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CORD -
LATHIKATA

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

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‘Isha Vashyam Idagam Sarvam’. The whole universe belongs to the Lord, who is ever present in all of us. All should enjoy the material resources, thinking that it belongs to all and should be shared by all. This is the intrinsic value behind all development plans and programmes. Any deviation from this core value will cause inequalities, disparities and imbalance in the world. Our Gurujee Poojya Swami Tejomayanandajee sees CORD as a bond of love and understanding between haves and have-nots. Under his abled guidance, CORD is working to remove this inequalities, disparities and imbalance through various programmes for the have-nots with the support and assistance of the haves.

CORD- Lathikata has touched the heart of the tribals of the Lathikata Block of Sundargarh district of Oriisa through programmes like

- ☑ Community Based Livelihood,
- ☑ Skill Development Training,
- ☑ Vocational Training
- ☑ Awareness Programme,
- ☑ Farmers’ Club
- ☑ Self Help Group Movement
- ☑ Health Care Camps,
- ☑ Chinmaya Yuva Mandal,
- ☑ Chinmaya Bal Vikash Kendra
- ☑ Training & Net Working



The annual report of activities enumerates briefly the events and the outcomes of the year 2008 -2009. It is needless to write that behind each and every programme there were unseen blessings of Poojya Gurudev and Gurujee , who inspired each one of us to contribute our best with an open heart, with sincerity and sensitivity.

COMMUNITY BASED LIVELIHOOD

'Kshine Vitte Kah Parivarah'. Parivarah known as Family, the smallest social organisation, cannot sustain itself in poverty. Society can stand firmly and march ahead carrying the message of development only if it is financially sound. It is commonly observed in village that in a family which has a regular source of income, its members are little educated, concerned, civilized and are able to take care of their house and health. Livelihood to the poor not only alleviate poverty but also create space for their betterment in health and hygiene, awareness and empowerment, education and enrichment of life, social status and security. **The activity of CORD – Lathikata under community based livelihood focuses on opening of areas for self employment opportunities through providing bank loans, availing subsidy, imparting skill development training and facilitating in marketing of the product.** Some of the important achievements in community based livelihood are as follows:

Huller Machine of Vaisnodevi SHG Started

Vaisnodevi SHG, Kansar has started a Rice Mill in September 2008. The SHG had availed loan of Rs 2,30,000/- under SGSY scheme at the intervention of CORD and decided to start a rice mill as there were no mill nearby. The group has planned to procure raw rice, process it and then sale it in the market.



The investment in construction of house is Rs. 60,000/- while purchase and erection of hauler machine is Rs. 55,000/-. The rest of the money will be utilized as working capital. Some of the group members are trained to run the machine and **keep an account of the incomes and expenses.**

Production, Processing & Marketing of Horse Gram Dal

Some of the members of Radhakrishna SHG at Kansar produces Horse Gramdal in their land. The group decided to procure the dal from its members and the process and market it. **CORD-Lathikata facilitated the SHG in marketing of more than one quintal dal through participation in exhibitions in 2008-2009.** It is expected that the sales volume will increase 2 – 3 fold in 2009 – 2010.



Digging Dug Well for Irrigation

Dug wells are alternative source water for agriculture in the villages. Through our micro credit programmes we have linked many SHGs with commercial banks and availed them bank loan and motivated them to dig dug wells. This has been a successful venture in Timjore and Karlakhaman village.



We are planning to do in large scale in Birkera village of Birkera Gram Panchayat under SGSY finance. Kshama Didi during her visit to Lathikata visited the village and discussed with thwe villagers about digging dug well

Procurement & Processing of Rice

Sankha SHG, Badmarin has procured thirty eight quintal of raw rice after availing a loan of Rs 2,50,000/- under SGSY at the intervention of CORD in February 2009. The members of the group will boil, dray and then mill them in their village rice huller belonging to one of their member. The processed rice will be sold in the local market. The group is expected to get 20% return on their investment.

Maa Ganga SHG, Timjore was engaged in procurement and processing of rice in a small scale. On receipt of ITDA funding of Rs. 3 lakh with 50% subsidy Basanti Ekka, one of the member dared to take loan from the group to purchase a second hand huller machine and erect it close to their house. The group activity of procurement and processing of rice will definitely get a boost in the coming year.

Goatery by SHGs

Goatery is a common form of livelihood in tribal area. People have natural skill interest and intelligency for goatery which has a local market. After receiving subsidized loan from Integrated Tribal Development Agency the following SHGs have choosen goatery as their livelihood project and have kept 30 - 35 goats each.

- Saraswati SHG, Bolani,
- Jay Dharam SHG, Nuagaon &
- Jay Gurudebv SHG, Nuagan

The Veterinary Department conducted an orientation programme for the SHGs and had vaccinated the goats.



New Shops Opened

Grocery Shop

Six SHG members from Nuagaon, Timjore, Badmarin and Karalkhaman and Tainsar have opened groceries shop in 2008

Auto Repairing Shop

Mrs Nagi Beg of Maa Ganaga SHG has taken loan from the group to start a Auto Repairing Shop for his brother who earns Rs 120 - 150 per day.

Mobile 'Gup Chup' Shop

Mrs. Durgavati Tanty of Dolakudar, whose husband was working as daily labour, started a 'Gupchup Shop' after availing loan from the group and is now earning an average of Rs 100/- per day.



Existing Activities Expanded

Exsting income generation activities like Phenyle Making by Gayatri SHG, Lathikata. Candle Making by Deepa SHG, Jalda, Masala Powdwe Making by Chandra Sekhar SHG, Lathikata have been given a boost through motivation and felicitation in marketing.



PARTICIPATION IN EXHIBITION

Gramashree Mela at Rourkela

CORD participated in the Gramashree Mela organised by ORMAS & District Administration, Sundargarh from 25th September to 4th October 2008 at Rourkela. for promotion and marketing of the products of SHGs. Products like Phenyle, Vermin Compost, Horse Gram Dal, Masala Powder, Candle, Leaf Plate, Agarvati etc from SHGs promoted by CORD, Lathikata were displayed and products worth Rs 17,000/- was sold during the exhibition.



CORD Utshav at New Delhi

CORD Lathikata participated in the CORD Utshav in Delhi from 30th October to 5th November 2008 and exhibited the products of SHGs along with other centres of CORD. The visitors appreciated the effort of CORD in providing livelihood to the tribals. Product worth Rs 8,000/- was sold in the exhibition.

Agriculture Exhibition



CORD participated in the agriculture exhibition organised by Agriculture Technology & Management Agency (ATMA) at Jhad Tarang village on 22nd January 2009 on the eve of Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik's visit to the village, where 50 acres of rice cultivation was done under SRI method in a single patch by the farmers of the village.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

'Yogah Karmasu Kaushalam'. Skilful action is called yoga. A person is skilful when he is creative, observative, sensitive and enjoys his work. A farmer in the field is more creative than a fitter in the factory. A carpenter in the cottage is more creative than a clerk in the corporate house. He is not bored and tired. While the corporate houses encourages the innovativeness through incentives, we in CORD try to unfold the hidden potential through right understanding about their profession and life.

Training Programme on 'Gup Chup Making'



A training programme on 'Gup Chup & Chat Making' was organized on 10th November 2008 for the members of SHGs as a part of skill development training. This has got good demand in villages and especially in weekly markets.

Demonstration Programme on Zinger Cultivation

To promote zinger cultivation in village especially among Self Help Group members, a demonstration programme on zinger cultivation was held at Chinmaya Seva Project, Lathikata on 29th July 2008. Sri Ravindra Kumar Patel, Agriculture Supervisor, Lathikata Block explained the participants on the nature of soil and weather condition suitable for zinger cultivation. He also explained preparation land, application of fertilizer and plantation of seed through demonstration



Training Programme on Bakery

Training programme on bakery was organized in the project premises from 11th October to 15th October 2008 where training on preparation of a variety of bakery products and mixture was imparted.



Orientation Programme on Dairy Farming



The orientation programme was held on 11th April at Timjore village where twenty one members from Maa Parvati SHG & Maa Ganga SHG of Timjore village participated.

Dr. Arindra Kumar Biswal, Veterinary Surgeon & Dr. D.N. Mohapatra, Asst. VS addressed the members about types of cows, construction of cowshed, food, treatment, milking and marketing of the milk.

Swami Kevalanandajee, Project Director, CORD was present on the occasion and inspired the SHGs to come forward to do dairy farming successfully

Demonstration on Preparation of Bio-fertiliser



International Development Enterprise (India) of Bhubaneswar held a demonstration programme on 6th January 09 on the use of Krishak Bandhu Paddle Pump and preparation of Vermin Wash, Magic Tonic & Pot Manure. Sri Ghanashyam Das of IDE (India) explained the importance and economy of the bio-fertilizer in the rural agriculture sector

Vocational Training on Tailoring , Emdroidery & Machine Repairing

Two batches of girls especially belonging to tribal community coming from far away villages were trained on Tailoring, Embroidery & Machine Repairing at the Vocational Training Centre during the year. The trainees attend spiritual classes on

- Art of Living
- Bhaja Govindam
- The Bhagavat Geeta
- Hanuman Chalisa

and participate in Chinmaya Mission's programme, Women Empowerment Programme and in Shramadan held in side the project premises form time to time



AWARENESS PROGRAMME

“**Andhah Tamah Pravishanti Ye Avidyam Upasate**”. A man living in ignorance enters into deeper darkness of delusion and despondancy. An urge to know initiate action and ignites the ignorance. Invokes the intelligence in him laying in dormant. The spark of intelligence became the insight and the insight burns bright to bring the light. Mere readymade book knowledge is burdensome and would create chaos, conflict and confusion. Such a man is sure to enter into deeper and deeper darkness. **Awareness must create and urge to know and act.** Swami Kevalanandajee always emphasis this in all his address to villagers in all programmes.

Local Self Governance

‘Palli Sobha’ & ‘Gram Sobha’ are the important limbs of the Panchayati Raj System. Active participation of the villagers in ‘Palli Sobha’ & ‘Gram Sobha’ ensures people’s involment in the planning process for the all round development of the village. **People at the grass root level being unaware of the system and its efficacy, the benifit do not reches the people and the village leaders take the undue advantages.** A series of programme were held both inside and out side the project premises during the year to make the villagers aware about the local self governance.

♣ Right to Vote

The awareness programme held on 23rd June 2008 in the project premises emphasised the right of the people to vote and their role in the local self governance.

♣ Participation in Local Self Governance

On 25th June, **Chatmani Bhumij**, amember of SHG and the ASHA worker organised the awareness programme in Lohadar village where the CORD workers addressed on the importance of people’s participation in the local self governance.

♣ Planning for Development

Sita Devi SHG of Attaghat came forward to organise the aware ness programme in their village on 1st July. . The villagers were explained about the constitutional compulsion in conducting the meeting at regular interval and the need of involvement of the villagers in planning and development of the village.



♣ Fulfillment of the Needs of the Village

A vedio show was organised in the Prayer Hall of the tribal community by th SHGs of **Nuagaon** on 27th July to make people aware that the need of the village on priority basis could be fulfilled by participation of the villagers in Palli Sobha & Gram Sobha.

♣ Sources of Fund for Development Work

Inspite of low voltage in the village and interreptution of rain, the members of **Maa Mangala SHG & Maa Sati SHG** of Kansar village organised the awareness programme on 2nd July in their village by arranging a stabiliser and shifting the vedio show to a nearby house. To make the subject clear, the participants were explained in details about sources of fund for the various development work.

♣ Organising Palli Sobha in Village

The SHGs of **Karlakhman** village organised the awareness programme in the night of 24th February in school ground. In spite of cold more than hundred people from all sec tion of the village community gathered. The Word Member explained the importance of the meeting and urged the villagers to cooperate him in organising the Palli Sobha by par ticipating in large number.

AWARENESS ON AGRICULTURE

Addressing the farmers on the occasion of one-day awareness programme organized by CORD, Lathikata on 6th January 2009, Tuesday at Chinmaya Seva Project, Lathikata, Swami Kevalanandajee, Project Director, CORD said, “Farmers are illiterate, unconscious, unorganized, insecure and are uncared for, even after sixty years of independence. They need to be organised at the grass root level and are to be made aware to build up their capacity”.



Chief Guest Sri D.K.Patnaik, Branch Manager, Sundargarh District Central Cooperative Bank, Fertilizer Township Branch, Rourkela in his address urged the farmers to deeply realize their rights and responsibilities to resolve their problems by themselves. They should prove their credibility by paying out their loan installment at scheduled time.

Sri Hari Prasad Sahu, Programme Officer, CORD, through power point presentation explained the ‘Rastriya Krishi Vima Yojona’, launched by the Central Government jointly with the State Government to provide insurance coverage to the farmers in case of flood, hailstorm, cyclone, draught, disease etc. and opined that the scheme will really benefit the farmers if Gram Panchayat is taken as insurance unit



ACTIVATION OF PANI PANCHAYAT



The Deficiency

Government has formed Pani Panchayat for smooth management of Lift Irrigation Points. Due to govt. apathy two LI points at Nuagaon has remain defunct for last two years. Breakdown of electrical motors, theft of GI pipes and electrical cables, non payment of electricity charges and above all lack of leadership among the farmers were the primary reason for the non-operation of LI points.

The Initiative

CORD-Lathikata had taken the initiative to instill in them a confidence that the LI point could be started and cultivation in ravi season could be ensured if all the farmers contribute money for repairing of motors, purchase of accessories and payment of electricity dues. CORD donated Rs 2,000/- and the farmers contributed Rs 3,500/-. With the constructive support of the Lift Irrigation Department and with the Sharamadan by the farmers every thing was set right. But it was most unfortunate that in the meanwhile some unsocial elements stolen the electric wire of about four hundred meters at the river side supplying electricity to the motors.

DROP IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Water is a scarce resource for irrigation in village. Drop Irrigation System is an alternative made possible at a lower cost which will utilize small quantity of water for irrigation. A Drop Irrigation System has been installed in the project lawn which would serve as a demonstration for the farmers.



FARMERS' CLUB

'Annat Bhavati Bhutani'. The living beings are sustained and nourished by Anna (Food). Farmers produce food and therefore they are regarded as Annadata. It is most unfortunate that the Indian farmer lives in poverty and is grossly neglected for years. There is an emergent need to organise and recognise farmers. CORD- Lathikata has shaken hands with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development to organise the farmers in villages by forming Farmers' Club. Capacity and awareness building, transfer of technology and development of farmers through credit are the objectives to be achieved through these clubs.

Farmers' Club Formally Inaugurated

CHINMAYA LAXMI KRISHAK SANGHA

"For each and every crop, there are government schemes. If a farmer has real interest and intense desire for agriculture, financial resource can not be a constraint". Speaking on the occasion of inauguration



Dr. Bijayananda Mohanty, District Agriculture Officer, Panposh, citing example of the farmers of Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat, expressed his hope that if the farmers were organized, there could be a spectacular development in agriculture sector.

Speaking on the occasion of inauguration of "Chinmaya Laxmi Krishak Sangha" at Mundajore village Swami Kevalanandajee opined, "Due to lack of concern of the bureaucracy and political will of the leaders, we have not achieved major success in the agriculture sector".

CHINMAYA SARNA KRISHAK SANGHA



"Government formulates many schemes for the welfare of the farmers, but the schemes do not reach the rural farmers. By the time it reaches, the scheme would have elapsed". Inaugurating the 'Chinmaya Sarna Krishak Sangha' formed under NABARD's scheme by CORD, Lathikata on 27th February 2009, Sri Gananath Tarai, Assistant General

Manager, NABARD assured grant-in-aid for three years and assistance for skill development training to the farmers club.

"The reluctance of the present day generation to work in agriculture land is not a healthy sign". Speaking on the occasion Smt Rosalin Khakha, Member, Zilla Parishad stressed that agriculture is not to be regarded as matter of prestige but a subject of pride.

Two More Farmers' Club Formed

Farmers' Club have been formed in Betjharan village of Ramjodi GP and Bad Marin village of Birda GP, but could not be formally inaugurated due to enforcement of code of conduct because of general election.

A Courageous Step of Chinmaya Laxmi Krishak Sangha

The yield is too low that the rice cultivation in high land is not rewarding. In the monthly meeting of the club in the month of March in the presence of Sri Rabindra Kumar Panda, Assistant Agriculture Officer, the club members resolved to cultivate maize and groundnut in 20 acres of high land in single patch jointly by club members. It was also resolved to raise a loan of Rs 3 lakh for cultivation through Kissan Credit Card. The Agriculture Department will provide necessary seeds at subsidised price and conduct training programme for the farmers.

SELF HELP GROUP MOVEMENT

“Sarva Atma Vasham Sukham, Sarva Para Vasham Duksham”. He, who is self dependent, really enjoys a happy life. Scarcity of money is a common feature in rural household. Villagers always depend on money lenders to meet their needs and subsequently get trapped in loan. Self Help Group Movement started by NABARD in India was aimed at getting the people free from the clutches of money lenders and prepare them to access the credit facilities of the financial institution on easy terms. Now this movement has taken a very good shape to empower the rural communities through development of micro-enterprises so as to make them self-employed and self-dependent.

CORD's SHG movement has started bearing fruits. The members of 78 SHGs promoted by CORD-Lathikata now have a smile at their face that their credit needs are being met by themselves. The thrift and credit is now transforming into building micro-enterprises. Individually and collectively the twelve hundred members have been benefited substantially through this movement.

Orientation Programme for SHGs

A series of programmes were organised during the year to reorient the SHGs on the management of SHG and a dozen of Cluster Meetings were held in villages to streamline the movement.

Financial Independency

New SHGs formed in Hatibandha & Ramjodi GPs were invited for Basic Orientation Training Programme at Chinmaya Seva Project, Lathikata on 4th April 2008. Addressing the participants Swami Kevalanandaji said, “The purpose behind formation of SHGs is not only financial independency but also to make people aware about health, sanitation, government schemes and ensure their participation in the development process of the village”.



Bank Linkage

The second Basic Orientation Training Programme of newly formed SHGs was conducted on 18th April 2008. Sri Hari Prasad Sahu conducted a group discussion on ‘Purpose of SHG & its Characteristics’, where all the members actively participated and shared their views. Sri Pramod Mishra explained about the formation and function of SHG, opening of bank accounts and requisite for bank linkage etc to the participants.

Empowerment of SHG

“Empowerment is possible only through awareness”. Addressing the participants of the orientation programme held on 15th July 2008 at Chinmaya Seva Project, Swami Kevalanandajee said, “We should think on same line with others and build up unity in Self Help Group”. Addressing the participants Brn. Mudita Chaitanya commented, ‘Achievement in the outer world is not a measurement of how successful we are in the real life’.

SGSY Loan Sanctioned

Subsidized loan under Swarnajayanti Gramya Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) of Rs 16.8 lakh was received by Chandrasekhar, Sarala, Nandini, Sankha, Shanti & Priti SHG from DRDA, Sundargarh while Maa parvati, Maa Ganga, Jay Dharam, Jay Gurudev, Maa Saraswati, Sushila (A), Deepa & Radhe Radhe SHG received Rs 19 lakh from ITDA, Panposh. This loan was sanctioned after appraisal of the SHG by Bank and DRDA authority in presence of CORD workers for taking up income generation activities

Cluster Meeting of SHGs

The cluster meeting held at Deogaon on 25th June 2008 discussed on the wider and expensive purview of the SHG movement and the meeting held on 9th May 2008 and 5th February 2009 at Jodakudar stressed on strengthening of SHGs



Cluster meeting of SHGs held at Badmarin on 19th January 2009 emphasized on the income generation activities to be taken up by SHGs on availing SGSY loan while the meeting conducted in Kar lakhaman on 12th January 2009 focused on the social responsibility of SHGs. Discussion on income generation activities was held during cluster meeting in Nuagaon, Singer and Kansar.

SHGs Raised to Social Cause

Donate for the Flood Affected People

Harekrushna SHG of Deogaon collected Rs 500/- on a door to door campaign for the flood affected people of Orissa. The members themselves contributed Rs 850/- for the great cause. The money was sent to Chinmaya Mission, Cuttack for the relief work.

Keep the Village Clean

Tube well was the only source of drinking water in Degaghat near Birkeria. The area surrounding the tube well was unhygienic due to logging of waste water. On the advice of the CORD workers, the members of Preeti SHG of Birkeria with cooperation of villagers cleaned up the area on 25th January 2009 and resolved to keep it clean throughout the year.

Water is Precious - Keep it Safe

The villagers of Oram Tolla of Bad Marin village depend upon village well for drinking water. Due to erosion of soil round the well, waste water was entering into the well. On the suggestion of the CORD workers, the members of Shanti SHG came out on 23rd January 2009 and mobilized the villagers and filled soil round the well.



Health Care Camps

“Sarve Bhavantu Sukshinah. Sarve Santu Niramayaha. Sarve Bhadrani Pashyant. Maa Kaschit Dukha Bhak Vabet”. The secret of a happy life reveals in the vedic prayer that wishes healthy body and a pure mind for all. Body and mind are two sides of a coin and one has to take care of the both the aspect to enjoy a healthy life. In all the health camps organised in remote villages by CORD, Swami Kevalanandajee and Brni. Mudita Chaitanyajee find time and people to create awareness on village sanitation, education, safe motherhood, herbal medicine, development of life etc.

Health camps are organised in villages which are remote, where the health services provided by government hospitals are inadequate and people are deprived of even bare minimum health services. The health camp organized on 15th May at Matkanjharan near Jharkhand Border, on 10th June at Betora and on 13th September at Mundajore well attended by the tribal people coming on far away places on foot.



Dr. Lingaraj Sarangi and Dr Vishnupriya Dei, both well wishers of Chinmaya Mission voluntarily examined the health of the poor villagers and Sri Sarat Swain, Ex-Secretary of Chinmaya Mission, Rourkela distributed medicines to the people during the health camps. It was observed that majority of the people are affected by Malaria, Skin Disease and Back Pain.

CHINMAYA YUVA MANDAL

Poojya Gurudev rightly said, “Youth are never useless, they are used less. Youth are never careless, they are cared less”. Youth is a stage of life flourished with energy and enthusiasm. It needs to be chanelized into constructive and creative channel. They need to be cared with love and compassion, showing them a wider perception of life, developing in them a scientific fact finding mind, directing their energy into productive and progressive activity and guiding them to lead a life with a vision and mission.

‘Chinmaya Yuva Mandal’ is an honest and hard attempt of Swami Kevalanandajee to organise and orient the rural youth and involve them in the development process of the village. To raise their mind from the present state of pleasure seeking, dull and insensitive to a higher state of caring, concerning and constructive is a challenging task.

‘Chinmaya Yuva Mandals have been started in Monko, Kanarsuan & Bolani village by organising the youths of the village. More such Yuva Mandals are expected to come up in the forthcoming year.

Issues Taken Up by Yuva Mandal

Drinking Water

Drinking water is an acute problem in Tanka Tolla in Monko village. The villagers depend on the tube well for drinking water, but it pumps out contaminated water. The members of Yuva Mandal approached BDO, Lathikata and apprised the Collector and Sub-Collector about the problem. The government machinery reached the village and repaired the tube well. but the problem could not be sorted out and it needs more persuasion at higher level

‘Aao School Chale Hum’

Chinmaya Yuva Mandal, Kanarsuan resolved to send all children above five years to school and prepared a list of children who have left the high school to send them back. The members of Yuva Mandal assisted in organising a rally on ‘Aao School Chale Hum’ by Chinmaya Vidyalaya children in the village. All the children of the village are now attending the village primary school and anganwadi centre.



Planning for Kharif Cultivation

To ensure good crop in the coming kharip season, the members of Yuva Mandal, Kanarsuan expressed their interest to organize a Farmers’ Meet in the village. CORD arranged a meeting with Sri R.K. Panda, Assistant Agriculture Officer in the village and planned a programme for kharif cultivation.

CHINMAYA BAL VIKASH KENDRA

‘Balakeshu Cha Samskar, Vichara Yuvakeshu Cha’. Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandajee sphere heading the spiritual movement in the world, started imparting *Samskar* among the children and *Vichar* among the grown ups. Noble Sanksar and right Vichar are the moulds that give perfect shape and size to the upcoming generation. Chinmaya Mission round the world is moulding the minds of the children through Balvihars. Chinmaya Bal Vikash Kendra started by CORD-Lathikata in Karlakhman, Kanarsuan and Monko village function in the same line.

Chinmaya Bal Vikash Kendra is a centre where children learn

- ♣ Prayer & Bhajans,
- ♣ Yoga & Pranayam
- ♣ Health & Sanitation
- ♣ Basics of Life
- ♣ Family Relationship
- ♣ Common Knowledge
- ♣ Participation in Village Development
- ♣ Culture & Tradition



Brni Mudita Chaitanyajee under the guidance of Swami Kevalanandajee takes weekly classes for the small children of the village at this centre. Through stories and action songs, intellectual games and exercises, discussion and dialogues, she inspires the children and tries to bring out the best in them.

VISITORS TO CORD - LATHIKATA

CORD Shooting Team Visited

The CORD shooting team led by Miss Mona Malkani, Secretary, CORD Office visited Lathikata from 11th September to 13th September 2008 for shooting of the activities of CORD – Lathikata. They visited Nuagaon, Kansar, Jalda, Birkeria, Badmarin & Mundajore village, interacted with the women members of SHGs and were highly impressed by their activities.



A short documentary film on CORD, 'The Last Village' was made and showed during Poojya Gurujee's yagna at Delhi in November 2008 as a part of fund raising programme.

National Director, CORD, Visited Lathikata

Dr. Kshama Metre, National Director, CORD visited Lathikata from 19th November to 20th November 2008. She along with her team visited Kansar village on 19th November where she interacted with the members of Radhakrishna SHG and Maa Vaishna Devi SHG about their income generation activities. They also paid visit to Deepti SHG of Birkeria and explored the possibilities of ground water for irrigation.



On 20th November the team paid a visit to Dolakudar village and advised the Manasa Devi SHG for collection and marketing of Chakunda seed.

The team discussed with Swami Kevalanandajee, Project Director, CORD about the ongoing programmes of CORD- Lathikata and suggested to conduct training programme on SRI method of cultivation of rice in selected villages and hold a demonstration programme on CHAUKA system in one of the village with participation of the village people.

Officials of IDE (India) Visited CORD

In the second week of Novemebr 2008, Swami Kevalanandajee visited the office of International Development Enterprise (India), Bhubaneswar and discussed with Sri Tapan Kumar Patnaik, Chief of Orissa Branch about programmes on agriculture development. One senior official IDE (India), Sri Nrusinha Charan Mohanty visited Lathikata on 11th March and proposed a collaborative programme on agriculture

TRAINING & NETWORKING

Training on Crop Insurance & Signing of MoU

Sri Hari Prasad Sahu, Programme Officer attended a 3-day training programme on Crop Insurance organised by Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited at its Regional Office at Bhubaneswar from 3rd December to 5th December 2008. National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and its operational modalities, Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Varsha Vima Yojana, accounting process in NAIS & WBCIS and marketing of insurance product were the subjects discussed during the training programme.

In January 2009, CORD signed a MoU with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited to carry out crop insurance of non loanee farmers for a period of three years.

National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)

NABARD has come forward to promote Farmers' Club in villages in partnership with CORD – Lathikata. Sri Gananath Tarai, Asst. General Manager, NABARD has already given his approval for formation of three Farmers' Clubs. More such clubs are expected to be launched in 2009 – 2010.

PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME IMPLEMENTED

CORD – Lathikata was covered under Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provision Act 1952 with effect from 1st January 2008. In its letter dated 30th January 2009, the Assistant Provident Commissioner, Regional Office, Rourkela allotted the Code No and advised to implement the scheme as per the statutory requirement.

PROBLEMS & PROSPECTS

PROBLEMS

- CORD workers are not highly capable of handling Farmers Club, Yuva Mandal & Chinmaya Bal Vikash Kendra. They need to be trained in the field and made resourceful through practical exposures.
- Our efforts in Community Based Livelihood programme is inadequate, inspite of credit facilities being available, due to lack of knowledge on technical know-how, asses to market demand of the product and services that could be produced by rural women from the locally available resources and that could give instant income.
- Skill Development Trainings could not be transformed into livelihood programmes due to lack of preparedness of the beneficiaries to accept the things in right spirit because of their grossness and tribalism largely seen in grass root level.
- There is a need for improving net working with government and other developmental agencies.
- It is felt the need of modern technology in imparting training and conducting awareness programme like high profile Projector, powerful Megaphone etc. to make the programme effective and interesting.
- Wide spread illiteracy among elders, alcoholism, grossness of life, shrewdness of village leaders etc. poses problems in successful implement of programmes.

PROSPECTS

- ✿ Apparent success of community based livelihood programme will fetch more fund under SGSY from DRDA & ITDA in 2009 – 2010.
- ✿ Self Help Groups can be made more responsive towards their community by involving them in community development work.
- ✿ There is a prospect for formation of more. Farmers' Club in potential villages through which production and productivity of the farmers could be enhanced.
- ✿ Chinmaya Yuva Mandal & Chinmaya Bal Vikash Kendra will ensure community participation in development work of CORD in villages.
- ✿ Net working with IDE (India) will produce positive result in Agriculture.
- ✿ MoU signed with Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. will bring benefit to the farmers.
- ✿ The movement in grass root has touched all fragments of population and brought about togetherness in life and living, throwing light to all important issues of life.

“Matrasparshastu Kaunteya Shitoshna Sukhadukhada”. Whenever we undertake some work in the world, problems arise, prospects appear. A devoted and committed worker accept them as they are without being influenced by them. He faces the problem, explores and ventures into the prospective areas, bearing the pain and pleasure that comes en route, but sitting silently aloof inside.

“Let us pray
to the Almighty Lord,
Poojya Gurudev & Gurujee
to bless us with courage and conviction
to remain steadfast in our commitment.”

HARI OM!