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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Community Welfare Society (CWS), Rourkela

This year's Annual Report shares the progress and accomplishments of the Community Welfare Society (CWS) as we expand and deepen our commitment to underserved communities in Rourkela. Our work has reached new dimensions, marked by increased impact and a growing community of beneficiaries. Our work among the youth in slum areas goes beyond just numbers. Many young people find themselves inspired, making positive choices, avoiding the dangers of addiction, and strengthening their relationships with family and friends. This influence, though quiet, builds stronger communities, creating role models and future leaders who will inspire others around them.

This year has also marked a pivotal phase for CWS Hospital. We commenced civil work aimed at expanding our healthcare capabilities significantly. Plans are underway to add three more operating theatres, additional beds, a larger Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and a High Dependency Unit (HDU) to better serve critically ill patients. Additionally, the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra at CWS Hospital has continued to run smoothly, providing affordable medication to our community and making essential health care accessible to all.

The reach and impact of our programs, while impressive in figures, are even more meaningful in the lives touched. These are the invisible outcomes—the moments of healing, empowerment, and hope that ripple out into the community. I feel privileged to witness this transformation daily, and I am filled with gratitude for the dedication of our team and the unwavering support of our partners and community members. To everyone who has supported us, whether through actions seen or unseen, thank you. Together, we are building a brighter, healthier future for Rourkela, one life at a time.



MESSAGE

FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

We are honored to present this Annual Report, celebrating the achievements of the Community Welfare Society (CWS) over the past year. Since our founding in 1976, we have been dedicated to empowering and uplifting the urban poor of Rourkela. Our programs continue to bring meaningful change to the lives of children, women, youth, and marginalized communities across the region.

Our efforts to foster self-reliance and economic empowerment have grown steadily through our Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Today, CWS proudly supports 159 Youth SHGs, 713 Women SHGs, and various specialized groups, including those for widows, street vendors, women from leprosy colonies, ragpickers, and cycle rickshaw pullers. These groups offer invaluable opportunities for skill-building,

economic advancement, and community solidarity.

In healthcare, our Home-Based Palliative Care Program now provides compassionate support to over 435 patients, bringing vital care directly to those in need. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce the NABH Accreditation of CWS Hospital, underscoring our commitment to excellence in patient care and safety.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, supporters, and community partners who have made these achievements possible. With your continued support, we are committed to expanding our reach, empowering more lives, and creating a brighter future for all.



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VISION AND MISSION

Vision

Enhance the quality of life of the people of Rourkela, especially its slum residents and the people living in Sundargarh and adjoining districts and in the state of Odisha.

Mission

1. Form self-help groups among women, widows, youth, waste pickers, rickshaw pullers, street vendors and former leprosy patients living in the slums.
2. Improve health and hygiene through the promotion of community health and hospital services for slum residents.
3. Provide free home-based palliative care services to all residents of Rourkela and to people living in neighbouring areas.
4. Provide quality medical care to all through CWS Hospital, Jagda, Rourkela.
5. Create facilities and enabling environment for formal education of slum children.
6. Promote skill development among slum youth for gainful employment.
7. Organize seminars, meetings and training programmes on social issues and their amelioration among people living in the slums.
8. Make migration of unorganized workers from Odisha to other cities in India, safe and secure to the best possible extent.



Introduction

The Community Welfare Society (CWS) Rourkela has been a steadfast advocate for women's empowerment, making remarkable strides in the fiscal year 2023-2024. Through a suite of innovative and comprehensive initiatives, CWS has significantly enhanced the socio-economic status of women in the region. This report delves into the key programs undertaken by CWS for women empowerment and their profound impact on the community.

Empowering Through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Community Engagement
Central to CWS mission is financial inclusion and empowerment, achieved through formation and animation of Self-Help Groups. Presently CWS has 713 SHGs. All these groups meet once a month and our animators try their best to be present with the groups during the meeting. It helps the groups to move in the right direction. Further these groups' books of accounts are audited once in three months, which is an exhaustive process. These audits ensure operational transparency and financial accountability, enabling SHGs to function optimally.

With 8,239 home visits, CWS has not only assessed family needs but also raised awareness about government schemes and hygiene practices. Moreover, 364 office visits to various government institutions facilitated women's access to essential services, navigating them through bureaucratic processes seamlessly.

The role of courtyard meetings and SHG meetings has been pivotal in addressing myriad issues. CWS conducted 672 meetings to address issues related to loan refunds, SHG leadership, domestic violence, and government-related concerns. These forums allowed women to voice their challenges and collaboratively seek solutions. Additionally, 4756 SHG meetings were instrumental in fostering communication, decision-making, and initiative implementation, thereby amplifying women's collective power.

Facilitating Access to Government Schemes and Services

CWS has been crucial in assisting 295 women to avail themselves of various government schemes, including Old Age Pension, National Family Benefit schemes, Disability Pension, Harish Chandra Yojna, ration cards, support for unmarried women, and Disability Certificates. By facilitating access to these schemes, CWS Rourkela provided essential financial support, significantly enhancing the well-being of women and their families.

The organization also observed 14 significant days in four field offices of CWS gathering over 350 participants in each of these programmes in each of the centers. These events nurtured community spirit and encouraged women's active participation in public life.



Addressing Health and Basic Needs

CWS Rourkela through its animators for women empowerment programme helped 317 women to get treated in various hospitals of Rourkela. Additionally, the organization supported 845 individuals in need by distributing blankets, tarpaulins, and dry rations. These efforts underscore CWS's commitment to addressing both immediate and long-term community needs.

Training and Capacity Building

Understanding the critical role of education and skill development, CWS conducted five training sessions focusing on SHG management, business growth strategies, and effective resource utilization. These sessions empowered women with the knowledge and skills needed to enhance their economic activities and overall livelihoods.

The formation of 38 new SHGs further expanded CWS initiatives, offering more women opportunities for collective economic activities and mutual support. The organization's commitment to early childhood education through two crèches, tuition Centers and visits to different Schools by SHG members and Animators show organizations interest in community development.

Additional Efforts and Interventions

CWS dedication to women's empowerment extends beyond core activities. The organization provided notebooks to 23 children to support education, conducted legal aid awareness sessions for 82 participants, and organized adult literacy classes to enhance women's literacy skills. Register training sessions



ensured SHG members maintained accurate records, while a substance abuse awareness program addressed a critical social issue.

Conclusion

The year 2023-2024 marked a period of significant achievements for CWS in its mission to empower women. Through a comprehensive and multifaceted approach, CWS tackled numerous challenges faced by women, equipping them with the tools, resources, and support necessary to improve their lives and livelihoods. The impact of CWS efforts is evident in the increased financial security, improved health outcomes, enhanced educational opportunities, and greater community participation of women in the region. As CWS continues its vital work, it remains unwavering in its commitment to fostering a more equitable and just society where all women can thrive.



Empowering Rourkela's Widows: Uplifting Lives in the Slums

Throughout the year 2023-24, the Community Welfare Society (CWS) has steadfastly pursued its mission of empowering widows in the slums of Rourkela, recognizing the unique challenges they face. CWS's targeted programs have been pivotal in fostering financial independence, enhancing emotional resilience, and elevating the overall quality of life for these women, who are often marginalized and vulnerable.

Central to this effort has been animation of 36 Widow

Self-Help Groups (SHGs), which serve as a foundation for collective empowerment and economic self-reliance among widows. Over the past year, CWS has breathed new life into these SHGs, providing essential training and support that have enabled these groups to thrive. The creation of five new SHGs has further extended the reach of these initiatives.

In order to ensure that the voices of widows are heard, and their needs are met, four core groups have been established and regularly convened across all four field office areas. These groups, comprising local leaders and active SHG members, have played a crucial role in identifying the specific challenges faced by widows and



devising strategies to address them. Over the year, 16 core group meetings were held, providing a platform for discussion, problem-solving, and the development of tailored interventions in partnership with CWS facilitators.



Given the severe poverty that many widows endure, CWS has also implemented a program to provide limited dry rations to the most impoverished families of widows. This initiative has been instrumental in combating food insecurity and ensuring that basic nutritional needs are met. Through this program, 26 families have received regular rations, providing much-needed relief during times of hardship.

The education of widows' children has remained a top priority for CWS, particularly as these children are at high risk of dropping out of school due to financial constraints. In response, CWS has distributed study materials to these children, ensuring they have the tools necessary to continue their education. 17 children have benefited from this support, receiving textbooks, notebooks, and other essential supplies that help them stay engaged in their studies and aspire towards a brighter future/education.

Recognizing the profound emotional toll that widowhood can take, CWS has placed a strong emphasis on family visits and counselling. These visits have been essential in addressing the loneliness and emotional challenges that widows often face. Over the course of the year, CWS staff conducted 2012 visits, providing personalized counselling and support to help widows navigate their grief and build a sense of community and belonging.



The 2023-24 period has been marked by significant progress and impact, as CWS's programs have deeply touched the lives of widows in Rourkela's slums. Looking ahead, CWS remains committed to expanding these initiatives, ensuring that every widow is equipped with the support, resources, and sense of community she needs to lead a life of dignity, empowerment, and hope.

From Isolation to Empowerment: The Transformative Impact of CWS in Rourkela's Leprosy Communities



Introduction

For over two decades, the Community Welfare Society (CWS) has been a beacon of hope for the residents of leprosy colonies in Rourkela, including Durgapur, OSAP, Bangali Basti, Nayabazar, and Deogaon. These communities have long borne the twin burdens of a debilitating disease and the harsh stigma that accompanies it. Yet, through a multifaceted and compassionate approach, CWS has catalyzed remarkable change, fostering empowerment, dignity, and a renewed quality of life for countless individuals. This report delves into the breadth and depth of CWS's efforts, highlighting the profound impact of its initiatives on these marginalized communities.

Financial Empowerment Through Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

CWS has laid a strong foundation for financial empowerment within these communities through the establishment and nurturing of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Currently, CWS supports 13 SHGs across these colonies. Over the past year, CWS has conducted quarterly audits of the financial records of all these groups, ensuring transparency and accountability in managing funds.

Advocacy and Support

The dedicated animators of CWS have been tireless in their advocacy for the needs of leprosy-affected communities. Through 960 home visits and 75 office visits, they have not only provided much-needed emotional support but also raised awareness about various government schemes and facilitated access to essential services. These personal interactions have been crucial in breaking down barriers and connecting individuals with the resources they need to thrive.



Prioritizing Health and Well-being

The health and well-being of leprosy patients have been a top priority for CWS. This year alone, CWS conducted 8,707 dressings during 170 dedicated visits, providing essential medical care that is vital in preventing infections and complications. In addition to these medical interventions, CWS organized health and hygiene sessions aimed at educating community members about disease prevention and the importance of maintaining healthy living standards.

Access to Government Schemes

CWS has been instrumental in ensuring that the residents of these leprosy colonies receive the government benefits to which they are entitled. The organization facilitated access to 35 different government schemes, providing essential items such as wheelchairs, ration cards, and handicapped pensions. This support has significantly improved the quality of life for many, offering them a sense of security and the means to live with greater dignity.



Fostering Community Spirit and Awareness

Beyond immediate needs, CWS has worked tirelessly to foster a strong sense of community spirit and raise awareness about critical social issues. By organizing various events and observing important days, CWS has created platforms for community members to come together, share experiences, and build solidarity. These efforts have not only strengthened the community but also heightened awareness of the challenges they face, both within and outside the colonies.

Long-term Empowerment Through Education and Skills

CWS commitment to long-term empowerment is evident in its focus on education and behavior change. Self-esteem awareness programs have been pivotal in building confidence and encouraging self-sufficiency among community members. Additionally, CWS has conducted awareness sessions to prevent child marriage and facilitated interaction sessions with children, laying the groundwork for a more informed and empowered future generation.

To further enhance economic independence, CWS has provided skill development training in areas such as paddy mushroom cultivation, vermicomposting, and phenyl production. These training sessions have equipped community members with valuable income-generating skills, enabling them to build sustainable livelihoods and achieve greater self-reliance.

Conclusion

The impact of CWS on Rourkela's leprosy colonies is profound and far-reaching. Through a comprehensive approach that encompasses financial empowerment, advocacy, medical care, health education, access to government schemes, and skill development, CWS has touched every facet of the community's life. This journey from isolation to empowerment stands as a testament to the power of collective action and the resilience of the human spirit. CWS has demonstrated that even in the face of adversity, it is possible to build a brighter future—one characterized by dignity, empowerment, and self-reliance. The transformative stories emerging from Rourkela's leprosy colonies are an inspiring example of what can be achieved when a community comes together with hope and determination.



Empowering the Wheels : A Year in Review of the Rickshaw Pullers Program by Community Welfare Society (CWS)



The Community Welfare Society (CWS) has long stood as a pillar of support for the rickshaw pullers of Rourkela. This annual report offers a comprehensive overview of our initiatives, meetings, and activities, reflecting our unwavering commitment to the welfare and development of this often-overlooked community.

Program Activities and Achievements

Over the past year, CWS has implemented a range of initiatives aimed at uplifting rickshaw pullers and their families. Our efforts were centered around fostering transparency and accountability within the community, particularly through the regular auditing of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). We conducted thorough audits of the financial records of 27 SHGs, ensuring these groups operated with integrity and efficiency.

Our team, comprising two dedicated animators and a coordinator, carried out an impressive 2,708 home visits. These visits were instrumental in understanding the unique needs and challenges faced by rickshaw pullers, allowing us to offer personalized support and assess living conditions firsthand. The bonds of trust and rapport formed through these interactions are the bedrock of our relationship with the community.

In our efforts to connect rickshaw pullers with essential services, we facilitated 135 office visits, assisting them in navigating bureaucratic processes such as opening bank accounts, obtaining disability certificates, and securing identity documents. This initiative directly benefited 113 individuals, ensuring they had access to the necessary resources and social support.



To foster a sense of community and encourage collective action, we organized 335 meetings at rickshaw stands and 279 SHG meetings. These gatherings provided a platform for rickshaw pullers to voice their concerns, share experiences, and collaborate on solutions. We also established seven new SHGs and revitalized one that had previously disbanded, ensuring even the most vulnerable were included in our programs.

Understanding the critical role of government schemes in improving the lives of rickshaw pullers, we conducted two awareness sessions attended by 22 participants each. These sessions focused on the importance of obtaining Aadhaar cards, a crucial step in accessing various government benefits. Additionally, recognizing the pressing needs of the community, we provided dry rations to 11 rickshaw pullers in distress, ensuring they received essential support during difficult times.

Throughout the year, we observed 14 significant days to raise awareness and foster a sense of unity among rickshaw pullers. These included national observances like Independence Day and Republic Day, as well as important social awareness days

such as Cancer Day, AIDS Day, Children’s Day, Migration Day, and International Women’s Day. Moreover, nine core committee meetings were held to strategize and fine-tune our activities, ensuring our programs remained responsive to the evolving needs of the rickshaw pullers.

A critical aspect of our work has been addressing the health challenges faced by rickshaw pullers. A total of 85 individuals were escorted to various hospitals in Rourkela for medical treatment, addressing ailments ranging from occupational injuries to chronic conditions such as hydrocele, persistent cough, and tuberculosis. These health issues are exacerbated by their low immunity and inadequate protein intake, underscoring the importance of our health initiatives. To combat substance abuse, a common issue within this community, we organized three awareness sessions attended by approximately 25 participants each, including both rickshaw pullers and their spouses.

Our welfare programs extended beyond immediate health concerns. We provided financial support to six individuals for the purchase or repair of rickshaws, distributed study materials to the school-going children of rickshaw pullers and supplied tarpaulin sheets to 15 beneficiaries. Additionally, during the harsh winter months, we distributed blankets, offering warmth and comfort to those in need.



Conclusion

The Rickshaw Pullers Program by CWS has made substantial progress in its mission to uplift the rickshaw pullers of Rourkela. Our dedicated efforts have addressed immediate needs while also creating opportunities for growth and development. The initiatives, meetings, and activities carried out throughout the year have not only enhanced the lives of rickshaw pullers.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to this cause and look forward to continuing our work to create a lasting impact. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all our partners, volunteers, and supporters whose contributions have been instrumental in the success of this program. Together, we will continue to strive for the well-being and empowerment of the rickshaw pullers of Rourkela.



Empowering Rourkela's Unsung Heroes: The Transformative Journey of Ragpickers through CWS



Introduction

The Community Welfare Society (CWS) of Rourkela has long been a beacon of hope for marginalized communities, with a particular focus on the empowerment of ragpickers. These unsung heroes, essential to waste management, grapple with immense challenges. This annual report for 2023-2024 chronicles CWS transformative impact on the lives of ragpickers through a comprehensive approach that includes healthcare, education, financial inclusion, skill development, and relentless advocacy. The organization's steadfast dedication to community-driven initiatives has nurtured resilience, dignity, and a renewed sense of hope within this vulnerable population.

Comprehensive Empowerment Strategies

CWS's approach to uplifting ragpickers is as multifaceted as it is holistic. Acknowledging the significant health risks inherent in their profession, CWS spearheaded health and hygiene awareness programs in collaboration with CWS Hospital across five key locations. These initiatives have not only enhanced the well-being of ragpickers but also equipped them with vital knowledge and access to healthcare, fundamentally improving their quality of life.

Education and awareness remain at the heart of CWS mission. Through Angna (courtyard) meetings and various awareness campaigns, CWS has fostered a profound understanding of crucial issues such as family planning, child education, environmental consciousness, personal hygiene, government schemes, child marriage prevention, and legal aid. The distribution of free notebooks to the children of ragpickers further underscores the organization's commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty through education.

Financial inclusion forms a cornerstone of CWS empowerment strategy. By facilitating the formation and bolstering of 44 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), coupled with regular meetings, CWS has empowered ragpickers to access financial resources, cultivate savings, and secure loans.

Special attention was devoted to revitalizing underperforming SHGs, promoting self-reliance and economic stability. In addition, CWS assisted over 112 ragpickers in availing themselves of government schemes, ensuring their financial security and overall well-being.

Skill development and income generation have been pivotal in CWS efforts to create sustainable livelihoods for ragpickers. The organization conducted five Income Generating Activities (IGAs) focused on mushroom cultivation and phenyl production, imparting valuable skills and alternative income streams to over 114 participants. Moreover, CWS tireless advocacy led to the formal recognition of ragpickers by the Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC), resulting in the employment of three SHGs as official waste pickers. This not only provided a stable income but also affirmed the dignity and significance of their work.

Advocacy and Partnerships

CWS commitment to the rights of ragpickers is unwavering. The organization facilitated over 140 office visits, assisting in obtaining government-issued identity cards, opening bank accounts, and acquiring other essential documents. This streamlined access to crucial services has empowered ragpickers to assert their rights and navigate complex bureaucratic processes. Through strategic collaborations with government agencies, NGOs, and community leaders, CWS has created a robust support network for ragpickers, ensuring that their interventions are both sustainable and impactful.



Conclusion

The Community Welfare Society's annual report for 2023-2024 vividly illustrates the profound impact of its work on the ragpicker community in Rourkela. By adopting a comprehensive approach that spans healthcare, education, financial inclusion, skill development, and advocacy, CWS has significantly enhanced the lives of these marginalized individuals. As CWS looks ahead, it remains resolute in its mission to extend its reach, strengthen partnerships, and innovate in response to emerging challenges. The organization's enduring belief in the potential of every individual, irrespective of their background, stands as a beacon of hope, guiding the way toward a more inclusive and equitable society. The transformative stories of Rourkela's ragpickers are a powerful testament to the lasting change that community-driven initiatives can achieve.





Introduction

The Community Welfare Society (CWS) has consistently championed the cause of street vendors in Rourkela, recognizing their indispensable role in the city's bustling economy and the unique challenges they encounter. This annual report for 2023-2024 showcases the holistic strategies implemented by CWS to uplift the lives of street vendors through financial inclusion, skill development, advocacy, and fostering community solidarity.

Empowering Through Financial Inclusion and Skill Enhancement

At the heart of CWS's mission is financial empowerment. To foster this, CWS animators recognized that economic stability is the cornerstone for the prosperity of street vendors. Over the past year, CWS has facilitated the formation of 18 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), conducting 153 meetings that have solidified these groups as foundations of financial security. These SHGs enable vendors to save, access loans, and manage their finances with newfound confidence. Rigorous audits ensure transparency and accountability, while courtyard meetings have become vital forums for forming new SHGs, disseminating information on government programs, and facilitating loans.

Skill development is another critical focus area. CWS organized two Income Generating Activities (IGAs) centered on phenyl making, equipping 45 participants with new skills and income-generating opportunities. Additionally, 25 participants benefited from business skill training, enhancing their capabilities to effectively manage and expand their enterprises.



Advocacy and Community Engagement: Building a Supportive Network

CWS has been a relentless advocate for street vendors, facilitating 64 office visits to address various issues such as Aadhaar updates, pension applications, trade licenses, and water supply concerns. The organization's dedication to understanding the challenges faced by street vendors is further evidenced by 1,686 visits to their shops, engaging with vendors directly at their workplaces.

Education and awareness have also been pivotal. CWS provided free tuition classes to 15 children of street vendors, underscoring the importance of education for future generations. Health and hygiene awareness programs reached 55 participants, promoting healthy practices and disease prevention. Furthermore, four comprehensive awareness programs on government schemes and on self-esteem have equipped vendors with valuable knowledge and resources.

Community building has been a priority for CWS, demonstrated through 959 home visits, which provided insights into the socio-economic conditions of street vendors and their families. Surveys of 84 vendors yielded essential data for tailoring interventions to their specific needs. Celebrating days such as Republic Day, Independence Day, Women's Day, Labour Day, Widow Day, and Children's Day as a group has fostered a sense of solidarity among street vendors.



Conclusion

The Community Welfare Society's annual report for 2023-2024 highlights its steadfast commitment to empowering street vendors in Rourkela. Through a comprehensive approach encompassing financial inclusion, skill development, advocacy, community engagement, and education, CWS has made significant strides in improving the livelihoods and well-being of street vendors.

Looking forward, CWS is dedicated to expanding its reach, by building stronger partnerships, and taking innovative steps to tackle emerging challenges. The organization envisions a thriving community of street vendors who are financially secure, empowered, and actively contributing to Rourkela's economic and cultural landscape. By working collaboratively with street vendors, CWS is attempting to craft a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Empowering Youth, Transforming Communities: YUVA Project Annual Report 2023-2024

Introduction

Among the youth of Rourkela, YUVA Project stands as a pillar of empowerment, spearheaded by the Community Welfare Society (CWS). This annual report captures the essence of a transformative initiative that has not only uplifted the youth but also fortified the very fabric of their communities. Through a blend of personal development, community engagement, and skill acquisition, YUVA has touched lives in profound ways, charting new courses for a promising future.

At the core of the YUVA Project lies a commitment to forging deep, personal



connections with the youth and their families. The year 2023-2024 saw our animators embark on 6,244 home visits, where trust was nurtured, dreams were kindled, and individual aspirations were brought to the fore. These interactions form the bedrock of YUVA's mission, created pathways to empowerment

through understanding and support.

YUVA thrives on the strength of collective action, with Youth Self-Help Groups (SHGs) serving as the heartbeat of our initiative. By the end of March 2024, YUVA proudly animated 159 SHGs, each meeting monthly to foster savings, education, and mutual encouragement. Over the course of the year, 1266 SHG meetings were held, turning these gatherings into powerful incubators for growth, where shared experiences pave the way for collective empowerment.

The impact of YUVA extends far beyond individual growth; it ripples through the community, fostering widespread involvement and participation. The 493 courtyard meetings 1230 SHG meetings held during the year became arenas for communal dialogue, collective problem-solving, and united action. These gatherings not only addressed immediate concerns but also laid the groundwork for sustained community resilience and solidarity.

Education remains a cornerstone of YUVA's mission. In 2023-2024, financial support was extended to 44 youth, enabling them to pursue higher education and vocational training. Skill development initiatives, including DCA courses for 60 students, mobile repairing training for 20, tailoring courses for 75, and beautician training for 120, have equipped young individuals with the tools to thrive in the job market, thereby elevating their prospects and aspirations.



YUVA's holistic approach to youth development is evident in its diverse array of programs. Career counseling sessions have illuminated paths to fulfilling professions, while substance abuse awareness programs have championed healthier lifestyles. Leadership training sessions have cultivated a new generation of leaders, and the opening of bank accounts for 54 Youth SHGs has fostered financial literacy and stability. Creative endeavors like tailoring programs and community events have further enriched the youth's sense of belonging and self-expression.



A key highlight of the year was YUVA's collaboration with the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology, Bhubaneswar (CIPET-B). This partnership provided specialized training and employment opportunities for 17 youth, exemplifying YUVA's commitment to connecting young people with the resources and networks essential for achieving their career goal both profound and enduring. Through a steadfast commitment to personal growth, community engagement, and skill development, YUVA is shaping the leaders, innovators, and change-makers of tomorrow. As the project continues to grow and expand its reach, it remains a beacon of hope and a catalyst for positive change, ensuring a brighter, more empowered future for the youth and their communities.

Nurturing Compassion: The Fourth Year of the Home-Based Palliative Care Project

Introduction

Now in its fourth year, the Home-Based Palliative Care (HBPC) project continues to be a beacon of compassionate care in Rourkela and its neighboring villages. This annual report highlights the remarkable strides made by the HBPC project, detailing its achievements, the dynamic healthcare environment it operates within, and the profound impact it has on the lives of those facing life-limiting illnesses.



A Holistic Approach to Care

The HBPC project was established with the mission to address the multifaceted challenges posed by serious illnesses. By offering a comprehensive approach to care that includes physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and economic support, the project has become a lifeline for many. Over the past year, the HBPC team has served 435 patients, each with unique circumstances. These include individuals with chronic conditions such as cerebrovascular accidents (CVA), hypertension, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and various types of cancer. The care provided also extends to those with rare and complex conditions, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Patient-Centered Care: A Core Commitment

At the heart of the HBPC project is a steadfast commitment to patient-centered care. This philosophy ensures that each patient receives tailored support to manage their illness and improve their quality of life. By focusing on the individual needs of patients, the project fosters dignity, respect, and empowerment, not only for the patients but also for their families.

Expanding Reach and Adapting to Change

The HBPC project has made significant progress in broadening its scope to include a wider range of conditions and populations. This adaptability ensures that more individuals, both in urban and rural settings, have



access to essential palliative care services. The project's team has consistently provided unwavering support, offering pain management, symptom control, emotional counseling, and spiritual guidance to patients throughout their illness journeys.

While the passing of 98 patients this year serves as a somber reminder of the real-

ities of life-limiting illnesses, the project's dedication to enhancing the quality of life during a patient's final days has brought comfort and dignity to many. Cancer patients, particularly those with terminal diagnoses, have remained a focal point of the project. The comprehensive care provided to these individuals goes beyond medical treatment, encompassing emotional and psychological support for both patients and their families.

Managing Chronic Illnesses: A Multi-Faceted Approach

The effective management of chronic illnesses requires a dedicated and multi-faceted approach. The HBPC project has successfully supported patients with a wide array of chronic conditions, aiding them in symptom management, adherence to treatment plans, and overall well-being. Recognizing the significant impact of illness on mental health, the project prioritizes counseling and support services, empowering patients and their families to cope with the emotional challenges they face.

Cultural Sensitivity and Community Trust

The HBPC project's commitment to cultural sensitivity has been integral to its success. By delivering care in a manner that aligns with the diverse cultural beliefs and practices of the community, the project enhances the quality of care while building trust between healthcare providers and recipients. This culturally sensitive approach has been vital in fostering a deep connection with the community, ensuring that care is both respectful and effective.

The Role of Generosity

The continued generosity of donors has played a crucial role in sustaining the HBPC project. Their contributions have enabled the project to offer free care to patients, removing financial barriers and ensuring that vital services are accessible to all who need them. This philanthropic support has been instrumental in the project's ability to deliver equitable and comprehensive care.



Overcoming Challenges

The HBPC project has faced several challenges in its mission to provide comprehensive care. Addressing the diverse and complex healthcare needs of the community requires ongoing training and resource allocation. Despite these challenges, the HBPC team remains committed to adaptability and flexibility, striving to meet the unique needs of each patient.

Caring for individuals with life-limiting illnesses is emotionally demanding for both healthcare providers and caregivers. The HBPC project has implemented strong communication channels and collaborative practices to ensure seamless transitions between different phases of care, providing consistent and coordinated support throughout a patient's illness journey.



Looking Ahead: A Vision for the Future

As the HBPC project enters its fifth year, it remains dedicated to expanding its reach, enhancing the quality of care, and deepening its engagement with the community. By embracing a holistic, patient-centered, and culturally sensitive approach, the

project continues to set a high standard for palliative care delivery in the region. The unwavering dedication of healthcare professionals, coupled with the generosity of donors, is essential to realizing the project's vision of a future where palliative care is not only accessible but also deeply understood and integrated into the community fabric.

Through its ongoing efforts, the HBPC project is not only providing care but also transforming lives—one compassionate act at a time.

Empowering Migrant Workers: A Journey from Vulnerability to Resilience

Introduction

Migration, a long-standing phenomenon in Sundargarh district, has been fraught with challenges, including exploitation, abuse, and hazardous working conditions. Despite government and community efforts to discourage migration, the movement of workers to cities like Delhi and Mumbai persisted.



The Community Welfare Society (CWS) recognized the need for intervention and established the Migrants Help Desk Rourkela (MHDR) to address these challenges and empower migrant workers. This report delves into the MHDR's comprehensive efforts to normalize, secure, and de-stigmatize the migration process for workers from Odisha.

Comprehensive Support and Intervention

The MHDR initiated a project to survey 4,000 migrant workers in Sundargarh district. This pilot project aimed to gather data on the conditions faced by migrant workers and develop effective strategies for their protection. Collaborating with religious leaders, community elders, local leaders, and government officials, the MHDR embarked on a comprehensive data collection effort. This data served as the foundation for subsequent interventions and support services.

Awareness and Information Dissemination

Recognizing the importance of informed decision-making, the MHDR launched extensive awareness campaigns. Posters and leaflets in Odia, the local language, provided clear and accessible information on safe migration practices, emergency contacts, and workers' rights. These materials empowered potential migrants with the knowledge needed to make informed choices and protect themselves from exploitation.

The establishment of 40 WhatsApp groups further facilitated communication and information sharing among migrants. These virtual communities served as a lifeline, providing timely updates on legal rights, and emergency situations. The MHDR ensured that migrants remained connected and informed, even when far from home.



Community Engagement and Support Services

The MHDR actively engaged with the community through meetings and discussions in villages. During the year under review CWS has conducted 653 meetings with villagers. These interactions focused on safe migration practices, legal rights, and the risks associated with unregistered recruitment agencies. By involving local leaders and organizations, the MHDR fostered a sense of ownership and collective responsibility for the well-being of migrant workers.

The MHDR's commitment to providing practical support was evident in its 24/7 helpline, which offered migrants a direct channel for queries and emergencies. Assistance with government documentation, including e-SHRAM card registration, further empowered workers to access essential services and legal protection. Partnerships with NGOs in destination cities ensured that migrants received on-the-ground support upon arrival, mitigating the isolation and vulnerability often experienced in unfamiliar environments.



Awareness and Information Dissemination

The MHDR has achieved significant milestones in its mission to empower migrant workers. Through knowledge dissemination, skill development, advocacy, and support services, the project has fostered a safer and more informed migration process. The collection of comprehensive data on migrant workers enables better planning and targeted interventions in the future.

While challenges remain, the MHDR's

commitment to empowering migrant workers is unwavering. By addressing the root causes of exploitation, providing practical support, and fostering community awareness, the project is creating a lasting impact on the lives of those who seek better opportunities through migration. The MHDR's believes that with dedication, collaboration, and a human-centred approach, migration can be a pathway to empowerment and a brighter future.

CWS Hospital 2023-24 : A Year of Compassion, Growth, and Community Impact

Introduction

CWS Hospital, a unit of the Community Welfare Society Rourkela, has consistently served as a trusted centre of health and hope in the region. As we review the year 2023-24, we reflect on a period marked by significant achievements, continuous advancements in healthcare delivery, and a deepened connection with the community. This year has been both challenging and rewarding, as we navigated the evolving healthcare landscape, ensuring that our commitment to providing quality care remained unwavering.

Healthcare Services

Throughout the year, CWS Hospital has maintained its reputation for excellence in patient care, addressing the diverse needs of our community. The hospital catered to a total of 56194 patients, with 7938 treated as inpatients and 48256 as outpatients. Our outpatient department (OPD) saw significant growth, particularly in the General Medicine and Paediatrics departments, where 5079 and 412 patients were treated, respectively.

In terms of surgical services, a total of 1989 surgeries were performed, spanning general, orthopaedic, O& G, Urology, ENT, Ophthalmology, Neurology and Cardio-thoracic. Our diagnostic services also expanded, with 185370 diagnostic tests conducted, including radiology, pathology, and advanced imaging. The introduction of new Haematology Machine has significantly enhanced our ability to provide accurate and timely diagnoses. Our commitment to community health remained strong, as we expanded our Home-based Palliative Care Services to surrounding villages, providing free medical check-ups and treatment to 435 patients regularly.

Infrastructure and Equipment

This year, CWS Hospital made substantial improvements to its infrastructure and equipment, all aimed at enhancing patient care. The hospital underwent a major upgradation by the purchase of Laparoscopy machine with all its accessories. The construction of road around the hospital has made the hospital surrounding look more elegant and meet the statutory requirements of the fire safety. We also invested in advanced medical equipment, acquiring new haematology machine. In line with our goal to modernize healthcare delivery, we introduced an Hospital Information Management System (HIMS), which has streamlined patient data management and improved inter-departmental communication.

Staff and Training

Our dedicated team remains the backbone of CWS Hospital's success. This year, we focused on both expanding our team and enhancing their skills. We welcomed four new doctors and ten nurses to our team, bringing our total staff strength to 205. The recruitment of specialists in Anaesthesia, Psychiatry, Neurology, Cardiology and General Surgery has allowed us to broaden the range of services we offer. To ensure that our staff remains at the forefront of medical knowledge and practice, we conducted 39 training sessions and workshops throughout the year. Several staff members were recognized for their outstanding contributions during CWS Hospital Anniversary celebrations. On the occasion of Nurses' Day celebrations, Sr Nikita Kujur and Lilly Minz, were awarded with Excellence award for patient care.

Quality and Patient Safety

Ensuring the highest standards of quality and safety remains central to our mission. This year, CWS Hospital was awarded the NABH accreditation, acknowledging our adherence to stringent healthcare standards. We implemented two quality projects in response to evolving healthcare challenges, particularly in emergency and inpatient department. These two quality improvement projects were:

- (a) Project to expedite discharge procedure
- (b) Project to improve handling of emergency cases

Implementation of these projects have substantially helped us to make improvements in these areas of care.

Patient satisfaction remains a key performance indicator, and with 83% of patients being satisfied or very satisfied about our services has encouraged us a lot. Feedback from 160 patients has been used for this survey.

Financial Overview

CWS Hospital's financial performance for 2023-24 reflects a balance between prudent management and investment in patient care. The hospital's revenue for the year stood at Rs. 16,81,10,184, driven by patient fees. Major expenditures included Rs.31,17,49,60 on staff salaries and Rs. 61,35,22,20 salary to Doctors. Rs. 64,84,11,5 on new equipment, and Rs.46,03,96,0 on facility maintenance. Despite rising costs of medical consumables (Rs.1,24,12,546), our focus on efficiency has helped keep operational expenses under control, allowing us to continue offering affordable care. The year presented several financial challenges, including raise in minimum wages.

Community Engagement and CSR

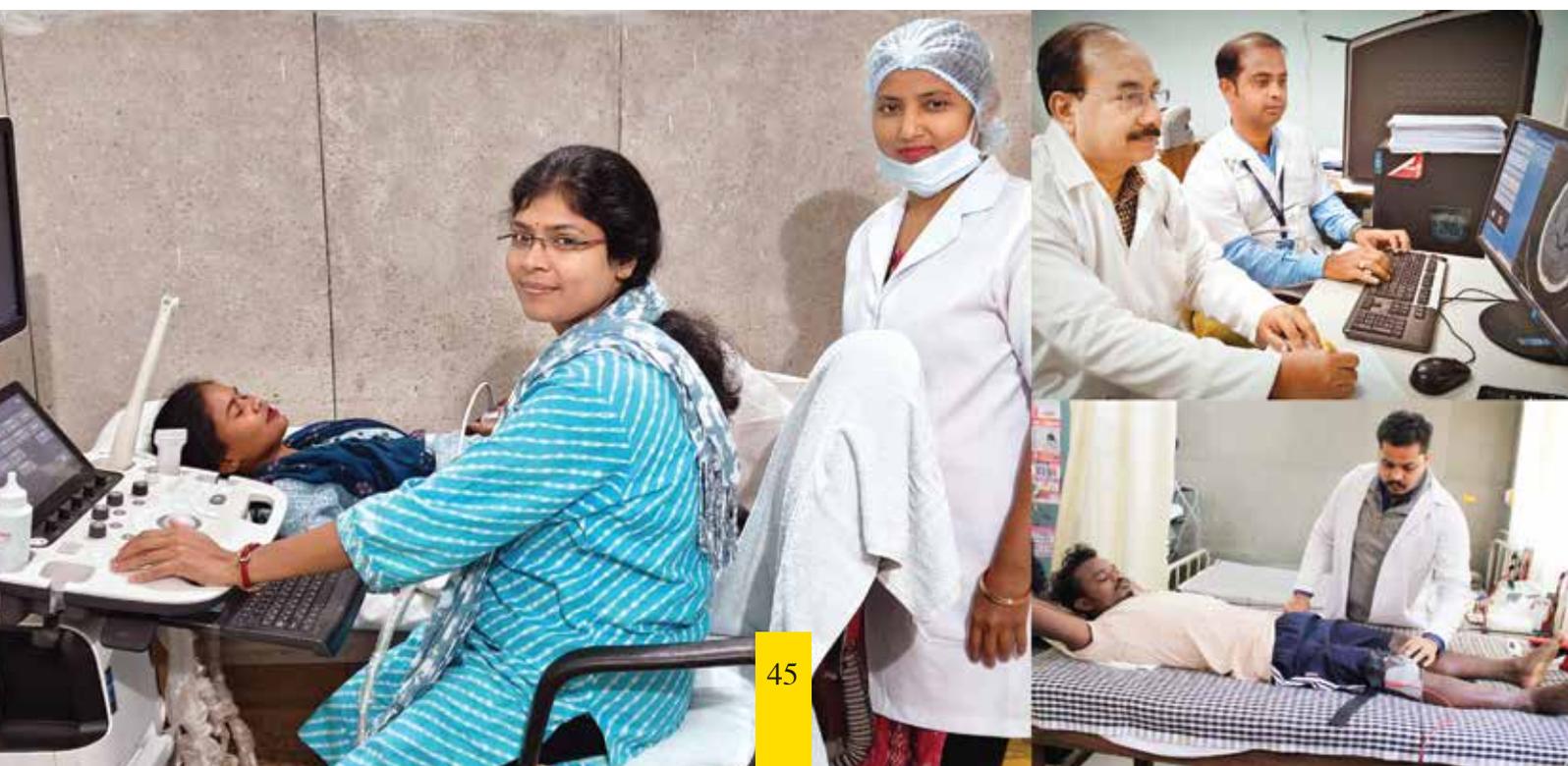
CWS Hospital's role extends beyond its walls, deeply engaging with the community through various initiatives. This year, our CSR efforts included seven health education programs, targeting issues such as Tuberculosis and Dengue. Our Home-based Palliative care teams are catering to the needs of 435 patients. Partnership with CWS has enhanced our outreach efforts, allowing us to serve the underserved. The impact of our work is evident in the stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by our care, serving as a powerful testament to the hospital's impact on the community.

Challenges and Future Plans

The year 2023-24 brought its share of challenges, but also laid the groundwork for future growth. Managing the large influx of Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana patients posed significant challenges, but our team's resilience and adaptability ensured that patient care was never compromised. Looking ahead, CWS Hospital aims to expand its bed strength, ICU, and OT facilities, and continue enhancing the quality of care provided.

Acknowledgments

The achievements of CWS Hospital in 2023-24 would not have been possible without the support of our donors, partners, staff, and leadership team. Our heartfelt thanks go to our donors, whose generosity has enabled us to provide high-quality care to all, regardless of their ability to pay. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff and leadership team, whose commitment to excellence has driven the hospital's success.



SUMMARY REPORT (April 2023 - March 2024)

RESEARCH UNIT, CWS HOSPITAL, ROURKELA

Part A: List of Research Studies

ONGOING PROJECTS (6)

International Collaborations (4)

- "A cluster randomized trial to assess the effectiveness of malaria camps as part of the Odisha state malaria elimination drive (Phase 2, CSCMi Study Type 3)" - In Collaboration with NYU, USA. Funded by NIH/NIAID, USA.
- "The Center for the Study of Complex Malaria in India (CSCMi) 2.0, Project 3: The pathogenesis of cerebral malaria using MRI Technology."
- "A Novel Malaria Pathogen Detection System for Rural Communities" - In collaboration with Central Queensland University and Canberra University, Australia. Funded by the Australian-Indian Council (AIC-DFAT).
- "VectorCam project: Validation of an AI-based malaria Vector identification device" - In collaboration with Prof. Jane and Team (Developed by Johns Hopkins University, US).

National Collaboration (1)

- "Phase II, Multicenter, Randomized, Assessor-blind, Parallel-group, Active-comparator Study to Determine the Efficacy, Safety, Tolerability and Pharmacokinetics of Different Orally Administered Regimens of ZY-19489 in Uncomplicated Plasmodium Falciparum Malaria Patients." Sponsored by ZYDUS India Pvt Ltd.

In-house Project (1)

- "A study on the emergence of Scrub typhus in patients with acute febrile illness."

INACTIVE PROJECT (1)

"An adaptive, randomized, active-controlled, open-label, sequential cohort, multicenter study to evaluate the efficacy, safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics of intravenous cipargamin (KAE609) in adult and pediatric participants with severe Plasmodium falciparum malaria (KARISMA – KAE609's Role in Severe Malaria)" - Sponsored by Novartis, India.

Part B: Research Progress

1. CSCMi Study Type 3: Phase 2 study proposal approved by Health Ministry Screening Committee (HMSC). Study team conducted field visits for coordination and data collection.
2. ZYDUS Clinical Trial: 9 subjects successfully enrolled, 4 screen failures. No serious adverse events reported.
3. VectorCam Project: 731 mosquitoes collected and processed for identification using VectorCam. Data analysis ongoing.
4. Acute Febrile Illness (AFI): 941 febrile patients tested for malaria, 32 positive cases detected.
5. Scrub Typhus: 39 positive cases detected, research in progress.
6. International Training: Conducted training on VectorCam for automatic vector species identification.
7. Student Research: 1 PhD student and 1 B.Tech student actively engaged in research projects.

Future Research Collaborations

- National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha.
- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London, UK.
- Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Department, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha.
- Indian Council of Medical Research - Regional Medical Research Center, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Noteworthy Achievements

- Successful execution of multiple research projects, including international collaborations.
- Significant progress in malaria and scrub typhus research.
- Active participation in training and capacity building initiatives.
- Strong collaborations with national and international institutions.

Challenges and Future Directions

- The inactive project highlights the complexities of clinical research.
- Continued efforts are needed to secure funding and resources for future projects.
- Expanding research collaborations and exploring new areas of investigation.

Overall, the Research Unit at CWS Hospital, Rourkela has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing medical research, particularly in the field of infectious diseases. The unit's focus on collaboration, capacity building, and innovation positions it well for continued success in the future.

Shanti SHG: A Story of Resilience and Empowerment



In Rourkela, where Shanti SHG is based, the pandemic hit the most vulnerable the hardest. Unskilled and skilled labourers were left with no work and no income. Yet, in the darkest of times, hope emerged in the form of the MUKTA Scheme (Mukhiya Mantri Karma Tatparya Yojana). Launched by the state government under the leadership of the former Chief Minister, Sri Naveen Patnaik, this initiative aimed to provide employment to local communities by engaging them in the cleaning and development of their own neighborhoods.

Shanti SHG Steps Up: Turning Challenge into Opportunity

Seizing the opportunity to make a difference, Shanti SHG took swift action. They approached the Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC) and applied to be part of the MUKTA scheme. Their group was soon selected, thanks to their disciplined track record and strong financial standing, with ₹75,000 already saved in their bank account.

The task was clear: clean the drainage systems in their local area—a monumental task, but one of the women of Shanti SHG embraced it with determination. They received a work order of ₹1,00,000 and got to work immediately.

They hired 11 laborers from their own community—seven men and four women—who had been hit hardest by the pandemic. Each morning at 6 AM, they gathered to begin their work, cleaning, clearing, and restoring the drainage systems.

Every day, two SHG members were present to oversee the work and ensure it met the standards required. In just 14 days, they completed what was supposed to be a 30-day job, working through rain and hardship, with their community's well-being as their primary motivation.

A Victory for Women, Community, and Unity

What makes this story remarkable isn't just that Shanti SHG completed the work ahead of schedule, it's how they did it. When funds ran short midway through the project, the group didn't stop. They dipped into their own savings to keep the work going, demonstrating resilience and resourcefulness. And when the work was finished, the group patiently waited for three months to receive payment from the government, adhering to every protocol.

In the end, their efforts paid off. Not only did they receive ₹7500 as a commission for their work, but they also earned an additional ₹5000 for completing extra tasks on their own initiative. The total earnings of ₹12,500 were shared among the group members. More than money, though, they earned the respect of their community, knowing they had provided for their families and kept their neighborhood clean during a time of crisis.

Building a Future Beyond the Crisis

The story doesn't end there. Shanti SHG's success didn't just stop with cleaning projects. In 2023, their continued diligence earned them a much larger project—a work order of ₹10,03,000 to construct a road in their area. This project is still underway, but it's already creating jobs, boosting morale, and showing what women can achieve when given the opportunity.

Shanti SHG isn't stopping here. The group has bigger dreams—next, they plan to take on the maintenance of cold storage units, creating even more job opportunities for their members and further empowering the women of their community.

A Movement of Empowerment

Shanti SHG's journey from a humble group of 11 women saving ₹500 a month to a force of community empowerment and development is a story of what happens when women take control of their futures. They didn't wait for someone to come to their rescue—they stepped up, seized opportunities, and lifted their entire community with them.

Their success is a testament to the power of collective action, resilience, and the spirit of women who, even in the toughest times, refuse to give up. They didn't just survive a pandemic—they thrived, proving that when women work together, they can change the world, one project at a time.

Shanti SHG's journey is far from over, and their story continues to inspire, showing that women's empowerment is not just a goal—it's a movement.

Sunshine YSHG: A Beacon of Hope in Sitalpada



In the bustling slum of Sitalpada, a group of 11 young hearts dared to dream. They were bound together not just by age or proximity, but by shared struggles and unwavering determination. They called themselves the Sunshine YSHG (Youth Self-Help Group), a name that symbolized their yearning for a brighter future.

Each member of the Sunshine YSHG faced their own unique challenges. Three yearned for driving licenses to break free from the shackles of limited opportunities. One remained unemployed, burdened by the weight of societal expectations. Another lived in a dilapidated house, a constant reminder of their precarious circumstances. Yet, they refused to succumb to despair.

In 2023, the Sunshine YSHG embarked on a transformative journey. Guided by compassionate animators who believed in their potential, the group began to explore avenues for skill development and financial support. Through collective effort and unwavering determination, they applied for a loan of 2 lakh rupees from a local bank.

The loan became a lifeline for the Sunshine YSHG. It paved the way for three members to obtain their driving licenses, opening doors to new career paths. The unemployed members used the funds to acquire the necessary skills and secure a stable job. The dilapidated house was repaired, transforming it into a safe and dignified haven.



Rising from the Shadows: The Empowerment of Trinath SHG



In Deogaon, a slum nestled in the peripheries of Rourkela exists a community shunned by society, living in the shadows of despair. This was the home of a group of ten individuals, all afflicted by leprosy, who had been cast out by their families and ostracized by their community. Branded as untouchables, they were forced to live in isolation, confined to a segregated area where their only means of survival was begging.

The stigma of their disease had eroded their self-esteem, leaving them to believe that begging was their only option, that no job would ever be available to them, and that they were destined to live in misery. They were forgotten people, stripped of dignity and hope, living in a world that had turned its back on them.

But in 2019, a spark of change ignited when the Trinath Self-Help Group (SHG) was formed, a collective effort to transform the lives of these ten individuals. Guided by CWS social workers who refused to lose hope, the SHG set out with a clear mission: to uplift this marginalized community, to provide them with income-generating activities, and to connect them with government support and benefits that had long been out of their reach.

The journey was not easy. The members of the Trinath SHG had to overcome deep-seated beliefs that they were unworthy of anything more than the life they had known. But through counseling and skill training, they began to see themselves in a new light. They learned the importance of saving money, and with the support of the SHG, they opened bank accounts, applied for loans, and took their first steps toward financial independence.

As they became more aware of government schemes and how to navigate the bureaucracy, their self-esteem began to rise. No longer content with the life of begging, they found employment through the Rourkela Municipal Corporation, working in public toilets and Sauchalya (sanitation facilities). The change was profound—begging decreased, and with each day, they grew more confident, more empowered.

The transformation was particularly evident in the women of the group. Once silent and resigned to their fate, they now stood tall, proud of the roles they played in their community's development. Through the SHG's efforts, they became independent, no longer relying on the mercy of others but instead earning their livelihood with dignity and pride. They secured government tenders and availed themselves of various schemes, turning the tide of their lives from despair to hope.

The impact of the Trinath SHG extended beyond mere economic improvement. It restored a sense of worth, purpose, and belonging to a group of people who had been abandoned by society. They found their voices and, with it, the strength to demand their rights and fight for a better future.

Reflecting on their journey, the members of the SHG shared, “If you had not asked us to form this group, we would have remained powerless, without the habit of saving, and unaware of where to turn for help. This has given us the confidence to live our lives to the fullest.”

A Victory Against the Odds: Sulochana Mohato's Fight for Justice



In the slum of Bhawanipur, within the humble neighbourhood of Oraonpada, Naya-bazar, lived Sulochana Mohato, a 44-year-old widow whose life had been a relentless battle against hardship. With no employment and no widow pension to support her, Sulochana found herself struggling to make ends meet, each day a reminder of the uncertainty of her future.

Her hope for a stable life was cruelly dashed when, in her desperation, she entrusted her money and documents to an agent who promised to secure her widow's pension. But this agent was nothing but a fraudster who disappeared without a trace, taking with him not just her money, but her trust and hope as well. The betrayal left Sulochana in a state of distress, with no one to turn to and no means to support herself.

Yet, fate had other plans for Sulochana. During one of their regular area visits, a Community Welfare Society (CWS) animator met her and listened to her heart-breaking story. Determined to help, the animator accompanied Sulochana to the Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC) office to inquire about the status of her pension. To their dismay, they learned that her application had never even been submitted, leaving her without any support from the system

Undeterred, the CWS animator guided Sulochana through the process of submitting a new application. But as if fate were testing her resilience, the Revenue Inspector made a mistake on her application, resulting in yet another rejection. It seemed as though every step forward was met with an equally forceful push back.

But Sulochana was not one to give up. She had already been through too much to let another setback defeat her. With unwavering determination, she filled out the application once more, refusing to let the system's errors keep her from the support she deserved. She resubmitted the application to the pension department, holding onto hope despite the many obstacles she had already faced.

Finally, after a grueling year of relentless effort, Sulochana's persistence paid off. Her application was approved, and she began receiving her widow pension—a small but vital contribution that made all the difference in her family's life. The pension, though modest, was a symbol of her victory over the challenges that had once seemed insurmountable.

Sulochana's gratitude toward the CWS animator and the organization was immeasurable. Their intervention had not only helped her secure the pension she so desperately needed but had also restored her faith in herself and in the possibility of a better life.

A Journey of Resilience: Laxman Karighar's Triumph Over Adversity



In the heart of Gopobandupalli, echoing with the daily struggles of its inhabitants, lived Mr. Laxman Karighar, a 45-year-old man burdened with the weight of providing for his family. Life had dealt with him a tough hand. Unemployed and impoverished, he faced the daunting task of caring for his handicapped wife and three children, all the while living in a rented house.

To make ends meet, Laxman had rented a "Tela," a humble cart, which he used to earn a meager income. But no matter how hard he worked, the income from this rented Tela barely sufficed to feed his family of five. Each day was a battle for survival, with no clear path to a better life.

But Laxman was not a man to be easily defeated. In his darkest hour, a ray of hope came into his life through the Community Welfare Society (CWS). One day, while visiting Gopubandupalli, a CWS animator encountered Laxman. Seeing the determination in his eyes despite his hardships, the animator encouraged Laxman to attend the community meetings regularly. Laxman, eager to find a way to improve his family's situation, attended these meetings with dedication.

Recognizing his commitment, CWS decided to step in and provide the support Laxman so desperately needed. They offered him a loan to purchase his own Tela, a simple yet powerful tool that could change the course of his life. With this new-found opportunity, Laxman's fortunes began to change. Owning his own Tela meant he could keep all his earnings, and slowly but surely, his income started to increase.

As Laxman worked tirelessly, his family's living conditions began to improve. The days of barely scraping by were replaced with the possibility of a brighter future. His hard work and perseverance paid off, and soon he was able to achieve what once seemed impossible—he bought a house of his own, providing his family with the stability they had longed for. Not only that, but Laxman was also able to save enough money to arrange for his daughter's marriage, a proud moment for any father.

Laxman's story is more than just a tale of personal triumph; it is an inspiration to all who struggle, showing that with hard work, faith, and the right support, anyone can turn their life around.

Sujit Lugun's Triumph: A Tale of Resilience and Hope in Sitalpada



In the heart of Tata Basti, Sitalpada, lived a young man named Sujit Lugun, whose life took a tragic turn at the tender age of 18. A devastating accident while working at SAIL RSP left him paralyzed from the waist down, confining him to a wheelchair and shattering his dreams. Sujit's misfortune deepened when his unscrupulous contractor absconded with his vital documents, leaving him stranded and unable to seek government assistance.

Years passed, and Sujit's spirit dwindled as he struggled to cope with his disability and the financial burden it placed on his aging father, who was the sole breadwinner of the family. Despair loomed large over Sujit's life, but fate had a different plan in store.

In April 2023, a ray of hope emerged in the form of a compassionate CWS (Community Welfare Society) animator who visited Sujit's home. Moved by his plight, the animator took it upon herself to help Sujit obtain a handicap certificate and pension, a task that had proven insurmountable for many others who had tried to assist him.

Undeterred by the daunting challenge, the CWS animator embarked on a tireless nine-month journey, navigating bureaucratic hurdles and advocating for Sujit's rights. Her unwavering determination and belief in Sujit's cause finally bore fruit in January 2024, when he received his long-awaited handicap certificate and pension.

Tears of joy streamed down Sujit's face as he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the CWS animator, who had become his guardian angel. "Many people came forward to help, but none were successful in obtaining the certificate except you," he said, his voice filled with emotion. "Thank you, Didi (sister)."

Sujit's story is a testament to the indomitable human spirit and the power of compassion. It serves as an inspiration to all who face adversity, reminding us that even in the darkest of times, hope can be found, and miracles can happen. With renewed hope and financial security, Sujit is now empowered to live a life of dignity and purpose.

Mahadev SHG: Empowering Street Vendors in Malgodam



In the bustling streets of Malgodam, a group of 13 determined street vendors united to form the Mahadev Self-Help Group (SHG). They were united by their shared struggles – limited financial resources, lack of knowledge about government schemes, and a feeling of isolation in their daily battles.

The formation of Mahadev SHG marked the beginning of a transformative journey. Motivational sessions, training programs, and awareness campaigns opened their eyes to new possibilities. They discovered the power of collective action, the importance of savings, and the potential of government schemes to improve their lives.

With renewed confidence and a strong support system, the SHG members started attending regular meetings, where they not only saved money but also extended internal loans to each other for business purposes. The spirit of camaraderie grew stronger as they helped each other through difficult times, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment.

The CWS animators played a crucial role in their progress. They facilitated the process of obtaining trade licenses, ration cards, pensions, handicap certificates, and other essential documents, ensuring that the SHG members could access the benefits they rightfully deserved. Moreover, CWS provided free tuition for their children, along with annual notebooks and interest-free study loans, paving the way for a brighter future.

Empowered by knowledge and unity, the Mahadev SHG formed a core committee to address their vending challenges, approaching the Rourkela Municipal Corporation for solutions. They became advocates for their own rights, proving that even small voices can make a difference when they come together.

The success story of Mahadev SHG is a testament to the power of collective action and the transformative impact of knowledge and support. It is a beacon of hope for all who strive for a better future, reminding us that even the smallest steps can lead to significant change when taken together.

A Network of Compassion: Bringing Ranjit Home



The tragic loss of Ranjit Ekka, a young man seeking a better life, casts a somber shadow. Yet, within this darkness, a remarkable story of human connection and collaboration shines through.

Ranjit's untimely death far from home left his family in a state of shock and despair. The daunting task of navigating bureaucracy and distance to bring their loved one back seemed insurmountable. But in their hour of need, a network of compassion sprang into action.

The Migration Help Desk in Rourkela, acting as a beacon of hope, reached out to its partners, creating a chain of support that extended across state lines. Miss Rajani Etthadi, a tireless advocate for migrants, became a crucial link, connecting Ranjit's family with an NGO in Ongole ready to assist. Father Manoj Lakara, a pillar of strength in the community, provided unwavering support and guidance.

This collaborative effort transcended geographical boundaries and organizational affiliations. It was a testament to the power of human empathy and the profound impact that can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose.

In the face of immense grief, Ranjit's family also faced the harsh reality of the financial burden associated with bringing their son home. The expenses for the ambulance, travel, and accommodation in Ongole were a heavy weight to bear. Yet, in a heartwarming display of solidarity, financial assistance poured in from various corners. MAINS Delhi, the Catholic Diocese of Rourkela, the Society of the Divine Word, and the Migrant Help Desk Rourkela all stepped forward to ensure that Ranjit's final journey was not hindered by financial constraints.

This collective generosity eased the family's burden and allowed them to focus on grieving and healing. It was a powerful reminder that even in the face of tragedy, there is kindness and support to be found.

While the loss of Ranjit is a tragedy that cannot be undone, the story of his homecoming is a testament to the enduring power of the human spirit and the boundless capacity for compassion. It is a story that will continue to inspire and uplift, reminding us that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope.

A Beacon of Hope: Dominica Mashi's Journey to Recovery



In the small, humble village of Juna Balanda, lived Mrs. Dominica Mashi, a 55-year-old woman who had been struck by the devastating blow of a cerebrovascular accident (CVA). With an intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) leading to CT Hemiparesis, her life took a dramatic turn two years ago. Once an active and vibrant woman, Dominica became completely bedrid

den, unable to speak, stand, or even meet her basic needs without assistance. Her once simple life became a struggle, compounded by the harsh realities of poverty.

Dominica's family, burdened by unemployment and lack of education, found themselves in a desperate situation. With no health insurance and inadequate healthcare services, they were ill-equipped to handle the severity of her condition. Nutrition was scarce and hope seemed even scarcer. But in their darkest hour, a light appeared on the horizon. The Home-Based Palliative Care (HBPC) team, known for their compassion and dedication, visited Dominica. They saw her pain, her struggle, and the overwhelming despair that had settled over her home. They offered their services, and despite their difficult circumstances, the family agreed to place their trust in this team of angels.

Dr. Helen, a beacon of medical expertise and empathy, personally attended to Dominica. After a thorough physical examination, she prescribed essential medications. The HBPC team meticulously explained the importance of taking these medications regularly, ensuring both Dominica and her family understood every aspect of her care.

Despite the hardships, Dominica was unwavering in her faith. She diligently followed the advice of the HBPC team, taking her medications as prescribed, clinging to the hope of a better tomorrow. And slowly, miraculously, her health began to improve.

What once seemed impossible became a reality. Dominica, who had been unable to speak, began to find her voice again. She, who had been unable to sit up, now found herself sitting on her bed, able to stand, and even walk short distances. She began to eat the food placed before her, a simple act that had once been beyond her reach.

Her recovery was nothing short of remarkable. The woman who had once been trapped in a body that refused to cooperate, now expressed her sincere gratitude with every word she spoke. Dominica's heart overflowed with thanks for the HBPC team, Dr. Helen, and all those who had played a part in her journey to health.

AUDIT REPORT

COMMUNITY WELFARE SOCIETY
SEVA SADAN BUILDING
AM-50, BASANTI NAGAR, ROURKELA-12

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

PARTICULARS	Schedule No.	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		₹.	Rs.	₹.	Rs.
LIABILITIES :					
<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>	A	231,217,419.63		196,118,283.62	
<u>Earmarked Fund</u>	B	29,000,000.00		29,000,000.00	
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</u>	C	33,908,457.21		27,257,472.71	
<u>LOANS & LIABILITIES</u>	D	-		-	
TOTAL		₹. 294,125,876.84		252,375,756.33	
ASSETS :					
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	E	80,254,583.45		80,001,514.45	
<u>FIXED DEPOSITS</u>	F	115,726,774.49		98,629,247.00	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES:-</u>	G	75,003,760.39		43,298,726.30	
<u>CASH & BANK BALANCES</u>	H	23,140,758.51		30,446,268.58	
TOTAL		₹. 294,125,876.84		252,375,756.33	

As per our report of
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For AASA AND ASSOCIATES
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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY WELFARE SOCIETY, ROURKELA

COMMUNITY WELFARE SOCIETY
SEVA SADAN BUILDING
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH, 2024

PARTICULARS	Schedule No.	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		₹.	Rs.	₹.	Rs.
INCOME :					
Revenue Receipts	I	242,219,070.84		190,924,955.01	
Other Income	J	23,336,895.00		43,897,447.00	
Interest Income	K	7,965,150.92		5,485,130.06	
TOTAL		273,521,116.76		240,307,532.07	
REVENUE EXPENDITURE					
(a) Education Expenses	L	1,895,484.00		1,554,554.00	
(b) Religious		-		-	
(c) Donation		-		-	
(d) Relief To Poor		16,665,413.16		3,276,941.00	
(e) Yoga		-		-	
(f) Medical Relief		207,894,517.59		175,811,114.71	
(g) General Public Utility		9,230.00		221,743.50	
(h) Prevetion of Enviroment		-		-	
(i) Prevetion of Moumentum		-		-	
		226,464,644.75		180,864,353.21	
Add: Depreciation	E	11,957,182.00		11,624,479.00	
		238,421,826.75		192,488,832.21	
Surplus/Deficit for the Year		35,099,290.01		47,818,699.86	
TOTAL		₹. 273,521,116.76		240,307,532.07	
Surplus/Deficit for the Year b/d		35,099,290.01		47,818,699.86	
Less: Transferred to Earmarked fund		-		29,000,000.00	
Balance Transferred to General Fund		35,099,290.01		18,818,699.86	

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