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The Organisation

Evolution: 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, Service Tax: AAATP6310JST001. 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 Millenium 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**.

During this year two Major Funding Partner BD, Brussels and IGSSS - EZ initiated withdrawal process. Depending on the Projects and keeping the Mandate in line, the following activities have been done during this year.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING:



Participatory Need Assessment (PNA)

was done in Nilgiri Block of Balasore District to develop communication strategy to ensure health for all under NRHM initiatives.

Training programmes on various developmental topics like Self Help

Cooperative Act-2001, PR Institutions, Value addition & Marketing, Appropriate Cropping etc. were conducted. Exposure programmes to developed sites were organised for learning by seeing & interacting with fellow people.

IEC activities on Water & Sanitation has been taken up in the project villages to aware people and trigger a behavioral change in personal health & hygiene.

Chasi Khabar, a bimonthly News letter covering relevant topics and information on Environmental issues & related policies, Health & Hygiene, Women Rights, various Government Programmes and Schemes for the area is being published and circulated to all villages of the area, Government line departments of Mayurbhanj and Balasore district and NGOs & Community Institutions in other areas of the State.

Participated and paper presented in different forums (District / State Level) on Sustainable Agriculture, Forest Management & Safe Drinking Water etc.



MODEL DEMONSTRATION & REPLICATION:



Regular maintenance of the Model demonstrated i.e. 450 Acres of unused upland have been brought under cash yielding **Silvi-Pasture Models**, 200 Acres of paddy mono cropped medium upland have been transformed to remunerative **Agro Forestry Models** and 500 acres of paddy fields have been assured with gravity flow irrigation through

TECHNOLOGIES DEMONSTRATED

- ✚ In-situ rain water and soil conservation.
- ✚ Upland treatment with Silvi-pasture & Agro-forestry.
- ✚ Site specific Appropriate Cropping.
- ✚ Loose-boulder wire mesh check dam for gravity flow irrigation.
- ✚ Organic farming.
- ✚ Vermi Composting.
- ✚ Pot irrigation
- ✚ IFC of compatible economic species.
- ✚ Mechanised Sabai rope making.

low cost loose boulder wire mesh Check-dams on hilly streams in Kaptipada and Udala Block of Mayurbhanj District in Orissa with active participation and association of 25 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.

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.

Two low cost, quasi-permanent Plant Nurseries have been maintained round the year to cater to the needs of the Project area People with economic tree species and seasonal vegetable species. The Nurseries are also serving as the training ground for new practitioners.

Ten Vermi Compost demonstration units have been regularly maintained in two villages where not only compost is made but also training is also imparted.

NETWORKING AND POLICY ADVOCACY:



Two regional Forest Protecting Federations has been initiated in Nilgiri forest range of Balasore district and Kaptipada & Udala forest range of Mayurbhanj District and are continuously strengthened. These regional federations are linked with Orissa Jangala Mancha (A state forum of forest protecting groups) for advocacy.

MICRO-ENTERPRISING AND COOPERATIVE BUILDING:

83 Women Self Help Groups have evolved with 1074 members in 62 villages of Mayurbhanj & Balasore District. 63 SHGs are linked to Govt. Programs like SGSY & other Financial Institutions / Banks. Many a groups are into seasonal NTFPs and Agri produce value addition & trading.

One Self-Help Cooperative 'SWAPNESWARI PRATHAMIKA BAHUMUKHI SELF HELP COOPERATIVE' has been initiated having 914 Women members and registered under Self Help Cooperative Act 2001. Trades like Sal leaf plate making, Sabai rope making, Honey processing have been identified for the present enterprising.

PARTNERS OF THE YEAR:

- ✚ IGSSS (Indo Global Social Service Society) – ERO, Kolkata, INDIA
- ✚ 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 2010.

Receipts

Particulars	Amount
Opening Balance	2,37,923.40
Grant in aid from Government Source	4,86,295.00
Grant in aid from Foreign Source	9,42,545.00
Own Source	1,31,657.00
People's Contribution (Both Cash & Kind)	1,03,130.00
Loans & Advances	44,727.00
Bank Interest	3,877.00
Total	19,50,154.40

Payments

Particulars	Amount
Programme Expenses	5,10,435.00
Administrative Overheads	11,85,124.00
Loans & Advances	65,160.00
Office Establishments	
Closing Balance carried forward	1,89,435.40
Total	19,50,154.40

IMPACTS AND TRENDS:

Women SHGs are progressing both in quantity & quality. More and more number of groups are getting organised day by day. The activities of SHGs have also expanded from simple savings & credits within the group to more remunerative micro-enterprising based on local raw material availability and market demand. The Cooperative is active and working on remunerative enterprises.

Sabai cultivation in uplands has put tremendous impact on native people and it has started getting replicated by people in other villages. The mindset of wasteland has gone away and people have adopted the concept of Appropriate Cropping.

Intra Forest Cultivation demonstrations have also gone one step ahead in influencing People. The numbers of groups are growing every year. The return from these practices are quite satisfying in terms of money and the ready market. But the other lucrative factor is the "almost no input" cultivation, excepting a bit of watch & ward. This has a significant impact on forest regeneration and Biodiversity conservation of the area.

LEARNINGS:

People are the prime movers. It is neither the trainer nor the training content, but it is the peoples' understanding that triggers adoption of new practices. Demonstrations and Exposures are two strong tools to motivate people for learning and adoption.

But for continuity of the practices and sustainability of project, we need a strong Institutional Frame work, dedicated & active Members and a clear vision / Action Plan.

On our journey with People, we have reached a stage where the biggest task is to strengthen the Institutions to its real sense of functionality, transparency, democracy and equity. We believe coming days will demand a special thrust on Institutional strengthening to ensure Empowerment of People.

Let us Act & Live together