



# Annual Report

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## About Us

Jeevan Rekha Parishad (JRP), otherwise known as Lifeline Council is an independent, secular, non-governmental research and development organization working for peace, solidarity, human rights and sustainable livelihood issues in Orissa state of India. Established in 1993. JRP has been working in the field of different health, human rights, child labour eradication, environment protection, bio-diversity conservation, sustainable livelihood promotion, child disability, agriculture etc. The organization has its own building and infrastructure besides a team of dedicated volunteers and staff. JRP works in Orissa state, one of the most backward and poorest state of India covering four districts namely Khurda, Puri, Bhadrakh and Nayagarh . As a focal point of National Human Rights Foundation (NHRF) – JRP works on Human Rights Networking and Advocacy throughout the State. JRP is the India Coordinator of Master Peace ([www.masterpeace.org](http://www.masterpeace.org)) and Youth in Action Programmes of European Commission.

### Vision

*A self reliant society based on justice, equity and sustainability where every human being has the equal opportunity to maximize its potentialities.*

### Mission

*JRP Brings rural and tribal communities together to educate them on environmental justice, Human rights and sustainable development.*



## Objectives

- Promotion of human rights and Peace through participatory democracy, Advocacy and Lobbying through RTI (Right to Information) for promoting Good Governance.
- Awareness creation on sustainable development through Forum Theater, Art and Culture.
- Involve Vulnerable Children fight for Child Rights, primary and vocational education.
- Mobilizing and Networking NGOs, Youth and UN on Human Rights and Peace Issues.
- Undertake Women Friendly Income Generation Programmes (IGPs) for gender equality.
- Improve the health status of women, children and persons with disabilities (PWDs) through Community Health Intervention, Reproductive Health & HIV/AIDs Prevention..
- Undertake Social and operational research studies on social and human Rights issues.
- Reduction of Occupational Environmental Health Hazards and promotion of Workers Rights.
- Providing Water and Sanitation facilities in the tribal and urban slums.
- Bio diversity conservation ,Natural Resource Management in Chilika lake and Forest Areas.
- Cooperate and collaborate with International Agencies for youth cultural diversity, global peace and solidarity.

## SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION : (MDG-1)

### Madhu Network Programme (MNP)

Building Capacity for Commercial Viability of 300 Women Beekeepers  
Belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) in Odisha, India.

We have ended the phase one/ year one of the MNP Project Supported by Jeevika Trust, UK through DFID.. The Project is a Livelihood Project targeting SC/ST and Marginalised women with following objectives..

- To improve the socio-economic status of women
- To get sustainable benefits from the local environment
- To reduce rural poverty
- Give your contribution to a more equal and sustainable world:



However the summary of progress of the project could be following.

- We promoted 183 beehive colonies through 24 women self Help Groups (SHGs) consisting of 300 women beekeepers which provided them additional income additional crop production due to pollination.
- The project produced simple and pictorial and Honey processing related resource materials and taught the women beekeepers simple technique of beekeeping.
- The project organized capacity building training for 200 women beekeepers, provided training and other information materials, arranged the provision of guidance documents and ongoing and on the spot supervision.
- Revolving fund of Rs.1000/- were provided to each group for use of the same for marketing linkage, packaging and getting their groups registered and opening of bank accounts and also for use of the fund to maintain beehives and units and to pay for extra beehives.
- The presence of beehives in forest areas has lowered the risk of deforestation and has increased the crop production in the area.
- The project empowered the community to develop their own infrastructure like district resource center for sale of honey and honey products. Incomes of beekeepers have been increased and livelihoods have become more secure. Communities are involved throughout and are now better able to undertake different types of crops and getting more yields due to pollination. MNP provided sustainable impacts in areas said the SHGs of all the three project districts.



## Natural Tribal Honey, the true taste of Orissa!

Some SHGs have said that “**For us beekeeping is a gift from God.** There was nothing but hopelessness in our lives; the bees have brought us hope for the future”. Even if they sting us five times a day, we have come to ignore that and nurture them as if they were our very own children”.

## Project Chilika ECO- 3 Berhampur

### Objective :

- To develop other sources of income
- To cope with Limited supplies of electricity and water
- To limit the diseases due to low/inadequate hygiene
- To improve transports to the mainland to have access to resources and local markets
- To promote awareness on the importance of environment
- To increase the independence of the women
- To enhance the house safety conditions
- To build shelter for villagers to protect them in case of cyclone and high tyde

## Activities:

### School Programmes:

- School Health and Hygiene Education
- Computer Teaching
- Students Eco Club:
- Vegetable and Fruit trees plantation
- Vermicompost Training and Construction of
- Vermicompost Pits
- Use of bins and waste recycle

### Women Self Help Groups SHG:

- 100 women belonging to 6 SHG group
- Crab and Prawn Cultivation
- Kitchen Garden Development
- Banana and Cashew Plantation
- Smokeless Stoves Construction
- Microcredit financing projects

### Community Programmes:

- Cyclone Shelter Building
- Water pumps and Toilets Construction
- Financially helping fishermen to repair boats
- Provide new fish storage



## Youth In Action – Promoting International Cooperation (MDG 8)

### *National Civil Services – IN.DI.A Inclusion and Dialogue through Action Italian National Civil Service abroad*

#### Aims and Objectives:

Build an intercultural experience to enable the volunteers, the association and the host community, to learn more about a culture and a society different from their own: this is in fact a necessary moment to reach a real enhancement of the various cultural contributions. To offer human resources, in the figure of the volunteers, support and answers to social and health needs and learning of children, tribal women and disabled in a context of sustainable community development.



#### Activities:

- Promotion of intercultural communication;
- Support of social inclusion and equal opportunities;
- Stimulation of progress in vocational training, lifelong education and entrepreneurship development;
- Strengthening of sustainable development and solidarity at a global level;
- Development networks and links at local, national and international levels
- Sustainment of international cooperation.



(Sarah one of the volunteers undertaking story-telling classes with our local partner ODM School, Matia & Enrica taking Italian languages courses with our local partner – KISS)

## International Cultural & Social Youth Work Camp

JRP with FSL-India have already organized more than 7 camps around the state. Volunteers across the globe come together for 2-3 weeks and work on projects of their choice with a community while learning about the local culture. This project took place at City of Temples, Bhubaneswar which is located in Odisha, east of India. The youth workshop which was conducted in Nadankanan Govt. High School, involved teaching children, environment awareness, eco-tourism, yoga, meditation, dance art form, forum-theatre, heritage conservation, Odishi culture, healthcare, hygiene etc. These work camps is a life time opportunity for youth to interact with the local community and volunteers from around the world. Three Korean three Italian and three Indian Youth volunteers participated n the camp.



### Project Outcome :

- This was useful to promote world peace and solidarity.
- Mutual respect and inter-cultural exchange by facilitating international voluntarism among youth in the field of Natural Resource Management and Socio Economic Development of local community.
- Community peoples experienced of living and working together with people from different socio-cultural background towards social and environmental cause creates mutual understanding and respect.
- Volunteers organize activities to entertain and open up the minds of children to the outside world.
- This enabled the youth and the school students with opportunities to experience cultural exchange and learn other languages or skills.
- The aim of this foundation for generating socially responsible Indian adults who work in the fields of socio-economical development, health and hygiene, socially vulnerable groups, children and protection of the environment.



## Promoting Primary Education & Child Rights (MDG 3)

### Mainstreaming Working Children of Stone Crushers in Regular Schools

During this year 05 NRBC and 01 NCLP School were functioning for dropout children. 180 new children enrolled NRBC. 66 nos. of old children continue their education in NRBC. 236 nos. of children enrolled in Govt. school nearby stone crushers.

Before starting the new project one survey was conducted to know the new and identified dropout children, status of mainstreaming etc. It is again to be studied to know the child tracking and to document- process documentation properly with the community' involvement and efforts of consultant.

The enrollment campaign was organized in Stone Crusher area, CLC members performed a street play based on Child rights and importance of education. In this campaign PTA members were attended. Rally was started from NRBC School and 25 stone crusher covered. 42 drop out students were identified and their parents were counseled to enroll their children in schools or nearby NCLP/NRBC School. As a result, 236 children enrolled in 5 Govt U.P Schools and 50 working children were enrolled in NCLP School run by JRP.in stone crusher area. (insert child labour photo)

### Sishu Khushi Project

Khushi Shishu, or happy childhood, is the right words for resuming JRP's objectives and hopes. In fact, JRP is strengthening its commitment for children's rights protection. The organisation has started an innovative project addressing children from 5 to 10 years old living in the slums of Bhubaneswar with following objectives.



- To obber a cozy, safe and positive environment where children could learn, express their creativity and have a serene personal growth despite the difficult economic conditions that their families are facing daily.
- To prevent child labour
- To offer the possibility to youth from upper and middle class to enter in contact with the poorest in order to reflect about the inequalities and the human rights violations.

#### Overview :

Bhubaneswar slums are mainly populated by tribal families recently emigrated from other districts of Odisha. The inhabitants are usually daily workers and, males and females, are engaged in working activities for the entire day so they don't have time for looking after their children. The hygienic conditions in the slum are very precarious and unsafe. Usually they have access to purified water but not to latrines and waste collection. Because of the difficult access to governmental schools, linguistic problems and lack of pressure by the parents during the day the children are left free of playing in the unhygienic places for which the dropout rate is very high.



## Activities

KHUSI SHISHU consists of two complementary activities:

In the morning during the school time the activities is addressed to the dropouts living in Nilapadia and Adarsh slum. In fact, the JRP's staff organize informal lessons in a room inside the NGO office. Our staff will motivate the children's families of the importance of attending school. The school is being decorated with handcraft done with recycled materials for highlighting the JRP's commitment to environmental protection and for creating an atmosphere that could attract the kids . These lessons will be taught by foreign and local volunteers along with JRP's staff. The goal is to make kids gain self confidence and help them through tutoring to improve their educational level and to integrate them in governmental schools (or at least give them the skills that are required for finding a sustainable job). The subjects will be Oriya, English, Mathematics, Computer and Art workshops.



In the afternoon entertainment activities will be held in the slums so the children regularly attending the school and the dropouts will be involved in games, theatrical dance performance, songs competitions and informal amusing tutoring.

## Environmental Justice – (MDG 7)

Promoting Occupational and Environmental Health among Stone Crusher workers

### **Background**

The prevalence of occupational Health Hazards including silicosis in Odisha needs to be documented. Data on silicosis exposure assessment are still lacking not only in Odisha but also in India. The results from perhaps the first airborne silica sampling conducted by Jeevan Rekha Parishad (JRP) with the technical assistance of OK International, USA has revealed that the average exposure levels are 5 times more than the acceptable limit. It is assumed that severities of employee's current exposures to quartz are 0.5 – 8.8 times duration of exposure ranged from 4 months to 25 years. Stone crushing is an industry in Odisha which usually employ a group of 20-25 workers mostly the tribal people at a single site working in close proximity..

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## **Workshop for Stone Crushers, Media, NGOs and Government Officials**

With the above background ,JRP with the support of DWOI, and New Ways to Work, USA is coordinating a Project on “Demonstration of Dust Suppression Control Measures in Stone Crusher Unit(s) in, Odisha and is creating awareness among the stone crushers owners by conducting different workshops, seminars etc. A workshop on Occupational Health was organized at Keonjhar during year. Participated by 43 stone crusher Owners, Representatives of 21 Media and Civil Society organizations and representatives from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Odisha Pollution Control Board etc, the programme highlighted about the adoption of the dust suppression technology.

The workshop sensitized owners and managers of Crushers on health and environmental impact on airborne silica emission and dust suppression control technology and its effectiveness in reducing respirable silica.

The Guide book on Dust Suppression Technology published in Oriya Language with the support of OKI, USA and the Stone Crusher Industrial Safety and Health Manual ( Oriya) published jointly by JRP, OKI, IRDC, Canada were distributed among the participants which was highly appreciated by Government officials, media.

### **E-Waste Management & Recycling – The Exploring Global Electronic Waste Crisis**

#### **JRP’s AIM:**

- Approach the school for organizing an E-Waste program. Organize the program with an E-Waste presentation, video, some environment message giving games, quiz competitions & group discussion.
- Place a recycle bin in the school.
- Revisit the school after 10-15 days, collect and document the collection of recycled items.
- Hand over an environment excellence certificates of appreciation to the student/youth participants.
- Document the entire process in detail beginning from the initial contact with the school till the end.
- Plantation of 20-25 trees in each school campus.
- Make a state level E-Waste workshop
- End up with an E-Waste publication booklet.

#### **Our achievements:**

- Collecting these materials in a higher number by the help of the school students we were able to reach our goals:
- Students/Youth with a age group from 10-18 were aware of the harmfulness to their health and environment created by these E-Waste materials.

- Clean the environment from E-Waste materials.
- Only two cities in the country – Delhi and Bangalore – have effective e-waste management systems in place. In Bhubaneswar OSPCB is planning to have a system for e-waste management. This was expressed by the environments in Odisha during the State level E-Waste Management workshop organized by Toxics Link, New Delhi in association with Jeevan Rekha Parishad (JRP) in Bhubaneswar.
- We were able to plant 10 no. of trees in each school and collected huge amounts of E-Waste phone materials from students such as unused mobile covers, chargers, batteries & earcodes.
- Helped Nokia to recycle these E-Waste materials and stop cutting trees for new mobile phone production.
- Cost production of making mobile phones was minimized, which would be helpful for Nokia to make phones at a more cheaper price for the mass population who can buy phones and ultimately set a E-Waste box in each schools and public places to drop in unused phones in those boxes for recycling purpose.
- E- Waste school clubs / Eco clubs were formed in all the 100 schools.
- E- Waste corners were developed in all the 100 schools to continue to receive the E-Waste, 5 mobile sets were repaired and provided to schools for use.



## Old Age Home & Geriatric Health Care

Serving Senior Citizens through Old Age Home & Mobile Geriatric Health Services

One of the important activities of JRP is to provide social, recreational and health services among disadvantaged and needy elderly people above 60 years of age.

JRP has been running an old age home for 15 elder people in Bhubaneswar besides providing home based geriatric health services for 50 senior citizens having no dependants.

Our Mobile Medical Team visits the old people once in a week to provide health services at the spot besides undertaking physiotherapy etc.

The inmates in the old age home are provided food, recreational facilities besides Yoga sessions. We manage these activities for needy senior citizens out of the individual donation in case and kind.



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## FUTURE PLAN

*Establishment of Global Youth Solidarity Network, Master-peace Club India, Old-age Home and Mobile Geriatric Care Unit in Bhubaneswar, Sai Anand Niwas and Establishment of NGO Training & Resource Centre*