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PROFILE

Evolution of the organisation: Long ago in the year 1988 an effort is initiated with a purpose to keep friends united and convert their leisure time into creative social development work. That period it was felt that there was a need for an assistance or professional guidance to scattered the existing unsystematic initiatives / approach in development sector of local tribal areas.

Founder members being engaged in different enterprises of their own, having expertise in different sectors thought of volunteering to minimize the developmental gap. Likeminded professionals joined their hand for this very cause. It still continues as Professional Assistance for Voluntary Action (PRAVA).

PRAVA has legal status under society registration act 1860 in the 1991 bearing no. BLS-3372 - 1332 of 1990 -91, dated 07.03.199120847/183 of 1999-2000 (Issued against old registration No: BLS-3372 - 1332 of 1990 -91, dated 13.03.2000, registered under Foreign Currency Regulation Act 1973 in the year 1996 bearing no. 1048820046, PAN - AAATP6310J, 12 - A: Tech.12-A-34 / 2004-05. Since then it has been extending professional assistance on issues related to NATURAL RESOURCES, Community health initiatives and sustainable development to mostly the unreached area among the tribal.

It has a well furnished office at PRAVA, Block-C, Group-5(p), 1st Floor SPA Complex, O.T. Road, Balasore, Orissa, - 756001. To have better implementation of projects at field level we have also field office at Word No. - 07, Udala, Mayurbhanj, Orissa, India

Geographical area of Operation: Tropical Hill Ecosystem of Shimilipal Biosphere Reserve in Mayurbhanj and Eusterine / Coastal Ecosystem of Bay of Bengal in Balasore, Orissa, INDIA

Vision: Judicious and Optimal Utilisation of available Natural Resources is the Key to Sustainable Development.

Mission: Facilitating site-specific adoption of Sustainable Natural Resource Management practices and methods for Ecological & Economic Development.

Structure & Organogram: PRAVA has a democratic General body of 44 members from different walks of life. Out of these members seven members are elected at an interval of every two years to the Executive Council (EC). The President and the Secretary are elected members of the EC. President is the institutional head of the Organization and all institutional activities run in his/her name. Secretary is the Executive head of the Organization who implements the day to day activities in accordance with the agreed plans and objectives. The E.C. gives necessary aid and advice to the Secretary to run the organization. The Secretary and the EC are however responsible to the General body for all acts of omission and commission.

Activities & Impacts:

PRAVA, since its inception has been pursuing its Mission for Ecological Restoration and Food & Employment Security through Judicious & Optimal Natural Resource Management that holds the key to Sustainable Development. On the way, Primary Education, Basic Health and Gender Equity become very much complementary as well as supplementary to achieve the wholistic Goal. Interestingly enough the Millennium Development Goal (MDGs) fixed by UNO matches so closely with PRAVA's Goal that it reinstates our convictions of being in the right direction of *Global Development*.

PRAVA believes on Holistic and integrated approach for **Sustainable Development** and gives justice to all the stakeholders. In each project PRAVA gives priority for **Common Action** by reinforcing **Eco-friendly Technology** for **Sustainable Livelihood** and making **Sanitation & basic health** a social responsibility emphasizing more on reaching to the **unreached** and trying to build a **Global Partnership**.

Through its Projects, PRAVA has always prioritised Capacity Building of all Actors of Development including People through Training, Model Demonstrations and Exposures and facilitated the evolution of Community Institutions at different levels. To its achievement, PRAVA has been successful in facilitating evolution of significant number of **Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Groups (FGs), Vana Samrakhyana Samitees (VSSs) and Intra Forest Cultivation Groups (IFCGs)** in the PRAVA operational area in Kaptipada and Udala Block coming within the Shimilipal Biosphere Reserve . Over the period, three Apex Bodies of Peoples Institutions i.e. one **Self Help Cooperative** of the women SHG members and one **Federation of Forest Protecting Groups** have emerged in Mayurbhanj and one Forest Federation in Nilagiri, Balasore. However, the field demonstrations on **Optimal Land & Water utilisation, Appropriate Cropping, Organic Farming, Vermi Composting and Intra Forest Cultivations** have started serving as the training grounds and have triggered replications in other villages.

Keeping the **Need of the Area** as the parameter and considering the **Trend in the Area** it can be well visualised that it is high time to prepare the Cooperative to get into intensive Micro enterprising and the Federation to look into the Biosphere Management & Pro-People Policy formulation for achieving the bigger goal of Ecological & Economic growth and Empowerment of People.

PRAVA focus on four following thematic areas and the activities undertaken during this year are as follows:

Forest & Farming:



150 Acres of unused upland have been brought under cash yielding Silvi-Pasture Models, 100 Acres of paddy mono cropped medium upland have been transformed to remunerative Agro Forestry Models and 300 acres of paddy fields have been assured with gravity flow irrigation through low cost loose boulder wire mess

Check-dams on hilly streams in Kaptipada and Udala Block of Mayurbhanj District in Orissa with active participation and association of 20 Farmer Groups.

32 CFM (Community Forest Management) Groups have been motivated, coordinated and strengthened for protection and rejuvenation of more than 10,000 hectares of degraded forest patches in the fringe area of Shimilipal Biosphere Reserve.



A Federation of Forest protecting Groups evolved i.e.



Meghasani Anchalika Jungala 'O' Paribesha Mashangha evolved and linked to Odisha Jungala Mancha to strengthen the groups and for pro-people policy advocacy.

Intra Forest Cropping practice of compatible species for short term returns has started **spreading** in the area and 18 groups have been organized so far those are practicing the new

model.

Cooperative & Enterprise:



Evolution of 83 Women Self Help Groups and a cooperative "SWAPNESWARI PRATHAMIKA BAHUMUKHI SELF HELP COOPERATIVE" with 914 members of 62 villages of Mayurbhanj District. The SHGs are Linked with Govt. Programs & FIs. Groups are into seasonal NTFPs and Agri produce value addition & trading. The registration paraphernalia continues for the cooperative.

Climate & Disaster:

Trekking, workshop & seminars organized to aware people on preparedness & Risk management.



Model demonstration on Raised Tube-well Platforms to ensure safe drinking water in flood prone areas of Balasore demonstrated in Gududa G. P. of Remuna Block of Balasore District.



Exposure programme for NGO functionaries and line

department officials conducted to Raised Tube-well platform Models.

Livelihood restoration programmes were taken up to restore the livelihood of flood affected families.

Health & Sanitation:

Rashalpur G.P. of Sadar Block was taken up for Nirmal Gram Panchayat Programme. BPL families are provided with Household latrines. Awareness programmes conducted for behavioral change. All Schools are with Toilets & Safe drinking water facility.

Community leaders, barefoot experts, PRI members mobilised to demand on Public Health services. The women folk mobilised through SHGs to access ANC check up, Immunisation, Institutional delivery and demand for entitlements under NRHM provisions

PARTNERS OF THE YEAR:

- ✚ Broederlijk Delen and Solid International, Belgium.
- ✚ IGSSS (Indo Global Social Service Society) - ERO, Kolkata, INDIA
- ✚ ActionAid India, Bhubaneswar
- ✚ District Water and Sanitation Committee, Balasore, Orissa, India
- ✚ Inhabitants of 164 Project Villages.
- ✚ Line dept. Govt. officials.
- ✚ Academic Institutions like IIFM, Bhopal, Amity Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, ABA, Balasore, etc.

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED IN 31ST MARCH 2008.

Receipts

Particulars	Amount
Opening Balance	16,61,289.15
Grant in aid from Government Source	16,49,302.00
Grant in aid from Foreign Source	14,07,617.00
People's Contribution (Both Cash & Kind)	2,13,020.00
Loans & Advances	2,09,434.00
Training & Consultancy	2,78,383.00
Bank Interest	19,851.00
Total	54,38,896.15

Payments

Particulars	Amount
Programme Expenses	35,29,130.00
Administrative Overheads	10,20,333.75
Loans & Advances	1,75,890.00
Office Establishments	88,910.00
Closing Balance carried forward	6,24,632.40
Total	54,38,896.15

LEARNING:

PRAVA's major thrust was laid on Capacity Building through People's Participation. Initially PRAVA eschewed this spirit with Zest & Zeal, which persisted till its activities were manageable. Imperceptibly many hands were required by the organisation

which led to a bit of bureaucratic management, documentation and underlying problems. The reason being the earlier / present Government. machinery for development works through charity / welfare approach, leading thereby participation to become an ideal further removed from practice. Material attachments by the compatriots did not even lag behind. Similarly apathy among the beneficiaries along with complacency and isolation were found to have reigned supreme. Any Organisation is a system by itself that needs to be adaptable to the changing scenario in the world amphitheatre. It is a test of time. PRAVA is still under the 'TRYST' to develop a scientific and objective foundation. PRAVA on ground still continues its endeavour.

We thank all our Friends, Colleagues and Patrons who have lent their unflinching support to help us to work growingly.

Let us Act & Live together