should move in union in the sprit of moving together.
- ❖ Ability to overcome selfish tendencies and to identify with the other.
- ❖ Willingness to fight for justice, to be an active part of the movement to create a just society free from exploitation.
- ❖ Becoming an example by practice.

2015 - 2016 IN REVIEW

(Executive Body's Report)

With the strong support of PROGREESS, the Orissa is facing starvation of death, social injustice, and has little progress toward achieving the socio-economical development goal. Overall poverty rate in this state have normal, and little growth continue. Many Executive Members have taken the responsible and investment in health, Family Planning and Women's welfare, Tuberculosis, RTI, Rescue-relief and rehabilitation and women's child development also have not reduced maternal and child mortality rates and lowered the incidence of communicable diseases.

Yet challenges remain and enormous efforts are still required. Women's and girls do not always benefit equally with males from society. Public health problems continue to take toll rise on families and state. Disease such as HIV/AIDS-TB, Cancer, tuberculosis, Filarial and Malaria are major causes and effect of poverty in the region as it is the lack of access to save and scarcity drinking water as well as to sanitation. Although employment is a principal means to escape from poverty, many of the poorest and most vulnerable people, including the elderly, female heads of household and people with special challenges are unable to work.

Our many members furthermore, growth prospect of socio-economics during the first half of the year were subdued.

While the goal of reducing poverty continued to guide its little operation capacity building from Government and other organizations. Whether Govt. has done food for work programme but the intermediate business persons are exploiting to end users. The illegal network transmitted through various Govt. / Pvt. Department such as Block Authorities and suppliers. The PROGREESS also faced internal and external challenges and opportunities. PROGREESS personnel continued to adopt to new service process as well as RTI extensive reviews were completed with recommendations to further improve the efficiency of operations. A staff engagement survey pointed out specific issues and concerns that organization began addressing in 2015 – 2016 with the preparation of the new human resources and neo-humanism strategy.

Recognizing these complex issues, the Governing body of Executives supported PROGREESS management and staff in their efforts to improve institutional effectiveness and internal Governance and to demonstrative development impact.

FUNDING:

The organization has solicited for receivable and helpful for sacrifice benevolent services of the society, ability to deliver its programme, organizational development impact, grant used for preparing projects and supporting advisory activities in areas such as law and policy reform, strengthening fiscal policies and procedures, good governance, capacity building, livelihood empowerment and natural resources management.

The main instruments for cooperate and coordinate and helping the PROGREESS are policy dialogue, loans, technical and developmental assistance, grants, voluntary contribution from donor, trust fund and other special funds from National and International organization and Government Departments.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The body of executive approved several policies, financial and administrative papers in 2015 – 2016. One was: Enhancing PROGREESS Role in financial stability and its service”. Another was the Review of the inspection Function that resulted in the establishment of a new accountability mechanism that is now in place. It consist two complementary functions – the consultation phase and the compliance review phase for consultation, a special project facilitator was appointed for compliance, the Executive Body appointment a full-time (whole timer) chair and part time members of a review panel and the body should taken compliance review committee to replace the members Executive Body inspection Committee. The new mechanism provides important structural and procedural means to address the concerns of project affected people, to improve project quality and to enhance development effectiveness.

CHANGING FOCUS:

Many of PROGREESS's internal initiative explicitly and implicitly focused on result with greater emphasis on impact and outcome. Secretary and other members had been created to coordinate the work upward / downward of the changing focus and change arising from a new human resource strategy and implementation of managing of results would improve staff moral. A change in the reporting structure for the operations and evaluation unit. The organization examined the reporting quality, integrity of analysis and structure and accountability of its evaluation work in 2015 – 2016.

The change in reporting will allow offices to better operate under the general direction of the President, Secretary and Advisor for matters such as high-level, board range dialogues with external counterparts.

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE:

The committee recommended approval of the organization's proposed 2015 – 2016. Budget for internal administrative expenses and annual capital expenditures. The proposed internal administrative budget is higher than in past year. The Budget may increase significantly in future years should it include the cost of the independent.

The committee raised several questions regarding the adequacy of staff resources allocation and was informed that staff and budget resources were extremely tight impart because work has become increasingly complex in recent year as a result multiple policy mandates and compliance requirements, it recommended developing in-house capability and organizational memory and that consultant be used prudently and judiciously. A meeting was held in March 2016 to discuss the work programmes of the organization and to review budget. The Executive Committee also reviewed the process on implementing the recommendations it made during the year 2015 – 2016 budget deliberations.

The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2015 – 2016 budget on the presence of General Body Members. It noted the contributions and achievement of the PROGREESS and welcomed the increase in resources allocated to capacity building and training and the enhanced inter coordination other connecting organizations.

The Committee noted the progress made to date on the recognition and express concern on the operational support, quality assurance, and compliance role of the local and regional territorial suggested that necessary changes be implemented as early as possible.

To make its more meaningful service and effective, the Executive Committee proposed quarterly meeting and also the Secretary schedule the Executive Committee meeting – Annual budget meeting before the budget document preparation is aware. Several changes to improve the format and presentation of the budget were suggested and the need for more communication with the Executive on budget matters was stressed.

DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE:

The Committee reviews a balanced selection and evaluation studies and presented its assessment to the Executive Body. The report also presented over all conclusion and recommendation from discussion with other members. The committee expresses its satisfaction

that evaluation activities had generally been adequate and efficient to improve organizational management and effectiveness.

The Committee also recommended that future report go beyond statistical reporting to identify lessons for development effectiveness.

INSPECTION COMMITTEE:

In 2015 October the inspection committee was held. The committee submitted its report to the Governing body, it recommended that the governing body authorize an inspection of the project with allow the process for grievance redress put in place to the Government in consultation with the organization take place. However, the committee reserved to right to bring forward the proposed time table for commencement of the field inspection should it becomes evident to the committee that the grievance redress process was likely to be successful. The Governing body approved the committee recommendation the Executive Committee receive the report on the grievance redress process, additional information (The committee formed 4 expert members).

WORKING GROUP FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT 2015 – 2016:

The Executive Body and working group set for the general direction of 2015 – 2016. Last working closely with management and staffs are taking into account for the responses of Annual Report. This year's report clearly demonstrates, that how PROGREESS is optimizing its organizational effectiveness and resources? How it is progressing towards achieving the different plan and programmes? And how it is successful implementation different programmes etc.?

MAIN PROGRAMME

Observed International Yoga Day:

Yoga, "Aasana & Pranayam" teaching program was held at Saraswati Sishu Bidya Mandir – Ramahari Nagar (Berhampur) on 21st June, 2015 in the occasion of International Yoga Day. More than 115 school students had been participated on the said proramme. Mr.Saroj Ranjan Patnaik (Secretary) of PROGREESS was Chief Guest and School Headmaster had preside over the programme .

Climate Change effect-

(Awareness cum Training program of Farmer cultivation system and Modernization of Agriculture & Irrigation system):

The organization has performed two day seminar at Rambha in Ganjam District on 9th & 10th August, 2015 regarding climate changes of its alternative effect into the Agriculture & irrigation development in the coastal area..

Climate change, which has caused such massive environmental degradation, which requires urgent global problem solving on a new scale. We also need to serious prepare the people of the world for the catastrophic eventuality that looms in the face something that planet earth has faced before. In this context, we should cultivate on scientific approach according to time, place and person and subjective approach through objective adjustment likely to initiate that all farmers should cultivate medicinal rice/ micro-nutrient. Organic crops cultivation and surface & rain water conservation on different method.

1. We are now extending the same approach through regressive Genetic Engineering Technology. In the time all the nutrition and medicines that your body need and cultivate through organic farming system.
2. Organic vegetables are healthier due to absence of pesticides residues and contamination.
3. It tastes better than most of the products.
4. The cultivation work on issue of sustainable agricultural development for marginal farmers, irrigation management with equitable distribution of water and rural development through integrated watershed management.
5. To develop a renewable energy based food processing unit, irrigated facility, eco-friendly farmer consumer relations.
6. Maximum modernization in agriculture and agro industry, in the co-operative agricultural system, modern equipment must be utilized because such modernization will facilitate increased production.
7. If modern equipment is used in agriculture, agriculture will not remain labour intensive and people can be utilized in other activities to enhance to development of the community / country.
8. Agricultural co-operative should be implementing by consumer & producer co-operative system. There will be substantial saving.

9. Women and children will be free from related work so they will get scope to develop themselves. In addition, increased mechanization will link the villages to the cities / towns as a result the standard of living in the villagers will be increased.

Ac' guniindrananda Avt' (An Agricultural Research Scholar of Gurukula University), Dr. Santharam. Pathik, Retd. Professor of Agriculture (organic farming) under agricultural university of Himachal Pradesh were attended as a trainer of the said seminar. More than 120 farmers / women in this area had been participated. There is also taken practical classes in the Agricultural field. All farmers were more benefited by the Agriculture based seminar which is first kind of there.

Awareness of Use Alternative Energy Sources

The pervasive lack of access to reliable and affordable sources of modern energy continues to blight socio-economic progress in Odisha. Some peoples have without electricity and high loaded consumer use, a constraint that compromises productivity and income generation of public in general, as well as healthcare delivery, learning, personal safety and many other aspect of daily life. Alternative energy encompasses all those things that do not consume fossil fuel. They are widely available and environment friendly. They cause little or almost no pollution. There have been several alternative energy projects running in various countries to reduce our dependence on traditional fossil fuels. Alternative energy sources that you can take into consideration like solar energy, Wind energy, Biomass energy, geothermal energy, Ocean energy and Hydrogen energy etc.

Solar Energy

About 70% of the sunlight gets reflected back into the space and we have only 30% of sunlight to meet up our energy demands. While solar energy is used for producing & used for House hold use-cooking, agricultural sector, drying clothes, solar energy can be extracted either by Solar Thermal or using Photovoltaic (PV) Cells. Solar panels, which are required to harness this energy can be used for long time and require little or no maintenance.

Wind Energy

A single windmill can power the crop irrigation, and the family energy needs, water pumping and electric lights. However, in the present time there are several windmills that are used to generate required energy mostly for industrial uses. Many of the wind turbines can capture much power all at once before feeding it to the power grid.

In this above causes, we have organized a special meeting and awareness programme with reputed solar system firm at Ramagiri, Dharakote and Berhampur on 4th- 6th October, 2015. We mobilize people to use alternative energy for less burden of hydroelectric power generation in Odisha.

Right to information, Consumer Rights & Human Rights Counseling & Capacity Building & Organized Awareness Camp-

Engaged Citizen Rights/ Capacity Building towards Fight against Corruption in Public Service Delivery and Social Accountability / Good Governance (Encouraging Community Skill Sharing & Civic Power)

Aware as you are, **Right to Information Act, Consumer Rights & Human Right. The RTI Act** which came into force partially from 15th June 2005 and fully from 12th October 2015 has completed ten years of its implementation in the country including Odisha. Within this short span of 10 years, the law has not only brought some transparency and accountability in the administration but generated debate and discourse for people's centred democracy. The law has proved a potential weapon in the hands of the common citizens to fight out corruption in the system and also for asserting their rights and entitlements. Besides, the citizens have also used the law to monitor the implementation of Govt. plans and programmes and for tracking the status of their grievances. But, the strident march of RTI Act has also demanded a heavy price - a good number of RTI Activists thanks to their zealous endeavour to expose corruption have fallen prey to the criminal nexus of bureaucracy and vested interests that sought to checkmate the ushering in of a transparent and accountable system of governance by all possible manners of heinous ploys. However, on balance, RTI has kindled the hope for deprived sections of society in a big way.

Citizens and civil society led campaign against corruption in public life in Odisha The main purpose of the initiative is to offer a help to citizens willing to fight against corruption/ exploitation and support enactment of strong anti-corruption laws by the Government.

*To reduce the burden of corruption faced by ordinary citizens in their day-to-day transactions with various government departments. The sole intention of addressing the issues of corruption at the lower end of the system is to give some relief to the common man who does not seem to have any helping hand in corruption cases.

The concerned citizens and activists involved in the RTI Campaign are going to celebrate 10th anniversary of implementation of RTI Act in various forms, such as by organising workshop, seminar, meeting and rally etc. in different states. In this context, *Ganjam jilla soochan Adhikar Mancha (a platform of RTI Activists, RTI Users, like-minded intellectuals and academicians working for effective implementation of Right to Information Act,2005 in the State of Odisha)* has decided to hold a two-day **State Convention on RTI at Baikuntha Nagar, Berhampur on 12th and 13th October ,2015**. Eminent RTI Activists of national stature and former Central Information Commissioners will address the Convention. Various issues relating to RTI will be debated and discussed in the Convention.

We also address corruption by spreading right to information law, conducting social audits and advocating for strong anti-corruption laws. Through

- Non political
- Non violence
- Transparent and accountable
- Equal opportunity to all

What does?

- Use of right to information to fight corruption
- Conduct training on various anti-corruption laws and tools
- Conduct social audit of public programmes

- Organize public rally, protest against corruption
- Support India Against Corruption for strong anti-corruption laws

PROGREESS was organized a training programme on right to information and consumer rights act targeting of ordinary citizens. More than 74 ordinary citizens participated in the day long practical training programme.

- *Regular meeting and follow up*

Meets in every month to plan, review and evaluate its activities and prepare future course of action. Also meets in every month to discuss local issues and issues at the national level.

Future Steps

- Creating volunteers at ward level further at block level
- Training of volunteers to fight corruption
- Engaging citizens in fight against corruption
- Raising local issues and advocate to improve them
- Documenting and sharing best practices

Observed World AIDs day Meeting

"Getting to zero: zero new HIV/AIDS infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS related deaths". The World AIDS Campaign focus on "Zero AIDS related deaths" signifies a push towards greater access to treatment for all;- **AIDS is one of those contagious diseases, which spreads from person to person,**

The organization has been observed on World AIDs day meeting programme was successful conducted on 1th December, 2015 at Berhampur & Manitora . The meeting / discussions were performed that numbers of AIDs patients have been death on day to day worst situations are going on these areas. Some patients having faced as fear complex, always living in secretly & loneliness / likely remaining distance living and How to provide better health service also frequently serve testing, treatment and medicine supply, referral, Focus Group Discussions along with facilities services towards destitute to formed Healthy Living Society and implementation of alternative medicine system like as micro-nutrients and immune-modular herbal product, Microvitae etc. It will be created a standard health living to every person, More than 122 persons / delegates were attended in the said programme. Overall maximum numbers of delegates were joined with our hands to control the programme..

Observed World Tuberculosis day “Unite to End TB”

PROGREESS had organized a special programme of World TB Day on 24th March, 2016. That HIV-TB co-infection – improve advocacy, communication and community mobilization programme is going to be held with active cooperation of Health Department and PTCC. In this context, we take to set-up preparation of case study on HIV-TB, which is

required for international TB Care & Control Society and to be initiates more affective programe in Odisha also being involved IEC activities. Identification of TB Case, Referral service, Peer education and Capacity building training, Advocacy meeting with media partner (Media Advocacy), Training to journalist & volunteers, all prior disbursement will be incurred by the organization.

Improving Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization for Tuberculosis

ACTIVITIES	MATERIALS
<i>Peer education and Capacity building training (e.g., for health care workers, all paramedical , Journalist / advocates, field staff and communities to identify TB cases, provide the proper care/treatment) Advocacy meeting with media partner</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training modules • Fact sheets • Flip charts/flannel boards • Instructional posters/wall paintings/job aids • Videotapes
<i>Presentations at seminars / WORKSHOP or other gatherings (e.g., with decision makers or health care professionals and Advocates)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation slides or other visual aids such as photos • Displays (including posters, photographs, real objects, models)
<i>Community Meeting/ Focus Group discussion</i>	Villages
<i>Patients provider meeting</i>	Patient and DOTS provider
<i>Sensitization /Training</i>	ASHA/ Anganawadi workers/ Volunteers/ BPM/CBO/ Journalist/ Health staff and others
<i>Printing of IEC Materials (IEC /BCC /Advocacy Activities)- Development of IEC material on patient empowerment</i>	Pamphlets / leaflets / posters- Communication, Counseling and Information
<i>News paper published</i>	Local/Regional
<i>Outreach to media (e.g., to promote World TB Day, awareness campaign)-</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters to the editor • Opinion-editorial write-ups • Press releases • Public service announcements, live-read scripts/ announcements • Summaries of key findings, articles (and authors)
<i>Scrolling publish in local Television network</i>	Coverage all area
<i>TB prevention</i>	<i>educating people on how to stop infectious TB from passing from one person to another and on how to reduce the risk factors that assist the spread of the disease; and</i>
<i>Addressing social determinants that contribute to TB</i>	<i>poverty, poor living conditions, poor nutrition, Hygiene and sanitation, and crowding.</i>
<i>. Public awareness activities (e.g., increase awareness/reduce misconceptions about TB, reduce stigma)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational booklets, leaflets/flyers, posters • Radio and television spots (live-read scripts or produced public service advertisements) and working with Media
<i>World TB Day celebration activities</i>	Quiz/ games/Jhoti competition
<i>Folk dance/ Street Play</i>	Local folk culture & costumes
<i>School Quiz Competition</i>	
<i>Social Mobilization</i>	<i>Aims to change norms, Improve services and expand community</i>

	<i>support. It influences communities to identify and address problems.</i>
<i>.Identified HIV-TB</i>	<i>Identify Local Issues/ Identification of populations most at risk and most in need of services/ Identification of obstacles to accessing and using available services</i>

The programme has been started with expert volunteers and other professional staff in Ganjam District since last

R & D Programme of Rushikulya River

River – Rushikulya – Saraswati Preface and Geographical aspect of the river

According to the ‘Vedas’ The name of the river ‘*Saraswati*’ was from ‘*Kulya*’ and subsequently became “Rushikulya”. During the mid-period, at different times, the name of the river was transformed as ‘Brahmanadya;’, ‘Prachi’, ‘Sukumari’ etc. in place of ‘*kulya*’. But ‘*Vyasadeb*’ while writing the ‘*Sreemad Bhagabat Geeta*’ had added the word ‘*Rushi*’ before ‘*kulya*’ and named the river ‘Rushikulya’. Thus the river ‘Rushikulya’ is no other than the river ‘*Saraswati*’, situation. The river of ‘Rushikulya’ with a length of 160 kms. Flowing from west to east in the Ganjam district of Orissa, spreading within the attitude of 18/15/45 to 20/25/40 and longitude of 83/33/20 to 85/15/00 and has fallen in the Bay of Bengal.

There was existence of the river ‘*Saraswati*’ much before the Holy ‘*Rishies*’ ascended on earth near this river valley. Many *Rishies* practiced their meditation for attainment of knowledge and they could spread their achieved knowledge all over the world. A number of godly personalities like ‘*Maharshi Kapila*’ took birth beside this river. Due to performance of a number of ‘*Yangyas*’, a special type of black deer were found in the nearby forest at that time but at present such type of deer are seen around this river valley,

A number of ancient mythological memories are un-noticed in this river valley and need to be enlightened for public information. Some of those are: - ‘*Sankhya Darsan*’ by the holy sage ‘*Kapil*’, the war-field of ‘*Basista and Biswamitra*, the hermitage of sages, the shelter places of ‘Sri Ram, Sri Krishna the *Pandabas* etc. If these places are declared as places of tourism, the research scholars and scientists will have easy access to the subject.

The forest region is rich in herbal trees and abundant rare-earth is also available in the valley in addition to varieties of birds & animals as described in the mythological epics. For want of proper security, the dense forest is being ruined day by day.

The inhabitants of this area are very simple, pure and basing on ancient culture and they hardly get any scope to improve their social and financial status.

**TO ESTABLISH RIVER RUSHIKULYA (NADIBANDHA YOJANA) NEAR SORADA-
A FOCUS ON ITS CONTENTS:**

To facilitate steady water supply to the Iron factory which was to be planted at Gopalpur was proposed to be supplied from the river Rushikulya of Sorada by Government of Orissa and for this a huge reservoir was to be built over the *Angadi naal*. This reservoir is to be built on 3 Kilometers from left side of the main road which goes to Gajalbadi from Sorada. Here are some focusing points of this project.

1. After usage of water of the reservoir at its lower head by people, the rest of the water will be supplied to the Iron factory.
2. No other people of the village will use the water of this reservoir.
3. As per the amount of the water flowing from the river Rushikulya, its 40 percent is only being used for cultivation and drinking purpose and the rest 60percent of water is diverted into sea. And this reservoir will store only 6 percent of the water which is being diverted into the sea.
4. This scheme will not affect any water regulations of the district but will help in avoiding the situations of draught in the district.
5. In Ganjam district 8, 93,100 Hectares and in and around Sorada about 19,878 Hectares of land is equipped in form of jungle. The very least portion of this jungle will be affected by the reservoir. Only 675 hectares of jungle land which is only 0.16 percent of the district and 3.36 percent jungle land of Sorada.
6. To fulfill the affected jungle of Sorada due to this reservoir 8,000 Hectares of jungle will be created as remuneration. Apart from this the other benefits of this reservoir is as follows:
 - a) To build the reservoir and for its operation and maintenance and safe guarding so many people of the locality will be employed. And also for planting trees there is a vast need of employing people and hence it enables to solve the employment problem of the locality to some extent.
 - b) Consequently the underground water of the locality will be increased steadily and also in the lower head the underground water will be available in plenty.
 - c) It gives rise to a great amount of water storage because of this scheme and people of this locality can do prawn culture easily and conveniently.
 - d) When the reservoir will be built there will be health camps and health related facilities will be generated.
 - e) As the reservoir will be built a new forest will also be created and it results in more wild animals who will reside there will takes place.
 - f) After building of this reservoir consequently it also stands as a tourism place and spot and will attract tourists as well.

Rushikulya Survey have been conducted of "*Rushikulya Bindu Sara Saraswati*" be established *Kedarnath* was build up by *Maharsi Kardama* at Hatimunda near Bramhanigam of

Daringibadi Block (Kandhamal District). We observed Mahabaruni bath occasion in '*Rushimala – Bindusara*'. In this context, we have to be prepared toposit document to set up water supply proposal and linkage plan with Soroda -Bhanjanagar water reservoir.

COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES

Co-operation, Co-ordination and collaboration from different private and Government agencies are to helped up-coming successful operation. PROGREESS's varied activities, which represents in Private, Government & International forum have further / continue assured to help our organization. Participation of the organization has been entertained by different departments during planning as well as implementation.

SOME OF OUR COLLABORATION ORGANISATIONS

The Union- Partnership for TB Care & Control India (PTCCI), Stop TB Partnership, **Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA)**, Planning Commission- Govt. of India, State Institute for Rural Development (SIRD) under Ministry of Panchayatraj & Irrigation –RKVY Dept. Govt of Odisha, OSDMA, Department of Mass education – Sarba Sikhya Abhijana (SSA-Govt of Odisha), ACCESS Development Service, New Concept, Nehru Yuba Kendra (NYK) an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (Govt. of India), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). KVIC under the scheme of Sewaniketan of (Uttar Pradesh), Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT)- an United Nations accord Organization, Population Services International, CYSD, H.D.F.-Karuna Trust (Bangalore), Midstream Marketing & Research Organisation, New Delhi, I.S.R.O., State Soochana Adhikar Mancha, NGO Marketplace, AWARENESS Co-operative, UNDP, UNICEF, State & Central Government and other International organizations, *Sashibhusan Sahitya Sansad* and other social organizations.

OBSERVED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS :

Like previous year, this year also PROGREESS celebrated the National and International days as follows:

International Yoga Day

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21-06-2015

Independence Day	-	15-07-2015
World Animal welfare Day	-	04-10-2015
World AIDs Day	-	01-12-2015
World Human Rights Day	-	10-12-2015
World TB Day	-	24-03-2016

GROWTH OF “PROGREESS”

1. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE:

PROGREESS was registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860, in the year 1998. The Executive Committee has responsible persons with varied experience in all round Social Welfare Development. The committee provided assistance and guidance in strategic planning and policy formulation. The committee meets (usually in a quarter) and interacts with the management staff of the organization. The members undertake quarterly review, defective and its solution of the programme related and financial activities of PROGREESS.

Whenever indispensable any circumstance of PROGREESS constituted of scientist, professionals, experts and consultants, renders advice and guidance to the executive committee and staff during planning and implementation as and when required.

2. CAPACITY BUILDING AND UTILIZATION:

PROGREESS recognized that the performance for suffering humanity realize the condition of downtrodden / destitute and its socio-economic-cultural and ecological aspect, are the quality of programmes implementation. The programmes aimed at sensitizing participants to all round socio-developmental and welfare process through expansion of their knowledge base, promoting skill development, ensuring the right positive mind, work in universally spirit but regional approach and mutual co-operation & co-operative behavior set to bring about inspired whole human society changes. Thus the various modalities to staff training (physically fit, mentally strong and ethical elevated) help to personal development service to humanity and monitor development programmes increase self-confidence, strong determination and hard work to take up more responsibilities in sacrificial service.

The staff training programmes are being conducted to the development of staff level capacities. External resource persons are being invited for these training programmes also. The following numbers of staff had undergone training programmes in various subjects.

Sl. No.	Subject	Number of Participants	Number of days	Collaboration/ Resource persons
1.	Yoga Sikhya Sibir (Bio-psycho-Cosmology)	115	01	1} Ac' Gunindrananda (International Yoga Expert) 2} Saroj Ranjan Patnaik
2.	Awareness cum Training program of Farmer cultivation system and Modernization of Agriculture & Irrigation system.	120	02	1} Ac' guniindrananda Avt' (An Agricultural Research Scholar of Gurukula University), 2} Retd. Vice -Chancellor (organic farming) under Agricultural University of Himachal Pradesh
3.	Right to information, Consumer Rights & Human Rights Counseling & Capacity Building & Organized Awareness Camp	74	02	1} Saroj Ranjan Patnaik-RTI Activist 2} Kedar Nath Sahu-RTI Activist

FINANCE

The total budget of PROGREESS, the income from the Donors, Sympathizers, and others, besides membership fees/ Contribution, subscription, donor / beneficiaries contribution etc and the Government, Public, Private & International funding agencies have been supported & to be released / sanction fund in the year 2015-2016.

An Appeal

The organization PROGREESS appeals to all the National and International Funding Agencies / Government Authorities / and socially conscious people of our society to collaborate with it in a spirit of partnership to take up various causes mentioned in our Activity / Annual Report. We can work together to better the existing situation of thousands for poor people / destitute / needy, and allow them to live an ideal, dignified life.

AN APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

You can help

- **We appeal to all sympathizers, donors and volunteers to wholeheartedly support to enable us to serve the suffering humanity in a better way around the globe.**
- **You can help in our cause by way of donations.**
- **A small contribution from you can change the life of a disadvantaged person.**

Here's how you can help:

- *Be a regular donor to help us fund relief and rehabilitation activities, Children homes, provide medical care, Gosala and income generation activity.*
- *Help enroll others.*
- *Sponsor a Child.*
- *Sponsor Medical Camps-Maternal & Child (RCH Camp), Cataract operations and all sort of Health camp.*
- *Help introduce pay roll giving.*
- *Support Mobile Health Unit (MHU) & Mobile Medicare units (MMU).*
- *Include us in your will.*

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India had Granted us general permission to accept contributions from overseas under FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. 1976) Hence, Donations from overseas are also welcome and sincerely solicited.

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Cheques / T.T / Drafts may be drawn in favour of “**PROGREESS**” **Account No- 14590100013308, With Bank of Baroda, Payable at Berhampur Main Branch (Odisha), Bank Swift Code- BARBINBBHU, IFSC Code- BARBOBERGAN & MICR Code- 760012002.**

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