



**SAKTI SIKHA
DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (SDS)**

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Our MISSION

As 'Livelihood & Ecology' is the base of inclusive and sustainable development, the Sakti Sikha Development Society (SDS) is devoted to strengthening, reviving and securing the livelihood of the poor with integration to ecological resource.

For this mission SDS –

- ★ Works towards strengthening and generation of sustainable livelihood system by integrating the five 'J' (*Jamin, Jal, Jungle, Jantu & Jan*) to provide relief to the poor, in particular.
- ★ Works and collaborate either directly, or with and through the community institutions, their federal bodies, Panchayati Raj Institution and Civil Society Organisations towards fulfil the object of the Society i.e. Sustainable Livelihood Promotion and Ecological Security.

Our ORGANISATION

The Sakti Sikha Development Society (SDS) was setup in 1996 with a mission to ending hunger and poverty.

The SDS is registered under – the Society Registration Act 1860, the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, the Indian Income Tax Act 12A & 80G, the Planning Commission (NGO Partnership) and the European Commission (PADOR).

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Our CORNERSTONES

Livelihood & Ecology both are interdependent to overcome poverty. The degradation of natural resources leads to climate change and adversely affect the economic and ecological consequences in present rural community where survival, sustenance and growth have inclusive link with the productivity of the surrounding natural resources.

Our cornerstone based on the three fundamental dimension of rural development, that we work on are –

- **Livelihood**- Securing the agro-ecological livelihood systems which are more dependent on natural resources, so as to assist community in generating, strengthening and sustaining their livelihood.
- **Ecology**- Conservation of the various Bio-diversity and managing natural resources to make linkage with the nature and livelihood system.
- **Governance**- Strengthening the Governance Institutions to make self-governed, inclusion and participation in collective decision making.

Our APPROACH



At the entry level in any socio-economic-ecological degraded area, we build a deep base understanding of the social-economical-ecological profile of that area and determine our intervention level in coalition to our cornerstone. We assist the local community in reconstructing their livelihood system both from natural resource base and out based and also help them in building democratic rules & regulation for sharing of common resource incline in favour of the poor.



We work with the village community, institutions and Panchyats to enhancing the livelihood capacity of the poor as well as to conserve the nature through availing a wide range of services.

Our Development Strategy includes-

Step-1 - Baseline Understanding & Community Mobilisation

Step-2 - Planning, Implementation, Institution Building

Step-3 - Convergence & Integration, Governance & Sustainability

Step-4 - Ensure Self-governed community institution.

Agriculture & SHG Building for Rural Livelihood Promotion

Rural Livelihood Security may ensure when livelihood is integrate with Agro-Ecology and for its sustainability institution building is must. In our working area which are basically rural area with higher density of tribal community the livelihood is completely depending on agriculture and forest products.

Our intervention is to empower the community with security of livelihood base on Agriculture and Animal Husbandry. We work towards minimise the pressure on forest and its conservation efforts. People's centric programmes were undertaken in convergence with the local Panchyats and other institutions like ICDS Centre to ensure community's close collaboration and participation in decision process.

To this end some new programmes have been implemented and some are going on with little updates.

Empowerment of Women in Agriculture –

Women are playing the vital role in Agriculture. Starting from Transplanting to Processing women are playing a very key role. Most importantly all the drudgerious works are done by the women folk in farming.

We have done organising the women farmers of Kuliana, Saraskana, Baripada & Morada block of Mayurbhanj of Odisha, build their capacity towards the modern farming system and made them understand the various forms of drudgery and how that will be reduced by using of small and low cost agro-machineries. We work towards improve the skills and capabilities of women in agriculture to support farm and non-farm-based activities and to ensure food and nutrition security at the household and the community level.

The Way Forward

To establishing efficient local resource based agriculture, wherein women in agriculture gain more control over the production resources and manage the support systems, and to enable them to gain better access to the inputs and services provided by the government and other agencies. Once the production capacities of women in agriculture improve, food security ensues for their families and communities.



SHG Building & Rural Livelihood Promotion –

Women Development is among the highest priority area of SDS. It sincerely follows its efforts towards women empowerment & development. Promotion of SHG, microfinance & organising the women group into entrepreneurs is a major activity of SDS.

Rural Livelihood promotion through integration of natural resources is always the highest focus programme of our organisation. We work towards the promotion of the livelihood system which includes optimum utilisation of the locally available resources. Integrated farming has always being promoted and entrusted to the community. Goatary with Backyard poultry has been promoted among the women SHGs of Mayurbhanj. Apart, the beneficiary families were provided with vegetable kit to manage their own home kitchen garden. Integrated with backyard poultry Kitchen garden were promoted among the beneficiaries and were encouraged to grow vegetation in their backyard bari.

Update 2013-14

By the end of this year we are mobilising 216 SHGs with 2660 member. Out of which 169 SHGs have covered under the rural livelihood promotion programme. The families have receive support by means of training, Vegetable Kit and Poultry. Our effort is to scale up the project so that the family will get both nutrition and income.



Skill Development Training & Entrepreneurship Development

Ensuring livelihood is critical if the skill of the community has not been build and developed. Skill training related to production to marketing with an approach of rural enterprise is also an integrated programme in livelihood sector. We work towards building the skill and capacity of the rural unemployed youth and women which may leads their employment as well as livelihood and income generation.

Update 2013-14

This year we had provide free Computer training to 250 unemployed youth in Kuliana&Saraskana block of Mayurbhanj. Three months training was imparted covering Basics of Computer, Ms Office, Data Entry, Internet, Web and Accounting. The beneficiary trainees were also provided with stipend. After training Certificate were awarded to successful trainees in collaboration with Bharati Infotech. We have continuously keep watch on various opportunities and tried to tie up these young beneficiaries with employment opportunities.

Skill Development Training –

Under this programme we have implemented Skill Development Training to unskilled rural unemployed youth with employability skills in their own vicinity. SDS's initiatives aimed at upgrading the skills of the rural and tribal youths in various traditional/modern vocations depending upon their educational qualification, present economic trends and the market potential, which would enable them to gain suitable employment or enable them to become self-employed.



Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) [the Five 'J' Development Programme] :

Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) is an innovative approach to solving complex environmental problems from different disciplinary perspective. It combines the strengths of multiple stakeholders in team work. We applied INRM in improving livelihoods, ecosystem resilience, agricultural and natural resource productivity.

The district of Mayurbhanj is abundant with natural resources like land, water, forest, flora and fauna and vast patches of fallow land. We work towards the optimum use of the natural resources for sustainable livelihood of the stakeholders.

We work to integrate the five 'J' (Jal, Jamin, Jungle, Jantu & Jan) i.e. the Land, Water, Forest Animal resource with putting the human in centre. We identified the villages where there ample scope for INRM by close study of the village socio-ecological conditions, INRM concept seeding among the villagers, and the Block & GP officials like the JE/GPTA/PEO/GRS/GS. Here the INRM has been taken up as a special component under MGNREGS. So the villagers are intimated that development/management of natural resource including private lands shall be taken up under MGNREGS which will enhance their livelihood and generate more income.

The Way Forward

Formation of Programme Executive Committee at village level, Village Resource Mapping, Ownership Mapping, Problem Identification, Option Generation, Activity Plan and Proposed Land Use Plan, Approval of the Gramsabha, and final implementation with ensuring quality work.



The Way Forwards-

All the unemployed youth of the slum shall be provided with necessary vocational training in several trade which will be employable in nature and will ensure their livelihood security. The slum family shall be linkage with the housing scheme provided by Government and other agency so that shelter for the poor family will be ensured.

Urban Slum Development

In urban area we work specially for the development of the slum people who are deprived from all forms of Government services as they have no identification either in urban area or in rural area. We work towards the holistic development of the slum people with a vision to ensuring livelihood and housing security to the slum people.

We have organised the slum women of Baripada into groups provide them with training on Phenyle making, packaging. We also make them linkages with the market through which they will sales their products directly.

Mobilising the youth group we work for the cleaning of the slum area with complete community participation.

National Environment Awareness Programme

Conservation of Ecology & Biodiversity is among the top priority programme of our organisation. We participate in the nationwide programme of NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2013-14 of the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India.



Update 2013-14

This year under the broad theme of "Biodiversity Conservation" the sub theme 'Conservation of Agro-Biodiversity' has been selected for generating awareness. We conducted awareness-cum-training programme for the farmers, SHGs. Plantation of local variety of vegetables, fruits and bio-diverse mix species have been done in individual land.



Rural Sanitation under NBA

Individual Health and hygiene is largely dependent on adequate availability of drinking water and proper sanitation. There is, therefore, a direct relationship between water, sanitation and health. Towards this effort Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) has been implemented by the Government of India.

We are the implementing partner of NBA for Baripada Block of Mayurbhanj. We work towards construction of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) of both Below Poverty Line (BPL) and identified Above Poverty Line (APL) households within the GPs. We are not only constructing IHHL but also aware the beneficiaries for its use and its benefit. All our efforts is to stop open defecation and make the villages clean with special emphasis on people's sanitation.

The Way Forward

Construction of 500 IHHL in the coming year and make the villages open defecation free.



The Way Forward-

Organisation of Science Exhibition & Technology Demonstration programme which will demonstrate the low cost rural technology projects related to rural development.



Science & Technology for Rural Development

Science & Technology plays a very important role in rural development. Technology helps in solving the critical rural problem related to Agriculture, Water, Sanitation, Energy, Environment and Waste management. Scientific & Technological awareness and knowledge among the rural poor is very poor. The available research has not reached to the grassroots community at large so that rural problem related to livelihood and ecology still alive and resulting less agro production.

We work towards dissemination of knowledge of appropriate rural technologies mostly in agriculture, water & ecology sector. Wide range of awareness-cum-demonstration activities have been conducted to increase the knowledge base of the rural community that how science & technology is helping them to increase their livelihood.

PCR & POA Act Sensitization

We are being the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee Member of Mayurbhanj is continuously advocating the rights of the ST & SC people with special emphasis on Awareness of the PCR (Protection of Civil Rights) & POA (Prohibition of Atrocity) Act among the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Community of Mayurbhanj & Balasore.

We work towards eradicate the evil practice of Untouchability and to empower the ST & SC community with information of their rights and the Laws meant for their protection as well as rehabilitation.

SDS has a youth network in both the district which included the SC & ST youth who act as the catalyst for advocating the rights of the tribal people. Through the Youth network SDS organized community sensitization programme and fights for their rights in these two districts.

Update 2013-14

Being the implementing partner of ST & SC Development Department, Govt. of Odisha we have conducted 32 awareness campaign on Eradication of Untouchability and Implementation of PCR & POA Act in 8 Block of Mayurbhanj district. The programme was joint effort of SDS, District Administration & Block Administration.



Update 2013-14

This year about 396 new illiterate women are covered under this programme and are provided with free literacy training. Educating the women leads the family to be educated. Women SHGs were encourage to taking part in this programme.

Adult Education

Adult Education & Skill Training is a continuous and priority programme of SDS. This programme gives the priority to the education of the underprivileged adult women as well as looking for their income generation and livelihood development. This programme integrate education, livelihood, rights and awareness aims at making women more conscious of their rights and responsibilities and to achieve economic viability and also importance of their socio - economic development.

Strategic OVERVIEW

The directorial force of our plan is to work towards ensuring the security of livelihood of the poor and conservation of nature through collective action of local community.

Our work are integrated with action based implementation and research based studies in the thrust area of Livelihood, Ecology & Governance to improving the living conditions of the poor. We have conducted some studies and documentation work to finding out better livelihood option for the poor.

Studies & Documentation

Forest Based Livelihood Study –

We have done an extensive study of the soundings villages of Hadgad Forest and Similipal Forest to get detail idea on the livelihood system of the forest dwelling tribal community and also to find out the alternative sources of livelihood that will minimise the forest dependency of the community.

Study on the functioning of Women SHGs-

A study to know the activity and functioning of Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) have been done in Mayurbhanj. The study conducted on about 200 WSHGs finds that 90% of the SHGs are inactive in livelihood activities.



Policy Interaction

We as a member of the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee of the ST & SC Development Department, Govt. of Odisha has share views, ideas and implementation strategies for the effective implementation of the PCR & POA Act in the state.

We as a member of District Environment Society, Mayurbhanj, share dialogues on the conservation strategy of Similipal Biosphere Reserve (SBR) and the rehabilitation issues of the evicted tribal community of SBR.

We have also sharing the strategy to expedite the implementation of Forest Right Act in Mayurbhanj in the FRA meetings.

Networking & Collaboration

One of our major strength lies in the networking and collaboration that we have built with several organisation over the year. These various practitioner and academic bodies, engaged in livelihood and ecological security, share a common view, further our understanding, and expand the horizons of our work.

- We partner with KIIT University to working on livelihood generation programmes in Mayurbhanj
- With Department of Wildlife & Biodiversity Conservation, North Orissa University we are working on various ecological studies and forest research.
- With Department of Anthropology & Tribal Studies, North Orissa University we are working on various project of tribal research and development.
- We collaborate with SSEG Consortium to working on the issue of unemployment.
- We collaborate with Reliance Fertiliser to working on the promotion of Bio-fertiliser and Micronutrients at large.
- We partner with the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Mayurbhanj to work on INRM project.
- We partner with the ITDA to work on Forest Right Act (FRA).
- We partner with the SCST Training & Research Institute, Govt. of Odisha to work on the Implementation of the PCR & POA Act.



Our PRESENCE

SDS is presently working with 25000 people in 125 villages of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Balasore & Cuttack district of Odisha state in India.

As for new initiative, we have recently started working in 10 villages of Gajapati district of Odisha. In the areas where we already have a presence, we are progressively spreading to adjoining villages.



Financial HIGHLIGHTS 2013-14

Sakti Sikha Development Society (SDS) is a society registered under the Society Registration Act, XXI of 1860, Odisha. SDS is also registered under the section 12A & 80G of the Income Tax Act of 1961 and the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of 2010.

Source of Funds

During the year 2013-14 the receipt is totalled INR 5.66 million.

All the funds are accounted from domestic sources. The major share of domestic contribution came from Government and Private Agency support with projects worth INR 2.11 million (37%), private donor worth INR 1.48 million (26%), interest, other fundraising sources with community contribution worth INR 1.59 million (28%), carry forwards funds from previous year INR 0.47 million (9%) .

Utilisation

During the year the total utilisation of the funds was INR 5.19 million. Balance was INR 0.47 million.

The major heads of fund utilisation were

Particular	INR in million	Percentage
Strengthening Livelihood & Natural Resource Management	3.77	72
Capacity Building, Awareness, Advocacy	0.89	18
Administration & Recurring Expenses	0.47	9
Capital Expenses	0.06	1
Total	5.19	100

M/s SK Nayak & Associate were the Statutory Auditor for the year 2013-14

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<http://www.sds-india.org>

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In addition, we thank many organisation and individual who have supported us in all our project area.

We also thank the village communities of project areas, the staff members and their families and the many individuals and organisations who have been associated with us over the years and have encourage and support our efforts.

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We are also thankful to the entire individual donor for their valuable contribution.

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