

SASHAKT



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FROM SPEECH



“All people with disabilities should become active citizens with a positive mindset. Public servants should understand the needs of the people. Sashakt Campaign will help change attitudes to understand the needs of people with disabilities to develop a civil society with equal opportunity. We must identify their skills and abilities and serve the needy with love and understanding.”

**H.H. Paramahansa Prajnanananda Ji Maharaj**  
World Kriya Yoga Guru

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FROM TWEET



“I would like to appreciate the stellar achievements and contributions of persons with disabilities to India’s progress. Their life journeys, their courage and determination is very motivating. The Government of India is actively working to further strengthen infrastructure that empowers persons with disabilities. The emphasis remains on equality, accessibility and opportunity”.

**Shri Narendra Modi**  
Prime Minister of India

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FROM SPEECH



“Dr Mohapatra’s initiatives towards implementation of the new disability laws are laudable. Sashakt Campaign will help in effective implementation of the law. I am inspired by Dr Mohapatra to skill PwDs to live a life with dignity not with charity. Government proposes to link at least 1000 YwDs with employment linked skill development training program.”

**Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**  
Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

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FROM TWEET



“We honour the spirit and determination of people with disabilities and reaffirm our commitment to their empowerment for rights and equality in all spheres of life. They are an important part of society and their contribution to development is significant. We pledge to continue our inclusive initiatives to remove all barriers and inequalities so that they realise their true potential.”

**Shri Naveen Patnaik**  
Chief Minister of Odisha

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## FOREWORD

I begin by acknowledging the power of people, and emphasising the fact that success is a collective effort. Sashakt Campaign is a tribute to collective strength of people with disabilities in conveying a strong message to the society at large, "it is Government's commitment to provide a better life for all, including people with disabilities, who are among the most disadvantaged people of our society and still excluded from all aspect of societal life such as health, education, employment opportunities etc."

Sashakt Campaign is a "multi-level, multi-stakeholder campaign to build awareness on disability issues, the new law and support, for creating an inclusive and accessible Planet Earth." It is the first and unique endeavour in the whole world where people with disabilities, Government, NGOs, DPOs, corporate houses, philanthropic organisations, media and students have come together to create a vibrant campaign and bring "Inclusion" and "Disability Rights" to focus in a society ridden with charity and disability apathy.

Sashakt Campaign aimed to promote an understanding of disability issues, the new laws (CRPD and RPwD Act 2016), and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. Inclusion is about the able and disabled together. Aply, Sashakt campaign calls upon all, Government and society, to act in order to protect the rights and dignity of people with disabilities and, to break down the barriers that prevent the disabled from achieving their full potential.

Sashakt Campaign is an effort at bringing the laws to people in the language they understood. The campaign focussed on youth as the campaigners and, folk art, folk dance and folk music as the tool to disseminate the information.

Sashakt Campaign is pledged to reaching to the last person with disability, in the last village of Odisha in its phases II, III & IV.



**Dr. Sruti Mohapatra**

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Vice Chair Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum

# ABBREVIATIONS

<b>ABDO</b>	Additional Block Development Officers	<b>ICDS</b>	Integrated Child Development Services
<b>ADM</b>	Additional District Magistrate	<b>MKCG</b>	Maharaja Krishna Chandra Gajapati Medical College & Hospital
<b>AOOHWA</b>	All Odisha Orthopaedically Handicapped Welfare Association	<b>NAB</b>	National Association for the Blind
<b>AWW</b>	Anganwadi Workers	<b>NCPEDP</b>	National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People
<b>BDOs</b>	Block Development Officers	<b>NDN</b>	National Disability Network
<b>BGVS</b>	Bharath Gyan Vigyan Samithi	<b>NGOs</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>BSSO</b>	Block Social Security Officer	<b>NIFT</b>	National Institute of Fashion Technology
<b>CBR</b>	Community Based Rehabilitation	<b>NSS</b>	National Service Scheme
<b>CCD</b>	Centre for Collective Development	<b>NYK</b>	Nehru Yuva Kendras
<b>CDMO</b>	Chief District Medical Office	<b>NYP</b>	National Youth Project
<b>CHC</b>	Community Health Centre	<b>OAD</b>	Odisha Association of the Deaf
<b>CRPD</b>	Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<b>OIC</b>	Officer in Charge
<b>CWC</b>	Child Welfare Committee	<b>OSdN</b>	Odisha State Disability Network
<b>CwDs</b>	Children with Disabilities	<b>PwD Act</b>	The Persons with Disabilities Act
<b>CYSD</b>	Centre for Youth and Social Development	<b>PwDs</b>	Persons with Disabilities
<b>DCC</b>	District Development Council	<b>RPwD Act</b>	The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act
<b>DCPO</b>	District Child Protection Officer	<b>RTO</b>	Regional Transport Office
<b>DDRC</b>	District Disability Rehabilitation Centres	<b>SEVA</b>	Society for Environmental Development and Voluntary Action
<b>DFID</b>	Department for International Development	<b>SSA</b>	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
<b>DIPRO</b>	District Information & Public Relations Officer	<b>SSEPED</b>	Social Security & Empowerment of Persons With Disabilities Department
<b>DLAO</b>	District Legal Aid Offices	<b>UNCRPD</b>	United Nation's Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
<b>DPC</b>	Departmental Promotion Committee	<b>UNWFP</b>	United Nations World Food Programme
<b>DPHO</b>	District Public Health Office	<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>DPI</b>	Directorate of Public Instruction	<b>WwDs</b>	Women with Disabilities
<b>DPOs</b>	District Programme Officer	<b>YCDA</b>	Youth Council for Development Alternatives
<b>DRDA</b>	District Rural Development Agency	<b>YLTEP</b>	Youth Leadership Training and Empowerment Program
<b>DSSO</b>	District Social Security Officer	<b>YRC</b>	Youth Red Cross
<b>DSWO</b>	District Social Welfare Officer	<b>YSC</b>	Youth Service Center
<b>DWO</b>	District Welfare Officer	<b>YwDs</b>	Youth with Disabilities
<b>IAS</b>	Indian Administrative Services		

# INTRODUCTION

## BACKGROUND

### Definition of disability

As defined by the World Health Organization Disability “is an umbrella term, covering impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions. Impairment is a problem in body function or structure; an activity limitation is a difficulty encountered by an individual in executing a task or action; while a participation restriction is a problem experienced by an individual in involvement in life situations. Thus disability is a complex phenomenon, reflecting an interaction between features of a person’s body and features of the society in which he or she lives.”

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006), the first legally binding disability specific human rights convention, adopted by the United Nations gives two descriptions of disability. The Preamble to the Convention states that “Disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments, attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.” Again it emphasizes that “Persons with disabilities include those who have long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.” Both the expressions reflect a shift from a medical model to social model of disability.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 abides by the CRPD definition.

### Overview of the population with disability

Persons with disabilities constitute a huge and heterogenous population. Though Census 2011 pegs it as twelve lakhs and forty four thousand in Odisha, considering the underneath facts, there are a minimum of 70-80 lakhs people in Odisha with a disability.

1. RPwD Act in 2016 increased the number of categories from 7 to 21.
2. World Report on Disability 2015, by WHO, pegs the population as 15% of total population of a country/state/village.
3. This is 2021, a decadal growth of population has happened since 2011.

Persons with disabilities are not a homogeneous group; they have different capacities and needs, require different types of assistance or no assistance, and contribute in different ways to their communities. One cannot really speak of them as a group in a meaningful way, except perhaps with respect to the rights that all are accorded under the CRPD guided RPwD Act 2016. Tremendous diversity characterizes the population. The progression of only a few degrees from the eyes to the ears, the ears to the mouth, the hand to the legs, or the mental faculty brings to the more completely different functional challenges, and thus, necessitates completely different accommodation and support system.

### **Why PwD Act 1995 did not have universal applicability in Odisha?**

The best chance of successful use of the law by people is, if everybody is aware of them.

The 1995 PwD Act wasn't widely publicised. It neither has reached the nook and corner of Odisha in the 20 years of its existence, nor has been translated into the various alternate formats and circulated widely.

The endeavour of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995 was to introduce an instrument for promoting equality and participation of persons with disability on the one hand, and eliminating discriminations of all kinds, on the other. The Act covered seven disabilities. The Act spelt out responsibilities of the Government at all levels including establishments under its control. Furthermore, the institution of Chief Commissioner in the Centre and Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in States was done. Their mandate was to redress individual grievances, provide safeguards to the rights of persons with disabilities, monitor implementation of disability related laws, rules and regulations, and oversee utilisation of budget allocated on disability. These quasi-judicial bodies were vested with the powers of a civil court.

However, it was used by a handful of people, only in urban areas, as awareness about the law was abysmally low.

## **SCOPE**

### **CRPD 2006**

#### **Article 8 of the UNCRPD**

##### **1. States Parties undertake to adopt immediate, effective and appropriate measures:**

- a. To raise awareness throughout society, including at the family level, regarding persons with disabilities, and to foster respect for the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities;
- b. To combat stereotypes, prejudices and harmful practices relating to persons with disabilities, including those based on sex and age, in all areas of life;
- c. To promote awareness of the capabilities and contributions of persons with disabilities.

##### **2. Measures to this end include:**

- a. Initiating and maintaining effective public awareness campaigns designed:
  - i. To nurture receptiveness to the rights of persons with disabilities;
  - ii. To promote positive perceptions and greater social awareness towards persons with disabilities;
  - iii. To promote recognition of the skills, merits and abilities of persons with disabilities, and of their contributions to the workplace and the labour market;
- b. Fostering at all levels of the education system, including in all children from an early age, an attitude of respect for the rights of persons with disabilities;
- c. Encouraging all organs of the media to portray persons with disabilities in a manner consistent with the purpose of the present Convention;
- d. Promoting awareness-training programmes regarding persons with disabilities and the rights of persons with disabilities.

## **Rights of Person with Disabilities Act 2016 (RPwD)**

### **RPwD Act Highlights**

The most important statute in RPwD Act 2016 is that the number of recognized disability conditions has been increased from 7 to 21. The new list of recognized disabilities includes three blood disorders (Thalassemia, Hemophilia and Sickle Cell disease). Acid attack survivors have also been included in the list. Intellectual disability, Parkinson's disease, Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism and Autistic Spectrum disorders also find place in the list. This inclusion will help more people to have access to the Government schemes and facilities intended for the welfare of disabled people in India.

The RPwD Act 2016 also provides for creating institutional infrastructure to support the needs of persons with disabilities. Setting up of Special Courts in each district has been mandated. These courts will handle the cases related to the violation of rights of disabled people. In addition, State Governments will setup district-level committees and a separate State Fund for the welfare of PwDs. Similarly, a national level fund will also be set up.

For children with disabilities aged between 6 and 18 years; education will be free.

In an attempt to eliminate discrimination, punishment by imprisonment has been mandated for those who intentionally insults or intimidates with intent to humiliate a person with a disability in any place within public view.

### **Chapter VIII, Section 39 elaborates awareness campaigns.**

1. The appropriate Government, in consultation with the Chief Commissioner or the State Commissioner, as the case may be, shall conduct, encourage, support or promote awareness campaigns and sensitisation programmes to ensure that the rights of the persons with disabilities provided under this Act are protected.
2. The programmes and campaigns specified under sub-section (1) shall also,-
  - a. Promote values of inclusion, tolerance, empathy and respect for diversity;
  - b. Advance recognition of the skills, merits and abilities of persons with disabilities and of their contributions to the workforce, labour market and professional fee;
  - c. Foster respect for the decisions made by persons with disabilities on all matters related to family life, relationships, bearing and raising children;
  - d. Provide orientation and sensitisation at the School, College, University and professional training level on the human condition of disability and the rights of persons with disabilities;
  - e. Provide orientation and sensitisation on disabling conditions and rights of persons with disabilities to employers, administrators and co-workers;
  - f. Ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are included in the curriculum in Universities, Colleges and Schools.

## **Public awareness and understanding of disability rights**

The landmark human rights law in India, Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, calls for the transformation of society in order to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities and their participation on an equal basis with others in all aspects of life. Awareness-raising, access to information and freedom of expression play key roles in this transformative process to remove barriers, particularly those created by stereotypes and negative attitudes embedded obstinately within our cultures and communities.

Busting myths about disability was the core of the awareness campaign by focusing on facts. The campaign debunked some of the most common myths on disability and persons with disabilities:

**MYTH: There aren't many people with disabilities, so it's not really an issue.**

**FACT:** People with disabilities are present in all societies. Many are hidden or excluded from society, either in their homes or in institutions because of social stigma. There may be barriers – physical, attitudinal, legal, regulatory, policy, lack of information in accessible formats – that limit their opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. Furthermore, a disability may not be visible. Some people who have a disability may not even think of themselves as “disabled”.

**MYTH: Disability is a health issue.**

**FACT:** (The adoption of the UNCRPD marked the international agreement to shift from a “medical model” to a “social one”.) Health is important for everyone – whether [one has disabilities] or not. But health is not the only, or in some cases, most important issue. For many people with disabilities, participation in work, education, politics, among other spheres of life, is equally important.

**MYTH: Persons with disabilities are unable to meet performance standards, thereby making them an employment risk.**

**FACT:** Employers of workers [with disabilities] consistently report that, as a group, people with disabilities perform on par or better than their peers [without disabilities] on measures such as productivity, safety and attendance. In addition, people with disabilities are more likely to stay on the job.

**MYTH: Accessibility only benefits people with disabilities.**

**FACT:** Good accessibility benefits everyone. Accessibility is strongly linked to the design of products, devices, services or environments and takes into consideration everyone's needs – whether or not they have a disability.

**MYTH: Considerable expense is necessary to make workplace adjustments for workers with disabilities.**

**FACT:** Making reasonable adjustments in the workplace refers to measures or actions taken by employers to help [persons with disabilities] work or to take part in training on the same basis as individuals [without disabilities]. Most workers with disabilities require no special adjustments and the cost for those who do is minimal or much lower than many employers believe.

Sl. No	Phase	Level	Begining	Culmination
1	Phase 1	Campaign Trail	9 May 2018	20 June 2018
2	Phase 2	District HQs Meeting	April-May 2018	June 2018
3	Phase 3	BBSA Camps	Ongoing	Ongoing
4	Phase 4	Block Hqs	2022-24	2022-24
5	Phase 5	Village	Ongoing	Ongoing

### OSdN conducted the Campaign?

OSdN (Odisha state Disability Network) was founded in 2003 with the notion that - On their own no one can change very much, but by coming together disabled people can have a stronger voice. Campaigning together disabled people can raise awareness, change attitudes, change laws. OSdN is a conglomeration of about 35 NGOs and over 50 individuals with disabilities from across the state. It has regional and district structures. The members come together to raise "United Voices" for achieving various goals.

### A History of Successful Campaign by OSdN

Established in the year 2003, Odisha State Disability Network (OSdN) with its regional and district level structures, has been instrumental in conceptualising the "Single Window Approach" and conduct in Rourkela in 2003, for ease of accessing entitlements at Rourkela which later on became the "Bhima Bhoi Scheme" of the Government. OSdN facilitated the 1st Political convention in 2004-2014 for inclusion of disability issues in respective party manifestos. It initiated CBR intervention in 2004, appointment of independent Disability Commissioner - 2010, designation of Minister as "Minister Disability," formation of the "Disability Directorate" and establishment of separate department for disability i.e. SSEPD 2014-15. The network conducted a successful "Census Campaign" in 2011 leading to Odisha having higher disability percentage (2.9%) as compared to national average of (2.21%).

### Key Persons/Organisers

- ▶ Concept and Blueprint – Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive Officer, Swabhiman

- ▶ Strategic Planning – Mr. Mihir Mohanty, Director Programs, Swabhiman
- ▶ Logo and Artworks – Mr. Veejayant Dash, Faculty NIFT, Freelance Artist and Curator
- ▶ Conductor – Odisha State disAbility Network (Over 130 NGOs and 250 Individuals across Odisha)
- ▶ Supporters – Governments, Corporate Houses, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, Rotary International Dist. 3262, NYP, NYK, NSS, BGVS, NAB, OAD, AOOHWA, NDN, Leprosy Network, Lepra Society Odisha, Prajapita Brahmakumaris, Prajnana Mission and many more.

### Objectives

- ▶ Objective 1 – Awareness on Disability rights
- ▶ Objective 2 – Awareness of CRPD and RPwD Act
- ▶ Objective 3 – Bust myths about disability

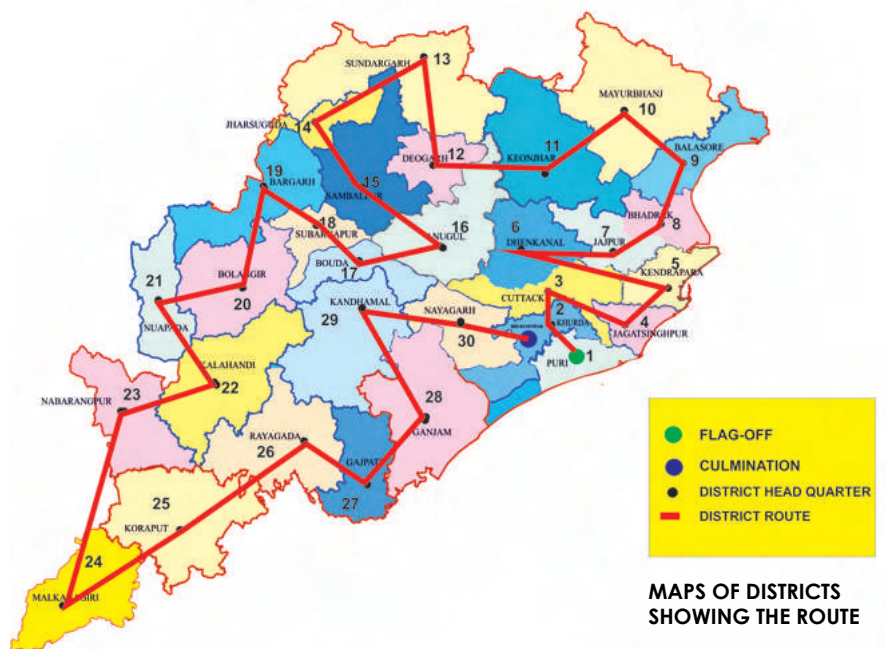
### Activities

- ▶ Public meetings
- ▶ Audio-visual show
- ▶ Photo exhibition
- ▶ Distribution of leaflets and posters
- ▶ Wall painting
- ▶ Talent show by PwDs
- ▶ Press meets
- ▶ Talk shows in TV
- ▶ Articles in print and electronic media
- ▶ Website Posts
- ▶ Posts in Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- ▶ Distribution of posters, flyers, bookmarks, books
- ▶ Sand art
- ▶ Showcasing individuals with extraordinary achievements.

# THE JOURNEY

## Campaign Route

Puri ▶ Khordha ▶ Cuttack ▶  
Jagatsinghpur ▶ Kendrapada ▶  
Dhenkanal ▶ Jajpur ▶ Bhadrak ▶  
Baleswar ▶ Mayurbhanj ▶  
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Kandhamal ▶ Nayagarh



## Sashakt Doot

The Sashakt Doot is an awareness vehicle which was flagged off on 9 May 2018 at Puri and covered 4,100 km across the 30 districts of the state. This campaign included conducting public meetings in 55 blocks and 30 district headquarters, meeting with over 50,000 people. The Sashakt Doot reached Bhubaneswar on 13 June 2018.

### The Campaign Reached:

- ▶ 30 districts of Odisha
- ▶ 50,000 people with disabilities empowered through participation in the campaign
- ▶ 1,00,000 digital and physical footprints
- ▶ 500 articles in media
- ▶ 1,500 Government officials sensitised and more accountable to ensure the rights of PWDs
- ▶ 5,300 km of physical distance



# CAMPAIGNERS

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(Folk Artist)



Suranga Pradhan  
(Dramatist & Director)



Twinkle Biswal  
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# PRESS MEET

7th May 2018  
The Press Club of Odisha  
Bhubaneswar



## AWARENESS DRIVE ON DISABILITY FROM PURI

# Steps to ensure equality

ANWESHA AMBALY

**Bhubaneswar:** A state-wide campaign to create awareness on the disability issues and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, will be launched from Wednesday.

The campaign, Sashakt, will be flagged off from Puri and conclude at Nayagarh on June 13. It aims to promote awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities, knowledge about laws, existing government facilities to society by the Odisha State Disability Network.



A delegate presents an awareness talk in Bhubaneswar.

Picture by Ashwinee Pati

Disability activist Sruti Mohapatra, who is spearheading the campaign, said: "All residents of Odisha have a lot

to offer our society, including those with disabilities, who are often left behind. During the campaign we will focus on inclusion and help everyone in our state live more self-determined and independent lives."

"We have planned to reach one million people by November. An awareness rath, along with a mobile photo exhibition, will move along with the campaign team all across the state," Mohapatra said.

There will be five mass awareness programmes in a day during the campaign in each district area, discussing,

analysing and understanding the law, roles and responsibilities. The campaign song, logo, website, T-shirt, caps, disability posters and badges were launched on Monday.

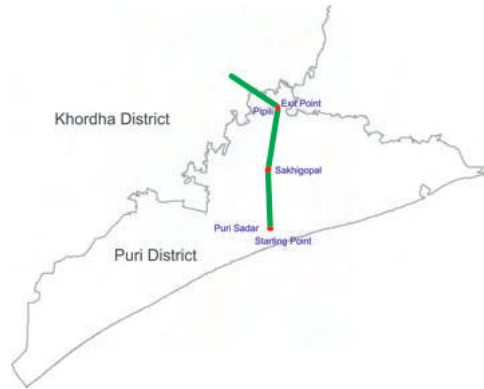
"When the society gives people with disability the opportunity to take part equally, they can be contributing members of community and society. This is a time for the communities to come together, get more involved and become more responsive by embracing people with disabilities," said adviser to the campaign B.K. Mohapatra.





# Campaign Trail

Across Thirty Districts



# PURI

09 May 2018

Puri is a coastal district on the eastern part of Odisha, India. It derives its name from the heritage city of Puri, abode of Lord Jagannath, and one of the four pilgrimage centres of India.

The social media announced the event, a day before, by launching the district art designed by Veejayant Dash and team. The Sashakt Doot (Bus which travelled through Odisha) was flagged off with the blessings of Lord Jagannath, in front of world famous Shri Jagannath Temple. The maiden event was an inclusive street play

which using dance and music brought to fore both the challenges faced by people with disabilities and the rights mandated by the new law (Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016).

The rally reached Town Hall for the district meeting, and was received by Madhab Baral (DSSO, Puri) and a gathering of over 200 people including those with disabilities, their family members, Government Officers and NGO delegates and media representatives. Under the expert guidance of Madhu Bhai, Sashakt team welcomed the



OSdN Partner



Sri Basanta Kumar Mishra  
Secretary, SNDAYP

SNDAYP a grass root level social organization have been working on women empowerment and specially focused upon the disable women in Puri Sadar Block of Puri district, Odisha of India and also working with the rural poor women for their capacity building and empowerment. But we feel that a mass sensitization and lobby & advocacy is required for the upliftment of these weaker section of the society.





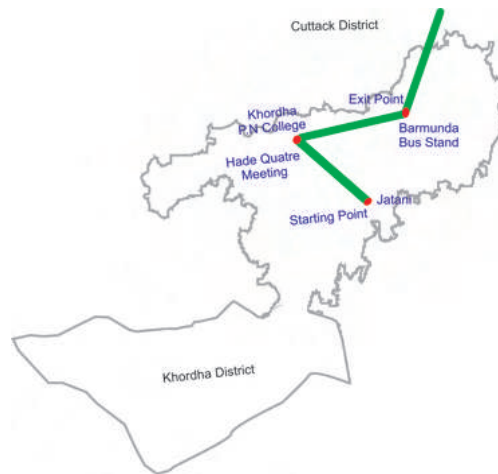
audience with the campaign theme song and a street play relaying the message of individual dignity and equality of rights.

*“The human spirit is one of ability, perseverance and courage that no disability can steal away. Sashakt campaign is a maiden effort in India to take the law to the masses. Let us understand use the law for creating equality in the society. I congratulate Dr. Sruti Mohapatra and her team for this unique effort”.* Maj. Gen. B.K.Mohapatra AVSM (retd) Chairperson Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. The session concluded with local artists

singing the Pala. Pala is a unique form of balladry in Odisha, which combines elements of theatre, Odishi music, highly refined Odia and Sanskrit poetry, wit and humour. It is a song in praise of the Lord. In the meeting, an initial invocation of the divine was followed by singing the RPwD Act and its various statuettes in the Pala style.

On the way to Khordha district the campaign team was greeted and felicitated at Sakhigopal and Pipili with street plays, colourful dances and mass singing.





# KHORDHA

10 May 2018

**K**hordha was born on 1st April 1993, by being carved off Puri district. Khordha, as it was earlier called, is derived from Odia words - "Khura" and "Dhara." It means razor and edge, relating to the valiant soldiers of Khordha (Paikas) who were as sharp and dreadful as the edge of a razor.

The second day of the campaign began with a street play performed by the Sashakt team at Jatani petrol pump

amidst a local crowd which also included Rotary President, Jatani Municipality and Dr. Ashok Panda Rotary nodal person for Sashakt. The district meeting was conducted at Pranath College in the gracious presence of Saroj Kumar Sahoo (Sub Collector, Khordha), Prativa Dash (DSSO, Khordha), Amita Patnaik (DPC SSA), Hemant Kumar Mishra (President of Rotary Club of Jatani) Rtn. Dr. Ashok Panda and campaign team members Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Madhusudan Das



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Dr. Sruti Mohapatra  
Founder and CEO, Swabhiman

Founded in 2001, by TEDx speaker Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Swabhiman is a registered nonprofit, a cross disability organization, advocating for and serving persons with disabilities in Odisha and India. Swabhiman has been in the forefront of several policy changes in India such as new rights based disability law, accessible election and Census.



and Mihir Mohanty among others. The gathering of 350 people included PwDs, parents, YwDs, NGO representatives, teachers, lecturers and Government Officers. Parents of CwDs and YwDs who have reached pinnacle of glory despite of disabilities. YwDs, Sudipta Mishra and Milan Panda, shared their life experiences to inspire others.

*“Youth like us, with physical, mental, intellectual, and/or sensory disabilities, though talented, often face environmental and attitudinal barriers to access and fully participate in home, school, work, and social activities. An attitudinal barrier is an unconscious bias, for someone who does not have a disability, even if the person with a disability is fully qualified for a*

*position. We need additional supports to successfully navigate these barriers and achieve career and life goals consistent with our desires and talents”*

Sahistha Prawin (lawyer and a WwD). Sudipta Mishra (Special Educater and a WwD) Said *“Information on disability awareness and educating people regarding disabilities including creating awareness about disability act among masses is the main aim of Sashakt campaign. The biggest barrier people with disabilities encounter is other people. Sashakt aims at educating people regarding disabilities and giving people the knowledge required to carry out a job or task, thus separating good practice from poor”*.



# ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗଙ୍କୁ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର ଦେଖାଇବା ସମାଜର କାମ

ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୨୭.୯.୧୮ (ପିଏନଏସ) : ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ସାଜିମାନର ସହ କରାଯାଇ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର ତିଆରି କରିବା ବା ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର ଦେଖାଇବା ସମାଜର ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ କାମ ବୋଲି କେହି ପେଟୋଲିୟମ ଓ ପ୍ରାକୃତିକ ବ୍ୟାଧି ଓ ଦୁଃଖଟା ବିକାଶ ମତ୍ତା ଧର୍ମେହି ପ୍ରଧାନ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ସମାପନ ଉତ୍ସବରେ ଯୋଗଦେଇ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରମତ୍ତା ଏହା କହିବା ସହ ପ୍ରଧାନମତ୍ତା ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମୋଦିଙ୍କ ଜନକଲ୍ୟାଣ ଯୋଜନା ସଫଳରେ ସୁଦରା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ।

ଶ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରଧାନ କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ, ଆସନ୍ତା ଜୁଲାଇ ମାସ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ରାଜ୍ୟର ୧୦୦୦ ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ଚାକର ରୁଡି ଅନୁସାରେ ପୁଣିଥଣ୍ଡା ଦିଆଯାଇ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଦୁଃଖଟା ବିକାଶ କରିବା ସହ ସମ୍ମାନର ସହ ବଂଚିବାର ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର ତିଆରି କରିବାକୁ ପଡିବ । ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ୬୦ ଲକ୍ଷ ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ରହିଛନ୍ତି । ସେମାନଙ୍କ ବିକାଶ ପାଇଁ ଚିକିତ୍ସା କରିବାକୁ ପଡିବ । ଏଥିପାଇଁ କାମ କରିବାକୁ ପଡିବ । ସମସ୍ତ ଏକତ୍ର ହେବାକୁ ଚାହୁଁନାନ୍ତି ।

କରିବାର ରହିଛି । ଓଡିଶା ଏକନଗର ହେଲେ ଭାରତ ଏକ ନଗର ହେବ । ୧୯୯୫ ମସିହାରେ ଶିବା ନିୟମକୁ ଆଣିବାକୁ କରି ପ୍ରଧାନମତ୍ତା ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମୋଦି ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ନାମ ଦେଲେ । ତେଣୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ବିକାଶ







# CUTTACK

11 May 2018

The business capital of Odisha, Cuttack derives its name from the anglicized Sanskrit word Kataka, which has two meanings - one being military camp and the other being the seat of government, protected by the army. It also means the fort, referring to the ancient Barabati Fort, around which the city developed.

Sashakt Cuttack chapter, under the dynamic leadership of Maj. Gen. B. K. Mohapatra, brought many organizations together - Ashraya, Sahaya, AASTHA Rehab Care Society,

Bharat Vikash Parishad, Soch, Marwadi Samaj, Rotary, Red Cross Society Cuttack, Ramadevi Sishu Vihar etc. Sashakt Doot carrying the campaign team was welcomed at CDA Cuttack by eminent citizens of Cuttack Ajay Mishra (District Judge), Mrinalini Padhi (Lawyer, High Court) and officials of SSEPD department GoO. The exemplary sand art of Arunima Sinha was made to honour the mountaineer who despite her disability climbed the Mount Everest. The Sashakt Doot moved to Sarala Bhawan Cuttack with slogans of equal opportunity and rights by Sashakt



OsdN Partner



**Sujata Pattanayak**  
Founder and Secretary, Ashraya

ASHRAYA - The Shelter is a childcare institution dedicated to the development and well-being of children afflicted with Mental Disabilities.





Team. The campaigners were received by the district partners at Sarala Bhawan with great pomp and show.

Bharat Vikash Parishad felicitated the campaign team. The district meeting was addressed by many including Maj. Gen. B. K. Mohapatra, Dr Minati Behera (Disability Commissioner), Ajay Mishra (DPC), Gadadhar Behera (Additional District Collector) along with along with few others.

Sashakt Doot was next welcomed by the Youth Club along with Gopal Krishna Behera (Mahanadi Vihar Development Association Chief) at Mahanadi Vihar. In the evening, visit to the Satyabadi Press of Samaj, the premium daily newspaper, was made to pay tributes to the efforts made by the great freedom fighter and founder of the Odia Daily Newspaper, Pandit Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das. Homage was paid by singing a song in honour of the great man.





# JAGATSINGHPUR

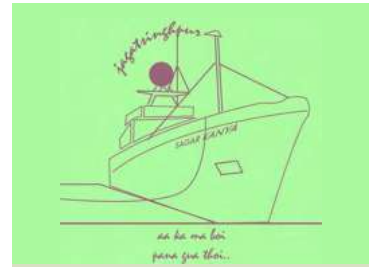
14 May 2018

Enriched with glorious cultural heritage Jagatsinghpur district was carved out of Cuttack in 1993. It figured in the history of Odisha, remarkably known as Hariharpur during the advent of the East India Company. It is recognized due to its close proximity of River Mahanadi, Bay of Bengal, and Paradip port.

The Sashakt team started the day at Jagatsinghpur with a street play based on Rights of PwD Act 2016 was performed by the campaigners at Thakurpindi. A crowd of about 70 people along with BSSO Sarat Chandra Maharana, Project Assistant Skill Development

Surendranath Sathpathy and Sarpanch Jyotsnarani Behera were present.

District meeting was held at Sanskruti Bhawan where over 500 people had congregated. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra explained about the society's changing attitude towards disability and motivated all to collect disaggregated disability data. The DPC and DSSO Laxmidhar Sahoo along with Government Officers adorned the dais. Prafulla Kumar Khandayat, five time gold medalist in fencing, addressed the audience and shared how he defied his disability.



OSdN Partner



**Bikash Chandra Manna**  
President, Sneha Abhiyan

Sneha Abhiyan is a non-profit organisation, established in 2010 that works primarily in the domain of Gender, Water, Education, Tourism, Tribes, Sports, Right to Information & Advocacy, Governance, Energy & Environment, Human Rights, Health, Disaster Management, Specially Abled, Child & Youth Development, Agriculture and Senior Citizens. Its primary office is in Jagatsinghpur, Odisha.





Prafulla Kumar Khandayat (Wheelchair Fencing Player)

“My disability helped me to cultivate patience and channelize my anger towards constructive work this helped me in keeping my focus, understanding my opponents moves and win the matches.”

Pala (the 400-years-old popular folk theatre of Orissa) led by Abhimanyu Nayak and his partners performed the highlights RPwD Act 2016 which was greatly appreciated by all. On their way out the Sashakt campaign team halted at Erasama for a short program and then proceeded to Kendrapada.



### ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମତା ଅଧିକାରକୁ ସଶକ୍ତ ଉପରେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ

ଭାରତୀୟ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ୨୦୧୬ (ଆ.ପା.) ଦ୍ୱାରା ପ୍ରଦତ୍ତ ଆକ୍ଟ ୨୦୧୬ ଉପରେ ଆଧାରିତ ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମତା ଅଧିକାରକୁ ସଶକ୍ତ ଉପରେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ଉପରୋକ୍ତ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରାଯାଇଛି ।

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### Odisha State disAbility Network, Jagatsinghpur Chapter Presents

**SASHAKT**

Campaign Empowerment

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# KENDRAPADA

15 May 2018

Kendrapada District is well known as the Tulasi Khetra. Epics unveil the fact that Lord Balaram killed Kandarasura here. Then he married his daughter Tulasi and settled here. Since then the place is known as Kendrapada.

The campaign team received a warm welcome at Marshaghai block Government College by the college officials and DSSO. The same warmth and reception was observed at Juna Chak and Balia Block where an audience of 250 people was present including Chitaranjan Behera (local

Sarpanch). Campaign team performed both the campaign song and a street play. A special bike rally was arranged to spread the message of disability rights, dignity and inclusion in front of Baladevjew temple. After flagging off, the rally moved towards Kendrapada Collectorate. On the way college students stood in small groups distributing "dahi paani" to the campaigners, offering them a soothing feel in summer season.

A warm reception took place at the Collectorate. The Sashakt Tree was planted by the Collector following

OSdN Partner



**Biraja Routray**  
Member, Punarbasa

Punarbasa an Organisation for the help & rehabilitation of physically challenged and working on Key Issues of Differently Aabled, Aged/Elderly, Legal Awareness & Aid, Vocational Training.





which the rally moved towards community hall. In the district meeting an audience of over 500 people and several dignitaries including Shri Reghu G (District Collector), Baishnab Charan Sahoo (CDMO), Biraja Pati (Founder of Nature Club), Madhusudan Das (State Convener of NYP), Pravas Chandra Das (DSSO) were present.

*“No one will be left behind in the district and all support will be provided to PwDs as per their rights and law of the new Act”*

- Shri Reghu G. IAS, Collector, Kendrapada

### ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ ରଥର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା ପରିକ୍ରମା



କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା, ୧୫.୫ (ବି.ପ୍ର): କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା ଜିଲ୍ଲାରେ ରାଜ୍ୟସଭାର ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ ଓ ସଶକ୍ତ ବୃତ୍ତ ରଥ ପରିକ୍ରମା ସଚେତନତା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଆଜି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି । ରାଜ୍ୟ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଓ ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ବିଭାଗ ଅନୁକୂଳ୍ୟରେ ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ଅଧିକାର ଅଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ ସାଥୀରେ ସାଧନ ପ୍ରସାର ଓ ପ୍ରସାର ତଥା ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସମାଜର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ସାମିଲ କରି ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଜଣେ ଜଣେ ଭଲମାନ ନାଗରିକଭାବେ ଗଠିବୋଲିବା ଏହି ଅଭିଯାନର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ । ଦେଶ୍ୱ ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ସମଗ୍ର ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ପ୍ରସାରିତ ହେବାକୁ ପ୍ରଥମେ ପୁରୀର ବଡ଼ବଜାରୁ ବୋଲିଥିଲେ ତାହାହିଁ ଏହି ସଶକ୍ତ ବୃତ୍ତ ରଥ ଆଜି କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା ଜିଲ୍ଲାରେ ପାରିଷଦ ଘରରେ ସେହି ରଥରୁ ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ସଂଗ୍ରହ ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣତା ଓ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଶ୍ରୀ ବନବେଦନାଳୟ ଉପବାସରେ ସ୍ୱୀକୃତି ପ୍ରଦାନପାଇଁ । ଏହାପରେ ଏହି ସଚେତନତା ରଥ ବନ୍ଦେଇ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ଅଧିକାରୀ ପ୍ରଭାସ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଦାସଙ୍କ ସମ୍ମୁଖରେ ଏକ ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ସଚେତନତା ସଭା ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଜିଲ୍ଲାପାଳ ରଘୁଜୀ ଏହି ସଭାରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅତିଥିଭାବେ ସଶକ୍ତ ବୃତ୍ତ ରଥରୁ ସମାଜରେ ସୁଚଳା ଦେଇ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟମାନଙ୍କ ଉନ୍ନତିପଥରେ ଏହି ରଥ ନୂତନ ଆନ୍ଦୋଳ ଦେଖାଇବ ବୋଲି ବହିଷ୍କରେ । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ଜିଲ୍ଲାପାଳ ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନରେ ସାମିଲ ହୋଇଥିବା ସ୍ୱେଚ୍ଛାସେବୀ ସମାଜ ଚାନ୍ଦ, ଦେବୁଣି କରକେନ୍ଦ୍ର ବିରଜା ରାଉତରାୟ, ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଅଧିକାରୀ ପ୍ରଭାସ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଦାସ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟତମ ସ୍ୱେଚ୍ଛାସେବୀ ବିରଜା ପତିଙ୍କୁ ସମର୍ଥନ କରିଥିଲେ । ଉତ୍ସବରେ ରାଜ୍ୟସଶକ୍ତ ପ୍ରସାରର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଡ଼ାକ୍ତର ମହାପାତ୍ର, ସଂସଦାଳୟ ମିହିର ମହାନ୍ତି, ମଧୁସୂଦନ ଦାସ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଏହି ସଭାରେ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ ବେଳା ସେଣ୍ଟର (ରଥ) ରାଜ୍ୟ ପରିକ୍ରମା ସମାଜରେ ସୁଚଳା ଦେଇଥିଲେ । ଜିଲ୍ଲାମୁଖ୍ୟ ବିକିପ୍ତା ଅଧିକାରୀ ଡ଼ାକ୍ତର ଦେବୀ ପାତ୍ର ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସଭା





# DHENKANAL

16 May 2018

Centrally located on the geo-political map of Odisha, Dhenkanal District owes its name to a Savara chief named 'DHENKA' who formerly ruled over in this area.

At Dhenkanal, the Sashakt team was welcomed by the local organization Aira, ISWO Charitable Trust, Rotary International and Bishnu Charan Das (DSSO). Even in the blazing summer heat, a rally was conducted towards the Collector office where 500 people

participated. As per the campaign tradition, the street play and campaign song was performed.

The district meeting took place at Municipality Kalyan Mandap. The meeting began with exhibition of RPwD Act materials and posters. Plantation of "Baula" tree – campaign tree was done. work to remember the day. Apart from DPC, DSSO and Rotary Club President, CDMO addressed the audience.



"ନୁହେଁ ବନ୍ଧୁ, ନୁହେଁ ଏହା ତିନା,  
ଏ ଦେଶ ତିନିଠି ତଳେ  
ଏ ଅଲିଙ୍ଗ ମୁକତି ସଳିତା।"

OSdN Partner



Dr.Suresh Kumar Panda  
Secretary, AIRA

AIRA a frontline rural based NGO started its journey since 1986. The formation of the NGO was inspired by the devotion and social work spirit of an untimely lost village youth named "Arun" as well as the horrific experience of a survivor, the team leader and founder of AIRA from biggest tornado that hit Bandhaguda in Keonjhar district of Odisha during 1980s.



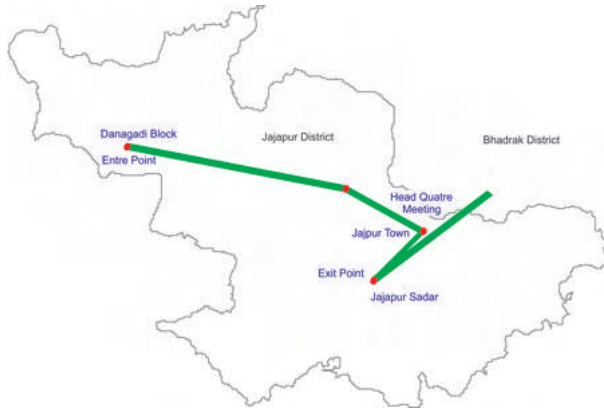


Program concluded with folk artists performing Dasakathia play to create awareness among public regarding RPwD Act 2016. 'Dasakathia' is one of the existing trend of folk dramas like Yatra (plays), Lila, in the path of development of Odia drama. 'Daskathi' was born for the purpose of adoration of Lord Rama. The meaning of Daskathi is a stick of Das' (slave), i.e., "The stick by which Hanuman, could satisfy his dear Lord Rama's heart. Education, voting rights and employment are the important aspects for the PwDs inclusion. The enthusiasm

shown by Sashakt Team is great. It is them who have taken the responsibility to make the dream to live in a society free from the ills of discrimination and prejudices come true," said Harshavardhan Singhdeo (President Rotary Club of Dhenkanal). "OSdN is a great platform, wide network and is doing a great work advocating on different issues and is a great support to the PwDs. With the leadership of Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, we are able to build a wide network and make things possible at the policy level."







# JAJPUR

17 May 2018

Jajpur is an ancient city. It finds to be mentioned in Indian mythology texts and the Puranic literatures alike where it is referred to as Viraja and Baitarini Tirtha, one of the most important tirthas of India. The place has also been described in the Kapilasamhita, Brahmanda Purana, Vayu Purana, Brahma Purana, Tantrachintamani, Astapithamahatmaya and Chaitanya Charitamrita.

In the morning of 17th May, the Sashakt team visited the CHC square of Jajpur where they performed the

campaign song, distributed leaflets regarding RPwD Act 2016 and did a street play before an audience of around 200 people.

The grand meeting took place at the Sanskruti Bhawan where people were initially briefed about the campaign; the mission to reach 10 Lakh people and the purpose of the campaign. Dignitaries such as Phanindra Panigrahi (CDMO), Brajagopal Acharya (DRDA) and Chakrdhar Sutar (BSSO) were present for the event. As part of the campaign



OSdN Partner



**Sk Abdul Safique**  
Secretary, Lok Bikash

Lok Bikash is a non-governmental organization (NGO) working in Orissa, India. Established in the year 1992. Lok Bikash works in the area of Advocacy and Research, Dalit Welfare, Disaster Management, Education & Literacy, Environment and natural resource management, Housing and shelter, Labour and Employment, Legal Awareness & Aid, Micro Finance (SHGs), Panchayati Raj, Right to Information & Advocacy, Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, Womens Development and Empowerment, etc.





tradition, a wall was painted with Sashakt logo and a "Baula" tree was planted.

The exhibition on RPwD Act posters and the RPwD Act in alternate formats grew big crowds. Over 30 sets were distributed to NGOs and government functionaries. The 15 posters highlighted 15 aspects like

categories of disabilities, equality and discrimination, education, employment, etc. Posters are designed using the famous "Patachitra Art" of Odisha.

Program concluded with a "Chadhei-Chadheiani" folk dance where artists danced to the song based on RPwD Act 2016.

### ଭିକ୍ଷଣ ଅଧିକାର ଆଇନ ସଚେତନତା ରଥ



ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ନଗରପାଳିକାରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିଥିବା ଭିକ୍ଷଣ ଅଧିକାର ଆଇନ ସଚେତନତା ରଥ।  
**ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୧୬/୫/୧୮ (ବି.ଏନ.ଏ.)**  
 ଭିକ୍ଷଣ ଅଧିକାର ଆଇନ-୨୦୧୬କୁ ବ୍ୟାପକ ପ୍ରଚାର ପ୍ରସାର କରିବା ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ କୁସାବରୀ ବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ରଥ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ନଗରପାଳିକାରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିଥିଲା । ସାହିଯାନ ନମାକ ଏକ ସ୍ୱେଚ୍ଛାସେବୀ ସଂଗଠନର ସଦସ୍ୟା ସଦସ୍ୟାମାନେ ଉକ୍ତ ରଥରେ ଆସି 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ନାମକ ଉକ୍ତ ଆଇନର ପ୍ରଚାର କରିବା ପୂର୍ବକ ସଚେତନତା ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିଥିଲେ । ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଚଳପତ୍ତି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ସାମଗ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ନଗରପାଳିକାରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିଥିବା ଭିକ୍ଷଣ ଅଧିକାର ଆଇନ ସଚେତନତା ରଥ ପ୍ରଥମ ଥର ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା ।





# BHADRAK

18 May 2018

**B**hadrak District is an Administrative District of Odisha state in eastern India. It came into existence on 1st April 1993. This District has a rich heritage and history. According to legends, it derives its name from the Goddess Bhadrakali, whose temple stands on the bank of the river Salandi.

The journey to Bhadrak was very welcoming with people waiting with flowers, refreshments and one meeting with a gathering of over 150 people. An interesting episode was a 70 year old woman who had walked 65 kms to see and touch

Sruti Mohapatra. Humbled Sruti hugged the woman to her bosom. Sashakt team performed the street play and campaign song followed by a brief session on discussion about the campaign.

The next morning, i.e. on 18 May, the campaign started with a bike rally which was organized by the DSSO Bhadrak, and OSdN partner Akshaya Sahoo's organization. The presence of several government functionaries like Gitarani Mohapatra (BSSO), Birendra Kumar Das (ABDO) and Mukundadeb Samal (Sarapanch) was encouraging. The rally reached



OSdN Partner



Akshaya Kumar Sahoo  
Secretary, PJS

In 1999, a group of young & dedicated youths joined in the organization with missionary spirit to sustain the initiative of Pragati Jubak Sangha. The year 2000 witnessed a sea change brought about in organizational structure and policy development. Since then it has been working with planned approach and strategy to redress the problems of the weaker community and facilitate integrated development of the under developed pockets in the state of Odisha.





# BALESWAR

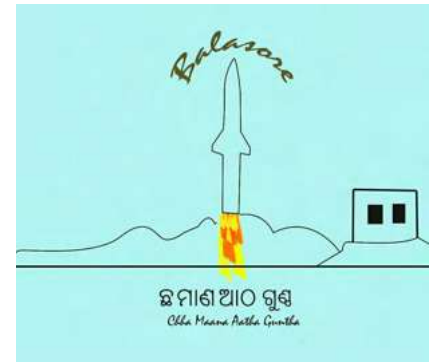
19 May 2018

**B**aleswar, a coastal District, lies on the northern most part of the state. It was a part of the ancient Kalinga which later became a territory of Toshali or Utkal, till the death of Mukunda Dev. Baleswar was created in October 1828. Originally it was in Bengal Presidency.

In the morning of 19th May, the Sashakt team received a warm welcome at Baleswar by the members of Youth Red Cross, L. N. Art Cooperative Society, Manav Utthana Seva Sansthan, Priyabrata Padhi



(Tahasildar), Naredra Kumar Jena (Sub Inspector, Soro Police). Even the blistering heat with temperature over 40 degree celsius, couldn't weaken the tenacity of a crowd of over 100 people who were present for the rally. The campaign song was performed and the leaflets were distributed on the way towards the Town Hall of Baleswar where the meeting was held. The district program was graced by the Member of the Parliament, Rabindra Kumar Jena and the Collector along with many other



OSdN Partner



Pranab Kumar Sahu  
Secretary, YDP

Youth Development Project is a non-governmental organization established in 1993. The organization is operational in Baleswar, Odisha, India. Youth Development Project works in the area of Disability. The NGO works towards the promotion of sustainable development.





dignitaries. They felicitated achievers with disabilities including Jayanta of Soro.

Alok Sahoo (Chairman of Baleswar Municipality) extended his support for the cause and conveyed the fact that they are focusing to provide tricycles to PwDs who have limited physical mobility.

“We need to nurture the different qualities of the disabled children in order to make a better life for them” added Dr. Sruti Mohapatra.

In the end, the Dasakathia folk song was performed by Sitaladebi Daskathia Parishad which marked the end of the day at Baleswar.

**ବାଲେଶ୍ଵରରେ ସ୍ଵାଭିମାନ ରଥ 'ସମର୍ଥ'କୁ ସ୍ଵାଗତ**  
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# MAYURBHANJ

21 May 2018

**M**ayurbhanj occupies a unique position being endowed with lush green vegetation, different fauna and rich cultural heritage. The district has a rich mineral base and is home to the Similipal Biosphere.

On 21st May, the team was welcomed at Saheed Smruti Bhawan, Baripada. The district level meeting was held to spread the awareness regarding the RPwD Act 2016. Bike rally was conducted with the support of district administration and local

social organizations from Palabani square to meeting hall. Gangadhar Nayak (ADM) presided over the meeting as Chief Guest along with Naresh Chandra Bindhani (DSSO), Mihir Mohanty (Chief Coordinator, Sashakt), Mamatamayee Biswal (DCPO), Ranjan Mishra (District Employment Officer), Krupasindhu Behera (DSSO), Niranjan Nayak (District disability and media coordinator), Usha Satpathy (NSS representative), Dilip Bhoi (YRC representative), Ranjit Mohapatra (Secretary, Sadhana) OSdN district



OSdN Partner



**Ranjit Kumar Mohapatra**  
Director & Secretary, Sadhana

Sadhana (Society for Action in Disability and Health Awareness) is a registered Non-Government Organization working with marginalized persons of the society, especially, persons with disability, with an aim to promote inclusive communities where every person irrespective of caste, creed, gender, religion, economic status, ability and disability are valued and provided space for realization of their full potential.





partner, among others. The session was conducted and organized by Dr. Dayasindhu Parida (District Emergency Officer). Talks about availing of equal opportunities and rights were discussed throughout the session. Towards the end of the session Ranjit Mohapatra Founder (Director & Secretary, Sadhana) was felicitated for his effort and selfless services as a medium of change and ray of hope for PwDs.

In Bankishola, a huge people's meeting was organised by Sadhana. Hundreds of people from nearby villages gathered to listen to campaigners, ask questions and resolve the issues

of day to day living including education, certification, livelihood etc. Before departing for the next district the local people with traditional dress up and musical instruments performed tribal dance to encourage the Campaign Team. Ranjit Kumar Mahapatra (Director, Secretary, Sadhana) said, "Sashakt campaign has been designed to create awareness about laws and the rights of persons with disabilities. It is an attempt for an Equal India, Inclusive India and an India where differences are accepted and diversity celebrated. OSdN is a powerful platform to create inclusion in society".







# KEONJHAR

22 May 2018

The whole District of Keonjhar was a princely state before its merger with Odisha in 1948. History reveals that a part of the old Khijjinga territory with headquarters at Khijjinga Kota is identified with modern Khiching.

The morning of 22nd May started with Sashakt Team performing street play and Sashakt campaign song at Patna bazar in the presence of around 200 people. The formal meeting sessions were conducted at the Town Hall, Kaliapada where people

including CwSN with parents, YwDs, NGO activists, teachers and other stakeholders were part of the sessions. Gyanaranjan (Reporter, Samaj) said *"The government departments need to work together in solving the problems of PwDs"*. Jayakrushna Barik (DSSO) explained about the age for applying for the disability certificates and available government and central government facilities. Bijayanath Kapoor (Rotarian) said, *"PwDs are no different from us they have the same rights like a common human*



OSdN Partner



Chandni Prasad Pattnaik  
Secretary, Sadbhabana

Sadbhabana is a non-governmental organization (NGO) working in Orissa, India. Established in the year 2005, Sadbhabana works in the area of Advocacy and Research, Dalit Welfare, Education & Literacy, Environment and Natural Resource Management, Health & Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Legal Awareness & Aid, Panchayati Raj, Right to Information & Advocacy, Rural Development & Poverty Alleviation, Sports, Tribal Welfare, Vocational Training, Womens Development & Empowerment, Youth Affairs, etc.





being as all are equal, so we shouldn't discriminate them. It is the sole responsibility and work of the duty bearer to provide all kind of support as mentioned in the RPwD Act 2016". Purna Chandra Sethi (DPC) recited a poem to honour the divyangs. Mr. Sethi said, "It's time to spread

the message and create more awareness among the non disabled people of the society, Because attitudinal barriers is a big factor of change in the holistic development of PwDs". All need to focus on creating a barrier free society with no discrimination and equal opportunity, he concluded.





# DEOGARH

23 May 2018

The district of Deogarh was carved out of the erstwhile larger Sambalpur district of Odisha on the 1st of January 1994. The literal English translation of Deogarh is "Abode of Divinity". A larger portion of the erstwhile Bamanda or Bamra State constitute Deogarh district. The State of Bamanda (Bamra) acceded to the Union of India on 1st January 1948.

On 23rd of May, the District administration welcomed Sashakt team with traditional drum bands.

Sashakt Team performed the Campaign song to aware the public about RPwD Act of 2016 and slogans besides leaflets were distributed among the general public. The campaign rally was really memorable as it covered the city like a wave and around 200 people attended it. The rally was conducted towards Indoor Stadium, Deogarh in the presence of Purna Chandra Pathi (Collector), Dharam Hansda (ADM), V. Ekka (PDDRDA), Jagannath Mudi (DSSO), Arshu Tudu (DSWO), Chandan Sahoo

OSdN Partner



Anupama Rout  
Secretary, JEETA

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A non profit Women LED  
Grass root level Organization  
working in Angul and  
Debagada District of Odisha





(District Sports Officer), Romeo Mohapatra (DCPO), Rabinarayan Shi (SP), Bijay Mishra (DIPRO) and Dilip Guru (DCC).

An inclusive song competition was held followed by Sashakt Campaign song by the team. In the end the winners were given cash prizes declared by the Collector, Purna Chandra Pathi said, the district administration

will provide all kind of help to the PwDs. The time has changed and the more we spread awareness among the people the gaps will be bridged. In the end District Disability Association, President was felicitated by Swabhiman.

Tree plantation was done in the campus to remember the Campaign and as a symbol of Divyang Rights.

# ସ୍ଵାଭିମାନ ରଥ 'ସଶକ୍ତ'କୁ ସ୍ଵାଗତ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା

ଦେବଗଡ଼, ୨୩/୫ (କମିଆ) - ସ୍ଵାଭିମାନ ରଥ 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗରେ ଏକ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଆୟୋଜନ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ 'ସ୍ଵାଭିମାନ' ଭାବରେ ପରିଚିତ ଏକ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଆୟୋଜନ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ 'ସ୍ଵାଭିମାନ' ଭାବରେ ପରିଚିତ ଏକ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଆୟୋଜନ କରାଯାଇଛି ।

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# SUNDERGARH

24 May 2018

Sundergarh District was constituted on the 1st January, 1948, out of the two ex-States of Gangpur and Bonai, which merged with Odisha on that day. True to its name this “beautiful” district has about 43 percent of its total area under forest cover and numerous colourful tribes dotting its landscape.

As the Sashakt Doot entered Sundergarh district, Bhagabati Nayak (Kasada block Sarapanch) welcomed the Sashakt team at Panposh, Rourkela. A huge group of people led by OSdN partner Kartik Chandra Pandab, stood on the

roadside with flowers, refreshments, welcome placards and slogans. The team performed campaign song and distributed leaflets regarding RPwD Act. Subsequently, a rally took place during which the members of Marwadi Mahila Manch provided refreshments. There was a gathering of around 150 people. At Udit Nagar, e-Library, a formal meeting with audience over 300 in number, was presided over by Rashmi Panda, IAS, RMC Commissioner and CEO Smart City. She said that utmost priority is being given to construct public building which are accessible for PwDs in the smart city.



OSdN Partner



Kartik Chandra Pandab  
Secretary, SHRADHA

SHRADHA is a Social Organisation for Welfare of Mentally Challenged, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Multiple disable. SHRADHA, a Non-Governmental Organization is located in Rourkela, Odisha.

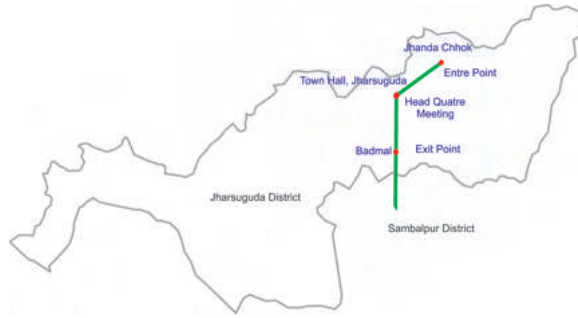




Next day, a colorful street play and campaign song was performed at the Radha Krishna Temple square which saw a huge gathering. On reaching Rajgangpur, the team received a vibrant welcome by the local partner, Dr. Dalwinder Singh Bhangu (HOPE President), Sabyasachi Samal (Secretary), Khageswar Patra (BDO) and Lalat Kumar Luha (Tahasildar) in a grand procession with traditional drums, dance and folk songs. District meeting was organized at Madri Kalo Bhawan where the ADM Manisha Bose and RMC

Commissioner joined. Kartik Chandra Pandab (Secretary of Shradha) Convenor OSdN West said, "For the first time in Odisha as well as in India that such a campaign is taking place to spread awareness about disability rights". He further added, "The Sashakt Doot, as a messenger of RPwD Act and Disability Rights has been successful in making society aware about law and the hard work done by the team is highly commendable." A tree was planted as a part of campaign tradition to commemorate the occasion.





# JHARSUGUDA

25 May 2018

**M**ineral rich District, Jharsuguda is one of the most industrially developed District of Odisha. Jharsuguda District was established on 1st January, 1994. earlier it was a part of Sambalpur District. It was created by amalgamation of the erstwhile zamindaris of Rampur, Kolabira, Padampur and Kudabaga.

On 25th May, Sashakt team started the campaign day at the collectorate square where

the campaign song and street play was performed by the team. Around 150 people were present during the occasion. The district level meeting took place at the Assembly of God, Conference Hall where CwSN with parents, youth, NGOs, activists and teachers were present. Anandini Padhi (District Partner), Sunanda Maharana (DCPO) and Brajabandhu Bhoi (Sub-Collector) were present among others. Anandini Padhi (District Partner) said *"It's a*



OSdN Partner



Anandini Rout  
Director, SEHADA

Socio Economic Health & Agricultural Development Association (SEHADA) is a non-government, not-for-profit organization, founded by a group of grass root level women activists has the core objective of organizing people for ensuring women rights, social justice and promote community development. SEHADA established on 25th December 1989.



## ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ ଦଳକୁ ସ୍ୱାଗତ



ଝାରସୁଗୁଡ଼ା, ୨୫/୫(ଶନିବାର): ଛତ୍ରପତିପୁର ସ୍ଥିତ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟମାନ ସେବାସେବା ସଂଗଠନ ଓ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଓ ଭିତ୍ତିଭିତ୍ତି ନିର୍ମାଣ ମିଳିତ ଆନୁରୋଧରେ ଆସିଥିବା ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ ଦଳକୁ ଜିଲ୍ଲାପାଳଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ ଠାରେ ସ୍ୱାଗତ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା। ଚଳଣିରେ ଆସିଥିବା ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ମାଳଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଏକ ପ୍ରଥମାଞ୍ଚ ନାଟକ ପରିବେଷଣ ପରେ ଶ୍ରୀରାମପୁରଠାରେ ସେହେଡ଼ା ସେବାସେବା ସଂଗଠନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଏମାନଙ୍କୁ ଏକ ଶୋଭାଯାତ୍ରାରେ ନିଆଯାଇଥିଲା। ଜିଲ୍ଲା କଲେକ୍ଟର ଠାରେ ଏହେମି ଅଫ୍ ଉପ ପରିସରରେ ଏକ ପଦା ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା। ଉପକ୍ରମିକାରେ ବ୍ରଜବନ୍ଧୁ ଭୌ, ଡା. ମନୋଜ ପତି, ଜିଲ୍ଲା କର୍ମ ବିଯୋଜକ ଅଧିକାରୀ ସଂକୁଳମାଳୀ ପାଠ, ଶ୍ରୀ ଶ୍ରୀ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଅଧିକାରୀ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ମହାପାତ୍ର, ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଅଧିକାରୀ ସୁରକ୍ଷା କିଶୋରୀ, ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ମହାପାତ୍ର ପଦାଧିକାରୀ ପ୍ରକାଶ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର, ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ ଦଳର ସଂଯୋଜିକା ତଥା ସେହେଡ଼ା କର୍ମଚାରୀ ଆନନ୍ଦିନୀ ପାଠୀ ଅତିଥି ଥିଲେ। ଅଭିଯାନର ରାଜ୍ୟ ଆନୁଷ୍ଠାନିକ ଉପକ୍ରମାପାତ୍ର, ରାଜ୍ୟ ସଂଯୋଜକ ମିହିର ମହାନ୍ତି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ପରିଚାଳନା କରିଥିଲେ। ସଭାରେ ଭିତ୍ତିଭିତ୍ତି ଅଧିକାରୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ୨୦୧୬ ଉପରେ ଆଲୋଚନା ହୋଇଥିଲା। ଏଥିରେ କିଛି ସେବାସେବା ଆଂଶପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ହେଉଥିଲେ।



*matter of great honor and pride that such a noble step has been taken which no one ever thought of conducting such a mass campaign to spread awareness about Rights and Empowerment of the PwDs". Sunanda Maharana (DCPO) said, "Getting pension is not everything for a person with disability rather making way for them to get their rights and live in society with dignity and equality". Brajabandhu*

*Bhoi (Sub-Collector) said, "There are several examples of great men and women who defeated their disability and set examples for the society; like Luis Braille and Helen Keller." In the end, Sruti Mohapatra said, "The concerned departments shouldn't only talk about the disabilities but also link the policies and schemes provided under RPwD Act for their proper implementation".*







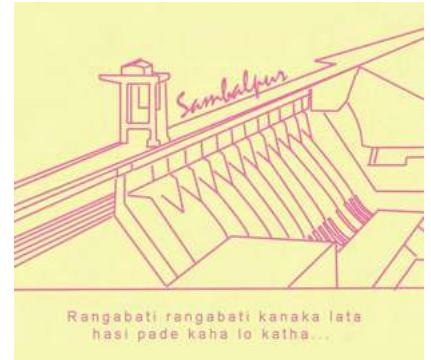
# SAMBALPUR

26 May 2018

Famous for its Sambalpuri saree, it is a western district of Odisha. The District has a history full of events including Indian freedom struggle. Sambalpur is mentioned in the book of Ptomely as Sambalaka on the river Manada. It was subsequently divided into four separate Districts, Bargarh was separated in 1993, Jharsuguda and Deogarh Districts in 1994.

On 26th May, the Sashakt team received a grand welcome by Samartha Varma (Collector) and Prasanta Patjoshi (Utsarga

Coordinator) near the Samaleswari Temple. Then, a beautiful bike rally took place and the team moved towards the Tapaswini auditorium, where the district level meeting took place. Mihir Mohanty (Coordinator of Sashakt) briefed the audience and several dignitaries about the campaign's mission to reach 314 blocks of Odisha. Sitanshu Tripathi (DLAO) talked about the progress of the noteworthy initiative taken by the Collector of setting up a district disability rehabilitation centre in



OSdN Partner



Ashok Kumar Panigrahi  
Founder, SARC

Social Action for Rural Community (SARC), a grass root community based non profit voluntary organisation evolved in the year 1996 in a tribal village of Budulapali in Kuchinda Block of Sambalpur District for the socio economic upliftment of disadvantaged tribal and rural communities.





Sambalpur and how successful it has become in providing services to the PwDs. Ajay Kumar Swain (ADM) vowed to make the district offices and other public places accessible for the disabled. Dipti Dash (PWD), social activist thanked OSdN for the initiative. She said, *“Accessibility is the first priority to provide a disabled friendly environment to the PwDs.”*

DSSO, Sanghamitra Mohapatra also spoke. Then the district administration felicitated the entire Sashakt team followed by a cultural dance program of western Odisha. In the evening, a small gathering took place at the Regional Disability Office where a tree was planted as a part of campaign tradition and to mark the end of the campaign day at Sambalpur.



# ANGUL

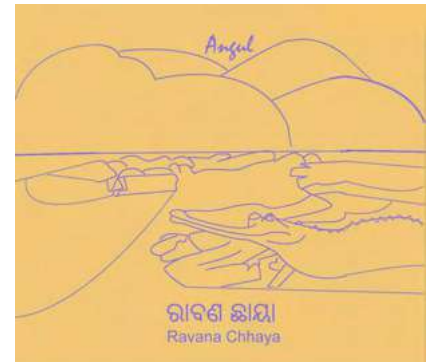
28 May 2018

The District of Angul situated at the heart of Odisha was a part of Undivided Dhenkanal. Dhenkanal was divided into two parts i.e. Dhenkanal and Angul on 27/10/1993. Angul is like a bridge between western and coastal halves of Odisha where prehistoric and protohistoric relics are found in several villages.

On 28th May, early morning, Sashakt Team arrived at the Anand Munda Kalyan Mandap of Angul, where a meeting was organized. In the meeting the campaign's objectives were discussed and the campaign



song was performed which was highly cherished by the crowd of around 200 people present during the session. Next the team moved to the Collector's office where the team members sang and then moved to the meeting hall. Anil Kumar Samal (Collector) told, "There is a provision in which financial support of Rs.50,000 will be provided to a non-disabled person if he/she marries a disabled person". He further conveyed that even loans are provided to PwDs at concessional rates. Mihir Mohanty, (Coordinator of the Campaign) said,



OSdN Partner



Manoj Kumar Mohapatra  
Member, Secretary, VYK

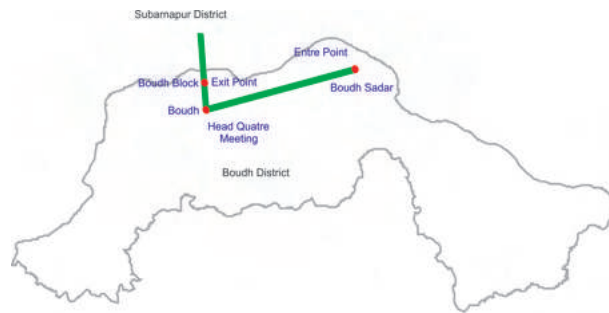
Angul- VISWA YUVA KENDRA, one of the professional voluntary organizations in the state of Odisha is founded on 15th day of December 1986 in Angul District and served in the central and western part of the state in the field of community health and sanitation, child right, education, women empowerment, youth promotion, natural resource management and community capacity building.



VISWA YUVA KENDRA







## BOUDH

29 May 2018

**B**oudh is also known as Baudha District. The native rulers of Boudh were incompetent and they ceded their territory to everyone who campaigned the kingdom. Raja Narayan Dev was the last ruler of Boudh, when it was merged with Odisha province on 01/01/1948. Boudh became a separate District on 02/01/1994.

On 29th May Sashakt team witnessed a grand welcome ceremony organized by district administration,

NGO partners, district partner YCDA, Sub Collector, DSSO and BSSO with many folk dances. Around 300 people gathered. Thereafter, a rally was conducted which moved towards the Disaster Shelter Room where the district level meeting was conducted. Subhendu Kumar Patnaik, Assistant Governor, Rotary Boudh said we need to change our attitude, recognize the disabled and accept them as part of mainstream society. Sub Collector spoke about blood related disabilities and the available facilities.



OSdN Partner



Rajendra Meher  
Secretary, YCDA

Youth Council for Development Alternatives (YCDA) is a Non Governmental Organisation – NGO established in the 1993 and then was registered under Societies Registration Act and Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in 1993 and 1997 respectively. Since the inception organization devotes its time, skill, knowledge and commitment towards development of oppressed masses in the society with a group of experienced and trained social workers.





Team members were felicitated along with local PwDs with around 500 people in audience. Madhusudan Mishra (Collector) was glad to see the Sashakt team performing the campaign song and the street play and said, "The one who's challenges need to be heard, and not to be seen as differently abled but as a well intact human being with rights". Jyoti Ranjan Nayak (ADM)

said, "He will provide all kinds of support in dealing with the issues related to PwDs". Gopal Meher, Block Coordinator, YCDA said "It was an important move by Swabhiman towards organizing all concerned departments and NGOs on one platform". In the evening the team moved to YCDA, social organization at Baunsuni where cultural program was held.



# SUBARNAPUR

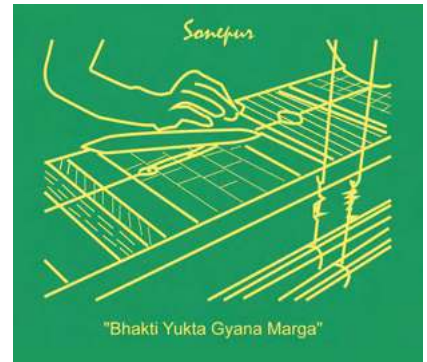
30 May 2018

Subarnapur district has figured on the political and cultural map of Odisha since the prehistoric period. The discovery of punch-marked coins from Subarnapur point human settlement here, dating from 3rd century B.C. to 1st century AD. It was carved out of the undivided Bolangir District and started functioning as a separate administrative unit from 01/04/1993.

In the evening of 29th May Sashakt team reached Subarnapur. Collector Dasarathi Sathpathy welcomed them



at Biju Patnaik Women's Degree College. On 30th May; the team began the campaign day at Sureswari Temple Square, Subarnapur. Campaign song and street play was performed in the presence of around 280 people including the DSSO and Collector. District meeting was held at the Town Hall. Collector inaugurated the meeting by lighting of lamp, followed by patriotic song by Milan Panda from Sashakt Campaign Team. Mihir Mohanty explained the new features and provisions mentioned



OSdN Partner



Gourishyam Panda  
Chief Functionary

Research Academy for Rural Enrichment (RARE) has come into existence in the year 1993 when a group of people representing different rural VOs, NGOs, Intellectuals, Developmental Activists, Experts, and Professionals joined together with a common vision for the development of their underdeveloped area. The RARE, Sonepur is a Humanitarian and Right based NGO working with multi-dimensional activities for the development process of communities. We aim at the development of people by strengthening the self-help character through a process of empowerment.









# BARGARH

31 May 2018

The original name of the Bargarh was "Baghar Kota" as known from an inscription of the 11th Century A.D. It was called "Bargarh" probably from the time of Balaram Dev, the Chauhan Raja of Sambalpur, who made it his headquarters and constructed a big fort. Prior to 1992, it was a subdivision of Sambalpur and was separated on the 01/04/1993 from Sambalpur District.

On 31st May, Sashakt team reached Saharatikra Bazar of Baragarh where

they performed the campaign song followed by the street play. Around 270 people were present during the event. The district level meeting took place at the Town Hall where an audience of 500 people gathered. Leaflets were distributed. Mihir Mohanty briefed about objective of the Campaign and the RPwD Act. Padmashree Haladhara Nag, the chief guest, shared, "Life is a long journey, full of obstacles and one should have strong will power to overcome every barrier. In the same way, the



OSdN Partner



Manjulata Dash  
Chief Executive, AOOHWA

A four and only one state level Association for people with locomotor DisAbilities. It is a training centre for the orthopedically handicapped and works in many areas including education & literacy, health and wellness, Right to Information & Advocacy, sports, vocational training among others.





*qualities possessed by the PwDs should be seen and not their disabilities".* DIPRO, Kalayni Das welcomed the initiative taken by Swabhiman. She said, *"All have the right to live with dignity and civil society organizations need to work for the rights of PwDs."* DPC shared about the ongoing projects and the government

schemes and policies to support the PwDs. Towards the end of the day, a small meeting was arranged at Sweet Smile AOOHWA Association, Barapali. The briefing session with music, talks and poetry took place followed by distributions of the leaflets and marked the end of the campaign day at Bargarh.





# BALANGIR

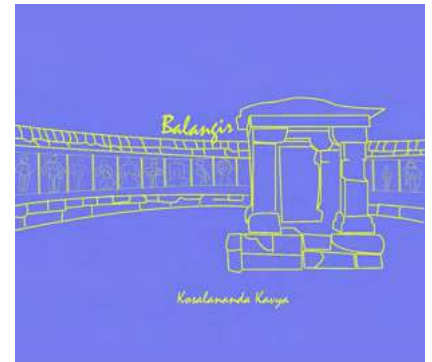
01 June 2018

**N**amed after the headquarter town of Balangir, this district was formed on 01/11/1949. It is flanked in the northwest by the Gandhamardan hill. Many hill streams traverse it. The name Balangir is said to have been derived from Balaramgarh, a fort built here in the 16th Century by Balram Deo, the 19th Raja of Balangir and founder of Sambalpur kingdom.

On 31st May evening, with traditional drumbeats and folk songs, the Sashakt

team were given a colourful welcome at Lusingha town of Bolangir. The local partners, OIC Lusingha, AWW, Chakadola NGO, Sursangam Sanskrutik Sadan members and along with an audience of more than 400 people were present. Mihir Mohanty briefed about the new provisions and features of the RPwD Act 2016.

The next day, around 500 people attended the district meeting at Town Hall. campaign song was followed



OSdN Partner



Umesh Purohit  
Executive Director, YSC

Youth Service Center is working since 1990 for supporting and protecting the right of children by hosting children's hubs in 20 villages. Each hub has 20-30 children attending (age 6-12 years & 12-18 years). They also work in the interior areas.





by a felicitation ceremony. Suryaprakash Kar (District Judge), was the chief guest for the event and said he really enjoyed watching the Sashakt team perform. He further said, *“The enthusiasm and high spirit shown by the team members was really heart touching and shall motivate the people all over Odisha and beyond.”* Sugyanendra Mishra (CDMO)

addressed a major concern relating to disAbility certificates. Though there has been progress in the issuing of certificates, there are many people who are getting certificates even if they don't have any kind of disability. Towards the end of the meeting, a beautiful group dance was performed by the PwDs of JBBBS Special School and ASHRA.



# NUAPADA

02 June 2018

On 01/01/1948, Kalahandi along with other feudatory states of Orissa except Mayurbhanj, merged with Orissa and on that date the new District of Kalahandi was formed. The District of Nuapada was a part of Kalahandi District but for the administrative convenience, Kalahandi District was divided into two parts i.e. Kalahandi and Nuapada on 27/03/1993.

On the morning of 2nd June, the Sashakt team began their campaign

day at Nuapada with a beautiful rally towards the Collector office. Collector and DM Dr. Poma Tudu, flagged off the rally. Campaign songs were played at the campus. A tree was planted in order to mark the occasion. The district level meeting took place at the collectorate. Around 400 people attended the event. Mihir Mohanty explained about ease of access to online registration facilities in order to obtain a disability certificate.

Dr. P. K. B. Pattnaik (CDMO) said,



OSdN Partner



Gourishyam Panda  
Chief Functionary

District Disabled Association, Nuapada is a Social Organisation for Welfare of Disabled People. DDA Non-Governmental Organization is located in Nuapada, Odisha.





“Government officials should follow the guidelines in accordance to the new Act, provisions include more strict punishments and penalties if found guilty in any case against PwD”. Jogeswar Barik (BSSO) talked about the scholarship facilities, the DRI loans at 4% interest for small business, the Aawas Yojna, and BBSS camps. He addressed the concern to improve the quality of assessment by the doctors as the categories of disabilities are now

extended up to 21.

On 3rd June at Khadijala block Panchayat Office Sashakt team performed the campaign song and play. BDO Uttam Bag, Chairman Balakrushna Sabar, District Disability Association members and WEO- Kshanaprabha Panigrahi were present during the meeting. Around 170 people were present and leaflets distributed among them during the program.

**ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ସଚେତନତା ସଶକ୍ତ ରଥକୁ ସ୍ଵାଗତ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା**

ଅତିଆଳ ଏବଂ ସି.ଏମ.ଏ.ଏ. (ଆପ୍): କ. ସୁଜିତ ମହାପାତ୍ରଙ୍କ ନେତୃତ୍ଵରେ ଓଏସଡିଏନ ଓ ସ୍ଵାଲିନାକ କରିଆରେ ଆୟିଥିବା ସଶକ୍ତ ରଥକୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆଳ ବୁକ ଓ ଏବଂ ସି ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କାଗଜ ସମ୍ବର୍ଦ୍ଧନା ଦିଆଯାଇଛି। ଓଡ଼ିଆଳ ବିନୁଷ୍ଠନ ସମିତିର ତତ୍ଵାବଧାନରେ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ଗାଳି ପଢ଼ିବା କରିଥିଲା। ଓଡ଼ିଆଳ ବୁକ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତରେ ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ଜନକରକ ଦ୍ଵାରା ନୂଆ ବିନୁଷ୍ଠନ ଆଳନ

ଫାଉଣ୍ଡରେ ଏକ ପଥପ୍ରଦାନ ନଗର ମଞ୍ଚସ୍ଥ ହୋଇଥିଲା। ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ସମିତି କିମ୍ବା ସରାପତି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ସୁନାମାକ ସରାପତିଦ୍ଵରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ସଭାରେ ବୁକ ଅଧିକ କାଳକୁଷ୍ଠ ଶରୀର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅତିଥି, ଏବଂ ସି ଅଧିକ୍ଷା ସୁନିଶା ବେହେରା, ନୁମିତ ସାହୁ, କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟର ଆଧିକାରୀ ଉତ୍ତମ ବାଗ, ସମାଜ ମଙ୍ଗଳ ଆଧିକାରୀ କ୍ଷମପ୍ରଭା ପାଣିଗ୍ରାହୀ, ଆଦିକାୟା କଳ୍ୟାଣ ଆଧିକାରୀ ଦାପକ ତ୍ରିବେଦୀ, ସେଣ୍ଟି

କଳ୍ୟାଣ ଆଧିକାରୀ ବିନୁପ ଶତ୍ଵା, ସମ୍ପାଦକ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ବିନୁଷ୍ଠନ ସମିତି ନୁଆପଡା ସମାଜର ଅତିଥି ଭବେ ମଞ୍ଚସ୍ଥ ହେଲେ। ସମ୍ପାଦକ ବଗଲା ପ୍ରସାଦ ଶର୍ମା ବିନୁଷ୍ଠନଙ୍କ ଭଲେ ଶନାଇ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ସଂପର୍କରେ ସୂଚନା ଦେଇଥିଲେ। ବିନୁଷ୍ଠନ ସମିତିର ବିଭାଗୀୟ ମଞ୍ଚ, ହୃଦୟ କବିତା, ଲେକେଟ ବେହେରା, ବିନୟ କରୁଣା, ବିଶ୍ଵକର୍ମା ସହିତ ସମେତ ଅନ୍ୟ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ।



# KALAHANDI

03 June 2018

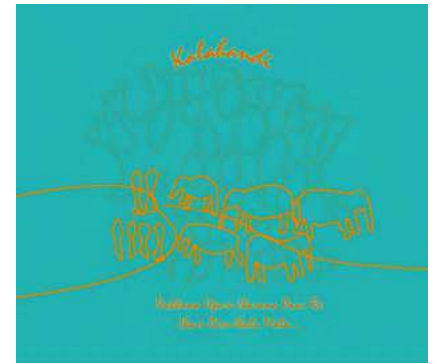
With the merger of princely States with province of Odisha 1948, the ex-State of Kalahandi together with ex-State Patna and Sonapur formed the District of Kalahandi with headquarters at Balangir. Kalahandi denotes black pots which were formed from the black cotton soil and even now dominate the markets.

On 3rd June evening Sashakt Team was received by district administration and local NGO partners. On 4th, team performed the campaign song on RPwD Act 2016. Then a rally was conducted towards Biju Kalyan Mandap, flagged off by collector and DM Anjan Mishra. Bholanath Nayak (DSSO) spoke on equal opportunities, protection of rights and full



participation of PwDs in all sectors of society. Mihir Mohanty shared about the main objectives and the mission of the Campaign. Suresh Chaudhury, OSdN, district partner said, "We need to support the movement to help the PwDs to get their rights. Awareness at grass root level is always required". While Dilip Kumar Nayak (DSP), Subhasish Mohanty (DDRO) and Saroj Kumar Tiadi (CDMO) addressed the gathering.

Dr. Sruti Mohapatra said, "I strongly believe that we all must do much more to ensure that people with disabilities have full access to opportunities and can participate fully in society. From the workplace to public transport systems, from concert halls to cyberspace and daily social interactions, people



OSdN Partner



Suresh Chaudhury  
Secretary, KDM

Kalahandi Divyanga Mancha is an association of disabled people of Kalahandi district and has been working for the last 10 years. We fight for rights of disabled people and to help disabled people's to get Government benefits.





with disabilities face overt discrimination, stereotyping, and lack of respect for their basic human rights. We all must find new approaches and tools to work for and with the people with disabilities. These should include mainstreaming disability in regular daily life and development strategies, engaging and empowering people with disabilities, and the organizations that represent them". Suresh Choudhury (ex. sarpanch and a PwD) said, "Article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD)

clearly states the rights of persons with disabilities to participate in political and public life without discrimination and on an equal basis with others, and it calls upon state parties to guarantee those rights. Article 326 of the Constitution of India provides for the 'Right to be Elected' under the 'Right to Adult Suffrage'. However, the Indian Government has not introduced any provisions yet to ensure equal representation in the Parliament, State Assemblies and Panchayats in the country for the disabled community."

## ଫୁଲବାଣୀ: ୧୧ରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ରଥ

ଫୁଲବାଣୀ, ୮୬ (ଆପ୍): ଫୁଲବାଣୀରେ ୧୧ ତାରିଖରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ରଥ । ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଅଧିକାରୀଙ୍କୁ -୨୦୧୬ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ସଚେତନତା ଜାଗରଣ ପାଇଁ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଓ ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ସଶକ୍ତୀକରଣ ବିଭାଗ ଏବଂ ସ୍ୱେଚ୍ଛାସେବୀ ସଙ୍ଗଠନ 'ସୁଲିମାନ'ର ମିଳିତ ଆହୁରଣରେ 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ନାମକ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ରଥ ଆସିବ । ଏହି ୨୦ ତାରିଖ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ରାଜ୍ୟ ପରିକ୍ରମା କରିବ । ଉକ୍ତ ରଥ ୧୧ ତାରିଖରେ କଟକରେ ଲାଞ୍ଜି ଉପରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ । ଫୁଲବାଣୀରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ । ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପୁରସ୍କାର ଏବଂ ରାଜ୍ୟସ୍ତରୀୟ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବ ।

କରଯିବା ସହ ସଚେତନତା କର୍ମକ୍ରମ ହେବ । ଏଥିପାଇଁ ବହୁବିଧ ପ୍ରଚାର ତାଲିମ୍ବୁରା ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସାମାଜିକ କର୍ମୀଙ୍କର ସମ୍ମୁଖ ସୁଚନା ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । ୧୧ ତାରିଖରେ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଭିନ୍ନଶ୍ରମ ପୁରସ୍କାର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଉକ୍ତ ରଥକୁ ସ୍ୱାଗତ କରାଯିବ । ୧୨ ତାରିଖରେ ଏକ ବିରଳ ଶୋଭାଯତ୍ରା ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଫୁଲବାଣୀ ମାଟିକୁରା ଛକ ଠାରୁ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସ୍ତରୀୟ ଭବନ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଉକ୍ତ ରଥକୁ ଅଣାଯିବ । ରାଜ୍ୟ ସ୍ତରୀୟ ଭବନରେ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ସଭା ଓ କର୍ମଶାଳା ଆୟୋଜିତ ହେବ । ଏଥିସହ ତାଲିମ୍ବୁରା ଆଦି ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ କର୍ମକ୍ରମ ମଧ୍ୟ ଆୟୋଜିତ ହେବ ।







# NABARANGPUR

04 June 2018

Situated in south-western Odisha, Nabarangpur District was carved out on 02/10/1992 from Koraput District. More than ten types of tribes including Gond, Bhatra, Halba, Banjara, Kandha live here constituting half of the population. The district was part of the ancient atavik land (land of dense forests) as referred by Ashoka, the emperor of Magadha in his special rock edicts.

Sashakt team reached the Circuit House of Nabarangpur on 4th June, where Dr. Ajit Kumar Mishra (Collector)

along with other officials received the team with great enthusiasm. 5th June morning started with the campaign song and play and a rally towards the Mission Shakti Hall, where the District Level meeting was presided by Collector and DM. Narayan Behera (DSSO) conducted the meeting with 300 strength audience. Lalita Mohan Patnaik (CWC Member) praised the policy changes made in law. Jemamani Bisoi recited a poem to salute the Sashakt Team. Bijay Kumar Mishra (CWC Member), Chitaranjan Panigrahi (DEO) and Dr. Radhanath



Likhi Jhikori Dalbaria  
Mama Kain Parfala

OSdN Partner



Kishore Kumar Bag  
Secretary, MPDS

Multi Purpose Development Society (MPDS). MPDS works for Women's empowerment through SHG, Strengthening of civil society, and the formation of village-level committees. To promote networking among people institutions, public institutions, NGOs for strengthening the grass root level civil society organization.





Behera (Senior Citizen Association) spoke about exploitations of PwDs. Collector and DM said, "All the line departments should work towards providing all kinds of support to the PwDs in getting their rights". Dr. Sruti Mohapatra was cited as a symbol of strength and courage. She said, "I strongly believe that empowerment of persons with

disabilities is connected to education, which in turn hinges on accessibility. And all three are not possible without enabling laws and policies. New law, RPwD Act is a milestone in that direction." Sashakt campaign team was felicitated by the District Administration. Umarmkot Drustihina Vidyalaya students performed solo songs to conclude the program.

# ପଥପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ନାଟକରେ ସଚେତନତା

ସମ୍ବାଦକ, ୧୫/୫ (ଦୁଇମା)

ପଥପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ନାଟକରେ ସଚେତନତା ଉତ୍ଥାପନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସାମାଜିକ କର୍ମୀମାନେ ଏହି ପରିଚ୍ଛେଦରେ ପଥପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ନାଟକର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟକୁ ଉଚ୍ଚାରଣ କରିଛନ୍ତି। ଏହା ଉପରେ ସଚେତନତା ଉତ୍ଥାପନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସାମାଜିକ କର୍ମୀମାନେ ଏହି ପରିଚ୍ଛେଦରେ ପଥପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ନାଟକର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟକୁ ଉଚ୍ଚାରଣ କରିଛନ୍ତି।

**ଦିବ୍ୟକାନ୍ତ ଆଣ୍ଡିଆଙ୍କ କର୍ମଶାଳା**

- ପଥପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ନାଟକ
- ପଥପ୍ରାନ୍ତ ନାଟକର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ
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# MALKANGIRI

06 June 2018

Malkangiri has its history of human civilization dated to as back as 2500 years. During the reign of Lord Ramachandra, Malkangiri occupied an important place and was known as “Malyavantagiri” according to Sage Valmiki. In 1936, Koraput District from Madras Presidency merged into Odisha and in 1962, Malkangiri Sub-Division was created. In 1958, Dandakaranya Development Project was implemented to settle the refugees coming from East Pakistan. On 02/10/1992, Malkangiri

got its identity by carving it out of Koraput District.

On 6th June, Sashakt Team reached collectorate where the team performed the campaign song and play on the RPwD Act 2016. Around 170 people were present along with Santosh Shukla (OSdN district partner), Paribartan, Youth Red Cross and CYSD members, AWW and PRI members. A rally was conducted to reach Sanskruti Bhawan, where the district level meeting was held. The objectives and goals of the



Kanamraja, Potraja and Balraja

OSdN Partner



Gourishyam Panda  
Chief Functionary

PARIVARTTAN NGO charity is working on Key Issues of HIV/AIDS, Health & Family Welfare, Rural Development & Poverty Alleviation, Women's Development and Empowerment.





Sashakt campaign were briefed by Mihir Mohanty. Radhamani Dalei (DSSO) briefed about the ongoing projects and statistics of PwDs in the district. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra informed the gathering of 300 people about the importance of this mass awareness drive. Santosh Shukla, Swarnalata Biswal (DSWO) and Amarendra Mohanty (DPHO) talked about reaching out to the grass roots through active

participation of the local NGOs. Swarnalata Biswal, DSWO, said *“Block and panchayat level awareness is required and attitude to help the PwDs is the need of the time”*. In the evening Campaign Team reached Korukonda Panchayat Samiti Office where the team performed campaign songs and play. Around 300 people were present during the program. Leaflets were distributed.





# KORAPUT

07 June 2018

**K**oraput District comprises of the ex-zamindari of Jeypore and Kashipur. Maharaja of Jeypore and Paralakhemundi (Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati) played significant roles in the freedom struggle and unification of Odisha. On 01/04/1936, the District of Koraput came into being, and on 01/10/1992, was divided into - present Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Nabarangapur.

Sashakt Doot reached Koraput Ekta Training Centre on 6th June and

on 7th started with the campaign song and play near Sabar Srikshetra temple. Then a rally proceeded to Sanskruti Bhawan. Chief guest, Member of Parliament, Jhina Hikka said, *"Prioritizing policy level change, planning and implementation is necessary with respect to PwDs. Community level awareness and providing equal rights to PwDs in all spheres"*. He added, *"that the activities of Swabhiman is commendable"*. Jagannath Mishra (OSdN district partner) said, *"it is the duty of elected representatives and government*



OSdN Partner



Jagannath Mishra,  
Chief Functionary, (Ekta)

Ekta is registered Non Profit Organization which began its development journey since 1994 in the tribal dominated districts of Koraput & Rayagada in the State of Odisha, India with its major focus on exploring sustainable livelihood, promoting & propogating good governance, community based inclusive development of the people with Disabilities, reducing of HIV/AIDS, Mother & Child health, Child Rights, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management with the most vulnerable target population.





functionaries to stand by the rights of the disabled". Dr. Mohapatra emphasised, "A positive and barrier free environment needs to be created for the inclusion and development of PwDs which will contribute to state and nation's development. The mission of Sashakt campaign is to reach the last person with disability in the last village". Prabhu Jani (President, District Council) and local NGOs like SOVA, SPREAD, Namita Majhi (Block Chairman) and Bhagaban Bahinipati (Chairman,

Koraput Municipality) etc. were present. 700 size audience attended. Local talents and NGO partners were felicitated. In the evening Sashakt team moved to Laxmipur block, Ambedkar Square where Kartik Chandra Padhi (BSSO), Pravas Ranjan Sathpathy (Block Marketing Inspector), Sangeeta Beniya (Ward Coordinator) and other officials were present, awareness leaflets were distributed to a 300 people crowd and activities conducted.

### ଭିନ୍ନକ୍ଷମ ଅଧିକାର ସଚେତନତା ଅଭିଯାନ

ଭାରତୀୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ପ୍ରଚାର କରାଯାଇଥିବା 'ସାଶକ୍ତ' ଗୋଟିଏ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ଯୋଜନା ଅଟେ । ଏହା ଦ୍ଵାରା ଦେଶର ସମସ୍ତ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଅଧିକାର ହୀନ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଏ । ଏହା ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ଯୋଜନା ଅଟେ । ଏହା ଦ୍ଵାରା ଦେଶର ସମସ୍ତ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଅଧିକାର ହୀନ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଏ । ଏହା ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ଯୋଜନା ଅଟେ । ଏହା ଦ୍ଵାରା ଦେଶର ସମସ୍ତ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଅଧିକାର ହୀନ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ସାମାଜିକ ସେବା ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଏ ।





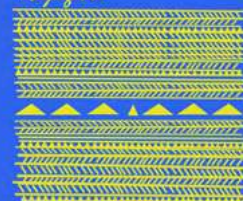
# RAYAGADA

08 June 2018

Rayagada district is the most famous region of the state because of its longest human history. Pre-historical records like copper plates, rock inscriptions coins, clearly indicate the region was active in all ages. In the third century B.C., during the reign of Ashoka the Great, it was under Kalinga empire. During the English regime, Rayagada District was covered under the Jeypore Zamindari, which continued till Independence. It came into being by the division of Koraput districts on 02/10/1992.

On the morning of 8th June, Sashakt team reached Ashok Kalyan Mandap, Rayagada, where the Collector flagged off the rally with traditional drums and dance towards Krishna Chandra Nagar Bhawan, Town Hall. In the meeting, Adipati Kanhar introduced the guest to 400 people in audience and shared the status of ongoing projects. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra said, *"Now we have the CRPD and the new RPwD Act which have changed the paradigm of disability. These are good times for mainstreaming disability"*

Rayagada



Wade Wade

OSdN Partner



Kailash Chandra Palo,  
Chief Functionary, (Pragati)

This PRAGATI NGO charity is working on Key Issues of Agriculture, Children, Civic Issues, Disaster Management, Drinking Water, Education & Literacy, Environment & Forests, Food Processing, Health & Family Welfare, HIV/AIDS, Human Rights, Labour & Employment, Micro Finance (SHGs), Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, New & Renewable Energy, Nutrition, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development & Poverty Alleviation, Science & Technology, Tribal Affairs, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Vocational Training, Water Resources, Women's Development & Empowerment, Youth Affairs.





and inclusive growth of the state and the nation.” Kailash Palo (Pragati NGO, OSdN partner), Nandalal Biswal (DWO) and Sibaprasad Panigrahi (Assistant Collector) shared their views by appealing to all government departments to work together to help the PwDs get their rights. Binodini Panda (DPC) attended the meeting as the Chief Guest. She said, “PwDs

have different abilities; and opportunities should be given to them for their development.” In the evening team moved to Gunupur Block, where they received a grand welcome with traditional drums and folk dance. The team performed street plays and campaign songs. Around 200 people were present during the play and leaflets were distributed.







# KANDHAMAL

12 June 2018

**K**andhamal revenue district came into existence on 1st January, 1994, after Phulbani District was divided into Kandhamal and Boudh Districts of Odisha.

Bhanjas occupied this state and continued to rule over Kandhamal till 1835, until the British captured the area. The present Kandhamal sub division was an integral part of Boudh till 1855. It was the British rule that fragmented the parts of Kandhamal District from Boudh District.

On 12th June our Sashakt Team near Head Post office, Phulbani. Subhranshu Kumar Maharana, (DSSO), Banabasi Seva Samiti (District Partner OSdN members) W&CD Department members, Rabindra Kumar Panda (DDRC), Raja Yoga Brahma Kumaris were present during the program. Around 200 people were present who then marched in a rally to reach Gandhi Smruti Bhawan. District level meeting was held with Rabindra Kumar Panda (OSdN, District Partner) and Dr. Akshaya Kumar Panda (DDRC) impressing upon the need of PRI



OSdN Partner



R. K. Panda  
Asst. Secretary-cum-Treasurer

It all begins in 1972. It was the holy birthday of great Gandhian leader Gopabandhu Choudhury, "the Budha Purnima". Late Biswanath Patnaik, the visionary social guide took rest of his human spirit into convergent social action at Balliguda. His unrest radical philosophy united the likeminded personalities to a social forum i.e. Banabasi Seva Samiti in Kandhamal district.





members to communicate about the government policies at village level to spread awareness of the law. S. Gayatri (DSWO), Rashmita Kanhar (DCPO) and Nimaicharan Sutar (Sub-Collector) deliberated on the employment of PwDs. DCPO, Rashmita Kanhar said, "we should not lose heart if a child is born with a disability. We should have a positive

attitude while dealing with PwDs". Around 350 people were present during the meeting. ADM said, block level awareness is required to spread the message every where. Haraprasad Mohapatra, MKCG Medical College gave vote of thanks. The day ended with the team performing at Khajuripada block.

## ଫୁଲବାଣୀ: ୧୧ରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ରଥ

ଫୁଲବାଣୀ, ୮୬(ଆପ): ଫୁଲବାଣୀରେ ୧୧ ତାରିଖରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ରଥ । ଭିନ୍ନଭେଦ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ -୨୦୧୬ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ସଚେତନତା ଜାଗରଣ ପାଇଁ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଓ ଭିନ୍ନଭେଦ ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ବିଭାଗ ଏବଂ ସେଇସେବା ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ 'ସଶକ୍ତ'ର ମିଳିତ ଆନୁକୂଲ୍ୟରେ 'ସଶକ୍ତ' ନାମକ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ରଥ ଆସିବା ପରେ ୨୦ ତାରିଖ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ରାଜ୍ୟ ପରିକ୍ରମା କରିବ । ରଥ ରଥ ୧୧ ତାରିଖରେ କଟକରୁ ଚିଲିକା ସହର ମହାକୁଳା ଫୁଲବାଣୀରେ ପହଞ୍ଚିବ । ଚିଲିକା ପ୍ରଶାସନ ଏବଂ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ସହଯୋଗରେ ଉଦ୍ଘାଟନା କରାଯିବ ।

କରଯିବ ସହ ସଚେତନତା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ହେବ । ଏଥିପାଇଁ ବହୁବିଧ ପ୍ରଚାର ଚାଲିଥିବା ଚିଲିକା ସାମାଜିକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକର୍ତ୍ତା ପକ୍ଷରୁ ସୂଚନା ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । ୧୧ ତାରିଖରେ ଚିଲିକା ଭିନ୍ନଭେଦ ସୁନବାସ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ରଥର ଉଦ୍ଘାଟନା କରାଯିବ । ୧୨ ତାରିଖରେ ଏକ ବିରାଟ ଶୋଭାଯାତ୍ରା ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ସୁନବାସ ମନ୍ଦିରରୁ ଚିଲିକା ଚାଲି ଚିଲିକା ସହର ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ରଥର ଅଭିଯାନ । ଗାଣ୍ଡୀ ସ୍ମୃତି ଭବନରେ ଏକ ସଚେତନତା ସଭା ଓ କର୍ମଶାଳା ଆୟୋଜିତ ହେବ । ଏଥିସହ ତାଲିକାରେ ଅଛି ଅଧିକାରୀ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ମଧ୍ୟ ଆୟୋଜିତ ହେବ ।



# GAJAPATI

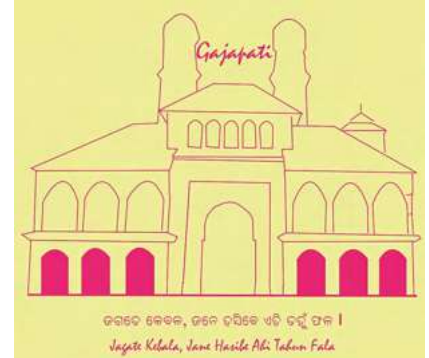
09 June 2018

Gajapati District has been named after Maharaja Sri Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayan Deo, the Ex-Raja Sahib of Paralakhemundi estate (the 1st Prime Minister of Odisha State), who is remembered for his contribution in formation of a separate Odisha province and inclusion of Paralakhemundi estate in Odisha. It got a District status on 2nd October 1992 after being bifurcated from Ganjam District.

On 9th June, street play and campaign song was performed at Town hall square, Palace Street.



Around 180 people were present during the street play. Leaflets distributed among the people and Mihir Mohanty briefed about the campaign objectives and necessity of undertaking a mass campaign in all districts. Rally was conducted to Biju Kalyan Mandap with the collaboration of OSdN district partner, Samarth Disability Association and the district administration. A. Jagannath Raju (Secretary, Centre for Community Development, OSdN District Partner), Basant Kumar Mohapatra (RTO) and Bipin Bihari Panigrahi (CDMO) spoke



OSdN Partner



A. Jagannath Raju  
Secretary, CCD

A. Jagannath Raju, the Founder and Secretary of the Society has 44 years of concerted experience in the field of the social development sector working with the tribals, dalits, and vulnerable sections of the community emphasizing women and persons with disabilities. They run SAMARTH . SAMARTH is a disable people organisation working on mainstreaming of the person with disability.





this new law. Anupam Saha, Collector and DM said, "the only disability in life is a bad attitude." A group dance was performed by the transgender group and a solo dance by Laxminursimha Patnaik and Prashant of Sashakt Team. Dr. Sruti Mohapatra said, "Always dream big and face the challenges boldly to get success in life." Around 500 people attended the meeting. On the way to Mohana block the Sashakt team was welcomed at Khajuripada and Hill Top College,

Mohana block. Sashakt song and play was performed at the Panchayat office where AWW, BSSO Santosh Kumar Nayak, ICDS ICDS members, IPO Prabhakar Prusty were present. Jagannath Raju said, "All NGOs working in any social sector must influence local services to inform, support, and enable people with disabilities to impact local decision-making processes, taking an active part in the services they receive. Empowerment is needed at the grass roots".

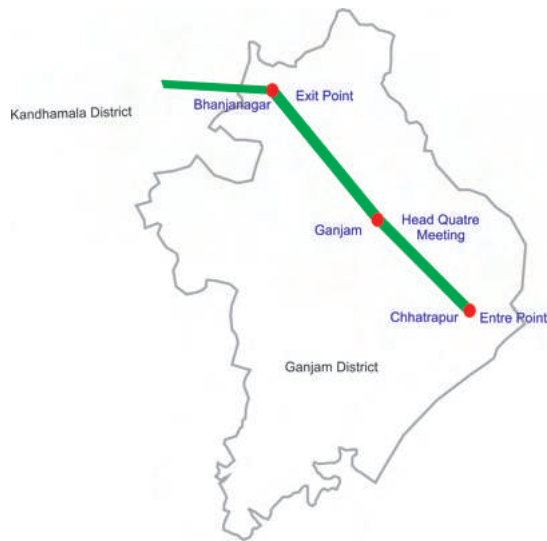
# ସଶକ୍ତ ହେବେ ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ

ତେଜନାଳ ଅପ୍ରିଲ, ୧୬୩୫

ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ହେଉଥିବା ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଯୋଜନା, ନିୟମ, ଆଇନର ପ୍ରଚାର ପ୍ରସାର ପାଇଁ ବୁଧବାର ତେଜନାଳରେ ସଶକ୍ତ ଅଭିଯାନ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି। ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ବାରିଚୌକଠାରୁ ବାହାରିଥିବା ସଚେତନତା ଶୋଭାଯାତ୍ରା ଜିଲ୍ଲାପାଳଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଯାଇଥିଲା। ଏଥିରେ ବହୁ ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ସାମିଲ ହୋଇଥିଲେ। ସଚେତନତା ପୃଷ୍ଠି ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ ଜିଲ୍ଲା

ମହାନ୍ତି, ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସଂଯୋଜକ ସରିତା ବଳଙ୍କ ପରିଚାଳନାରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ ସଭାରେ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଶିକ୍ଷା ଅଧିକାରୀ ସୁଧାନନ୍ଦ ପରିଡ଼ା ମୁଖ୍ୟଅତିଥି, ଜିଲ୍ଲା ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଚିକିତ୍ସାଧିକାରୀ ଡା. ବାସୁଦେବ ବେହେରା, ଜନସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଡା. ମୃତ୍ୟୁଞ୍ଜୟ ମହାପାତ୍ର, ସାମାଜିକ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଅଧିକାରୀ ବିଷ୍ଣୁଚରଣ ବେହେରା, ରୋଗାଗି କ୍ଲବ୍ ସଭାପତି ହର୍ଷବର୍ଦ୍ଧନ ସିଂଦେଓ, ହରିଶଙ୍କର ଚାରିଚେରୁଲୁ ଟ୍ରଷ୍ଟ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ପରିଚାଳକ ପ୍ରିୟବ୍ରତ ଗଡ଼ନାୟକ, ଶିରା ସେଲ୍ସାସେବା ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ପୁରେଶ ପଣ୍ଡା, ଇଣ୍ଡୋ ସମ୍ପାଦିକା



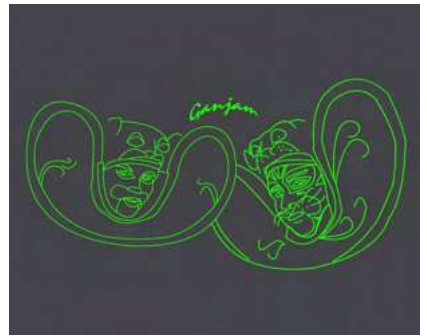


# GANJAM

10 June 2018

**G**anjam District came into existence on 01/04/1936. The district is named after old township and European fort of Ganjam situated on the bank of river Rushikulya which was the head quarter of the District. Ganjam area was part of ancient Kalinga occupied by Ashok in 261 B.C. In 1757 it was ruled by the French and in 1759, French were defeated by English. Office of the District Collector was established in 1794. The District got separated from the Madras Presidency on 01/04/1936.

On 10th June afternoon, Sashakt Team visited Samarth Awasika Vidyalaya where the Secretary, K. Ananda Rao, Subhangini Sahoo, Parents Association, DRD Chairman S. Behera and Ashok Chaudhury Ex. MLA, Chhatrapur welcomed the team. Then a rally was conducted towards Chhatrapur road, Senapati Market Complex where campaign songs and play were performed. Then team visited Gopalpur sea beach for awareness. On 11th June, team visited Collector's Office, Berhampur where



OSdN Partner



K Ananda Rao  
Secretary, SAV

Ganjam District Orthopedically Handicapped Welfare Association Estd. 18-05-1989. Running two special schools for MR and CP running a Physiotherapy Centre for developmental disabilities distributing aids and appliances to the PwDs making plantation and selling seedlings working on health awareness programmes like pulse polio, HIV aids Eradication of Malaria arranging loans, stipend, scholarship, transport allowance and escort allowance to the PwDs working on implementation of RPwD Act.



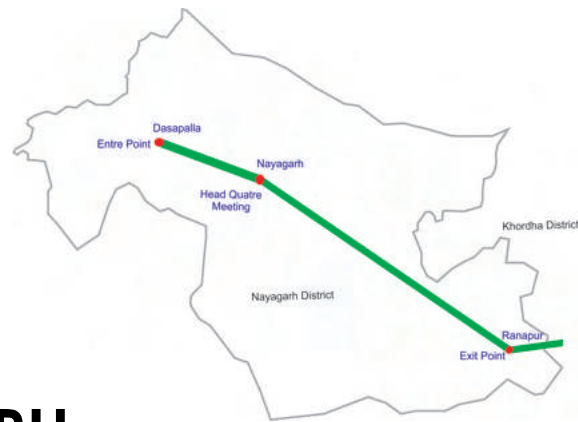


a rally was conducted after flag off by Collector, with traditional Ranapa Dance. The district level meeting was held at the MKCG Auditorium arranged by the district administration and OSdN Partner K. Anand Rao. Balam Sethi, DSSO, Kabir Chandra Sahoo, ADM, Mihir Mohanty, Laxmidhar Sethi, Sub Collector, K. Ananda Rao, etc. addressed an audience

of 500 people. Next, Sashakt team moved to Visva Bharati Awasika Vidyalaya Gobara and Gobara block, Ganjam. BSSO, Babita Kumari Pradhan, Sarpanch, Indira Bai Raju, Vice Chairman Pinky Parida, etc. were present to cheer our campaigners. Mihir Mohanty briefed about the campaign. Around 250 people from the village were present.

# ‘ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗଙ୍କୁ ସଶକ୍ତ କରିବା ପ୍ରୟାସ ଚାଲିଛି’





# NAYAGARH

13 June 2018

The first phase of Sashakt Campaign, chariot travel ended with the visit Nayagarh. The campaign journey that started from Puri district ended covering over 4000 kms. The objective was to educate people on the RPwD Act of 2016. Around 170 people during the play performed at the marketplace along with NAC Chairman, Babita Das, Disabled Relief Organization-Laxmidhar Behera, Manoranjan Sarangi, Reporter Sarbasadharana Daily News Paper, Pramod Mohanty,

Press Club Secretary were present. Prabhat Kumar Sahoo (DSSO), Madhusudan Das (NYP, State Convener) and Abhay Kumar Nayak (DPC) stressed on construction of accessible ramps at every educational institutions and public building. On 13th June morning the team reached Collector's Office from where a rally was conducted towards the meeting hall at Nilamadhaba Hotel. Near Old Jail Puja Mandap team performed to an audience of around 100 people.



*chhalise ke jine nava rabiniki  
ke gata posha dharanusa biki  
gala pruti, seti kahas nesi.  
hara bhaya nabin araga pruti.*

OSdN Partner



Sannyas Kumar Behera  
Chairman, SEVA

SEVA Working in plantation program, awareness camp on cancer control education, health check up and detection camp, family counseling center, short stay home, plantation programme, awareness rally on cancer control & remedy, aids awareness, old age home, day care centre, geriatric care, mobile medicare unit, drug counseling and de-addiction center, literacy camp, non formal education, road safety weak, international womens day, workd consumer rights day youth activities camp for adolescence, enterprise development/income generation programme for women.







# VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

On 29th June, 2018 the Valedictory Ceremony of Sashakt Campaign was held at Rail Auditorium, Bhubaneswar. The closing program had two components. The morning component was a debriefing with OSdN partners sharing their achievements, learning and in three panel discussions. Each panel focused on district issues of ten districts. In these sessions, OSdN partners shared the impact of the campaign, deliberated on issues and shared their plan for next Sashakt phases. In this session the mandate of the Sashakt Campaign and brief summary of the First Phase of Sashakt Campaign was shown to the participants in a film. The session had inputs from Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Chief Executive, Swabhiman, Chairperson, Sashakt State Coordination Committee & Chief Convener OSdN; Dr. Kalpana Das, Jt. Secretary & State Officer Odisha Youth Red Cross; Madhusudan Das, State Convener National Youth Project; Mihir Mohanty, Chief Coordinator Sashakt Campaign and Kartik Chandra Pandab, Secretary OSdN Convener Western Odisha; Ajay Aggarwal, Rotary District Governor RI 3262 and Prabir Kumar Pradhan from Red Cross Society of India, Odisha chapter.

Through the Sashakt campaign, the campaigners are continuing OSdN's legacy of building bridges of inclusion, changing outlooks and supporting policy changes that have impact on PwDs, said Dr. Sruti Mohapatra in her welcome address. After 20 years of relentless effort we got the RPwD Act 2016 and success.

Suresh Mantri, Coordinator, Samaj gave an example of Stephen Hawking. Umesh Chandra Purohit, YSC, Bolangir said PwDs never demand, rather they want a minimum of support, so that, they can move ahead in life and society with dignity. K. C. Pandab, Secretary, Shardha, Rourkela said, history is created with this Sashakt Campaign and India has witnessed such mass campaign at state level never before. Ashok Panda, Rotary International said we need to love the disabled and support them to make them feel better in their own education, work and neighborhood environment and we should create a barrier free environment. Madhusudan Das, State Convener, NYP said the campaigners have proved their potentiality in this journey as they faced the hot weather throughout the journey and spread the message of awareness on RPwD Act, 2016. Dr. Kalpana Das, Jt. Secretary & State Officer, Odisha Youth Red Cross said, always accept the PwDs and cultivate their talents. Then felicitations of the Pala Team from Jagatsinghpur led by Abhimanyu Nayak followed by their performance. Next Pala Team from Sundergarh presented their theme on RPwD Act 2016 led by Manabodha Padhan. After the lunch session our Sashakt Team performed a Campaign song followed by Dasakathia by the Bhadrak Team led by Sudam Chandra Sahu.

Rati Mishra, coordinator NCPEDP, Delhi thanked OSdN and Swabhiman for the honor and welcomed the idea and initiative taken by Swabhiman in particular. Sri Srinivasalu, NDN Partner, Andhra Pradesh and Telengana, said this Campaign is a model and example for the nation. After felicitation of the Pala Groups by Honorable Union Cabinet Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan the Toll Free No was inaugurated by Guruji H. H. Paramahansa Prajnanananda ji Maharaj. It will be used for giving information on RPwD Act 2016 and other related matters until 2019.

Honorable Union Cabinet Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan said, disability is not man made instead it happens accidentally or due to birth related complications. He promised to provide employment opportunities to 1000 PwDs through a skill program.

Guruji H. H. Paramahansa Prajnananandaji Maharaj said, all who are working as public servants should come down from their chair to understand the needs of the people. The administration has not changed since the British Rule as the policy is continued by the people of our country. So a change in attitude is required to understand the need for PwDs to develop a civil society with equal opportunity. In each session 10 district partners and DSSOs were felicitated by OSdN, facilitated by Swabhiman.

At the end of the meeting Jyoti Prasanna Pattanaik, Joint Coordinator, Sashakt Campaign gave vote of thanks to all the guests, participants, sponsors and district partners for making it a grand success. Total of 822 people from all the 30 districts, NGOs and Government functionaries participated in the valedictory ceremony.

The Way Forward was presented by Dr. Sruti Mohapatra. She said "Disability is part of the human condition. Almost everyone will be temporarily or permanently impaired at some point in life, and those who survive to old age will experience increasing difficulties in functioning. Disability is complex and the interventions required to overcome disability disadvantage are multiple, systemic, and will vary depending on context. However, one toll which will be needed for another ten years is "Awareness Raising". People are generally not against equal rights for persons with disabilities, but they do not necessarily see the benefits either. Hence, campaigns like SASHAKT are necessary to highlight barriers, prejudices and ignorance that persons with disabilities experience on a daily basis; the economics of disability inclusion, measures which would enable persons with disabilities to live independently, build a network, spend their leisure time to learn, get a job and feel useful, and to have a feeling

of self-worth, self-realisation and self-determination. Additionally, strong reciprocal partnerships are needed to achieve goals of equal rights for persons with disabilities. There is not one model which will work everywhere, but some elements of successful models are transferable.

The main message of SASHAKT is to start from common denominators, rather than differences or implementation problems. SASHAKT uses the energy of the people and organisations/institutions affected when enabling the rights of persons with disabilities. Involving persons with disabilities in strategies is not enough. When it comes to the rights of persons with disabilities to mainstream jobs, employers from industry and services and their representatives should also be involved in the co-creation of strategies. When it comes to the right to independent living, current institutions and service providers should also be involved, no matter how long it takes. One could argue that if they are part of the problem, they should also be part of the solution. When it comes to the right to education, mainstream and special school boards – where relevant – need to be there when creating strategies for change. Making persons with disabilities part of mainstream activities is the best choice to enable their rights. To get there, working with all stakeholders on sustainable solutions.



# WAY FORWARD

Disability is part of the human condition. Almost everyone will be temporarily or permanently impaired at some point in life, and those who survive to old age will experience increasing difficulties in functioning. Disability is complex and the interventions required to overcome disability disadvantage are multiple, systemic, and will vary depending on context. The SASHAKT CAMPAIGN aligned with the principles of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in 2006, which aims to “promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity” is an effort at taking the “Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016” to people living in even the remotest village of Odisha.

The aim of SASHAKT Campaign is to create a “Buzz on Disability, Diversity and Inclusion in Odisha,” while making the major shift in global understanding and responses towards disability reach the last person in the last village of Odisha. It is a campaign to promote greater awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities, knowledge about the laws, existing government facilities to society by Odisha State disAbility Network (OSdN). In the initial phase we covered all the 30 district headquarters. In the future activities of Sashakt Campaign we will continue OSdN's legacy of building bridges of inclusion. The Sashakt campaign designed to create an Equal India, an Inclusive India and an India where differences are accepted and diversity celebrated, will continue doing so in future activities. In the first phase we raised awareness throughout society, including at the family level, regarding persons with disabilities, respecting their rights and dignity; combating stereotypes, prejudices and harmful practices relating to persons with disabilities; and the capabilities and contributions of persons with disabilities. In the second phase our focus will be on covering block headquarters. In the third phase we have planned to join BBSA camps and in villages in the last phase. Reaching the last person of the last village is the priority with which we are working. In the initial phase we got success in addressing the RPwD Act 2016 at collectorate level and line departments, connected with different agencies who are working in the disability sector.

But spreading the message further and strengthening the network is also important for us now. So we are looking forward to connecting with DPOs (Disabled People's Organization), networks and mainstream NGOs. Through BBSA camps we are planning to identify more PwDs through spot verification and medical assessments. At block level we are planning organizing meetings with BSSOs, BEOs, local villages and agencies. There is an attitudinal barrier and breaking this scenario by bridging the gap between

the disabled and non disabled is what we are looking for. Like the initial phase we will organize public meetings, Audio-visual show, Photo exhibition, Street play, Distribution of leaflets and posters on RPwD Act 2016. Wall painting on rights of PwDs, boards on “Know Your Rights”, Talent show by PwDs, Press meets, Community Radio Programs and clarifying queries through Toll free number. Further by using the social media we plan showcasing individuals with extraordinary achievements. Articles in Print and Electronic Media, Website Posts, Promoting Blog Writers, Posts in Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, Distribution of posters, flyers, bookmarks, books and sand art are the medium we will use to reach our target. To reach 10,00,000 people and make them understand about inclusion which is important for us. Organizing more street plays and using folk medium will help our cause to spread the message amongst illiterates at grass root level. To make the line departments aware we will publish articles in the media to sensitize the government officials. We will create 3000 engaged community change makers at village levels so that, it will help in generating applications of demand for entitlements. It is not an easy task to carry out such a mass awareness campaign but together we can progress with collaboration. It was possible because of the joint effort made by OSdN, a combination of more than 35 NGOs and 50 individuals who are the backbone of this campaign. And it was possible in the first phase because of the commitments and determination shown by OSdN partners which motivated us to move forward despite various difficulties.

SASHAKT campaign, on the basis of its pan Odisha travel, suggests that many of the barriers people with disabilities face are avoidable and the disadvantages associated with disability can be overcome. Inclusion and sustainable development requires involving different sectors – health, education, social protection, labour, transport, housing – and different actors – governments, civil society organizations (including disabled people's organizations), professionals, the private sector, and people with disabilities and their families.

**Recommendation 1:** Enable access to all mainstream policies, systems and services

People with disabilities have ordinary needs – for health and well-being, for economic and social security, to learn and develop skills, and to live in their communities. These needs can and should be met in mainstream programmes and services. Mainstreaming not only fulfils the human rights of persons with disabilities, it is also more effective. Mainstreaming is the process by which Governments and other stakeholders ensure that persons with

disabilities participate equally with others in any activity and service intended for the general public, such as education, health, employment, and social services. Barriers to participation need to be identified and removed, possibly requiring changes to laws, policies, institutions, and environments.

**Recommendation 2:** Adopt a state disability policy and plan of action

The development, implementation, and monitoring of a state policy should bring together a broad range of stakeholders including relevant government ministries, non-governmental organizations, professional groups, disabled people and their representative organizations, the general public, and the private sector. The strategy and action plan should be informed by a situation analysis, taking into account such factors as the prevalence of disability, needs for services, social and economic status, effectiveness and gaps in current services, and environmental and social barriers. The strategy should establish priorities and have measurable outcomes. The plan of action operationalizes the strategy in short and medium terms by laying out concrete actions and timelines for implementation, defining targets, assigning responsible agencies, planning and allocating needed resources. Mechanisms are needed to make it clear where the responsibility lies for coordination, decision-making, regular monitoring and reporting, and control of resources.

**Recommendation 3:** Involve people with disabilities

People with disabilities often have unique insights about their disability and their situation. In formulating and implementing policies, laws, and services, people with disabilities should be consulted and actively involved. Disabled people's organizations may need capacity-building and support to empower people with disabilities and to advocate for their needs. When suitably developed and funded, they can also play a role in service delivery – for example, in information provision, peer support, and independent living.

**Recommendation 4:** Improve disability data collection

Data need to be disaggregated by population features, such as age, sex, race, and socioeconomic status, to uncover patterns, trends, and information about subgroups of persons with disabilities.

**Recommendation 5:** Strengthen and support research on disability

Research is essential for increasing public understanding about disability issues, informing disability policy and programmes, and efficiently allocating resources.

**Translating recommendations into action**

To implement the recommendations, strong commitment and actions are required from a broad range of stakeholders. While National Governments have the most significant role, other players also have important roles. The following highlights some of the actions that the various stakeholders can take.

**Odisha Government can:**

- Review and revise compliance and enforcement mechanisms.
- Review mainstream and disability-specific policies, systems, and services to identify gaps and barriers and to plan actions to overcome them.
- Develop a state policy and action plan, establishing clear lines of responsibility and mechanisms for coordination, monitoring and reporting across sectors. Allocate adequate resources for the same.
- Regulate service provision by introducing service standards and by monitoring and enforcing compliance.
- Introduce measures to ensure that people with disabilities are protected from poverty and benefit adequately from mainstream poverty alleviation programmes.

**Disabled peoples organizations can:**

- Support people with disabilities to become aware of their rights, to live independently, and to develop their skills.
- Support children with disabilities and their families to ensure inclusion in education.
- Represent the views of their constituency to local decision-makers and service providers, and advocate for their rights.
- Contribute to the evaluation and monitoring of services, and collaborate with researchers to support applied research which can contribute to service development.
- Promote public awareness and understanding by professionals about the rights of persons with disabilities – for example, through campaigning, advocacy, and disability-equality training.
- Conduct audits of environments, transport, and other systems and services to promote barrier removal.

# KEY PLAYERS



**Dr. Sruti Mohapatra**  
Chairperson

Dr. Sruti Mohapatra spurned a career in Indian Civil Services to become a leading crusader for disability rights. Meeting an accident at the age of 22 that left her paralysed from neck below, but, she has not given up on life. By 2009, she had trained over 300 civil non-disabled service aspirants who made it to top Government as well as Private Sector jobs. Now she is training students with disabilities.

Amid the anger of rejection and humiliation, she had joined DPI, started Swabhiman, an organisation that has been working towards empowering persons with disabilities. Her efforts have resulted in many positive changes in Odisha and India, which include policy changes, new laws. She has been instrumental in increasing public awareness on the issue of disability and has been working towards accessible cities. She started a project called Anjali that has initiated an inclusive society. This festival has brought together around 49,000 children (disabled and non-disabled) and 10,000 youth to live together for 5 days so that through interaction they will understand each other and appreciate each others' qualities and capabilities, and, thereby, create an inclusive society. Over a 1000 youths have got scholarships and employment.

She has conceptualised Saksham, Sashakt, YLTEP, Swabalamban, Ekta and many such empowering programs for the disabled in India. She has own over 75 awards. She is often invited to give motivational speeches at various institutions and corporate houses.



### Mihir Mohanty

Director & Chief Coordinator

Mihir Mohanty is the Director of Programs in Swabhiman. As Chief Coordinator of Sashakt Campaign he provides backbone strength to the whole awareness drive. He provided the sketch map by collaborating with OSdN partners to undertake the campaign at the district level. He has over two decades of experience in the social development sector credit both at national and international NGOs such as Action Aid Internatioal, Save the Children, UK, UNWFP, Side-Et-Action, BvLF, Natherland and PACS Program under DFID.

In his 22 years of work experience, he has been engaged in rehabilitation projects such as cyclone flood, tsunami, earthquake and communal riots. His master degree in Psychology with specialisation in "Educational Psychology" has helped him to work efficiently in education sector, livelihood and food security, etc. His wide range of experience from the level of gram panchayat coordinator to the project manager at national and international level has enabled him to efficiently manage Sashakt Campaign.



### Veejayant Dash

Curator & Art Activist

Veejayant Dash studied Painting from B. K. College of Art & Crafts, Bhubaneswar. He has been involved in Theatre from his college days and worked as Set, Costume and Graphic Designer for many Plays and also Odia Serials. Veejayant has more than 20 years of teaching experience in Art and Design. Dash has been working in the Public Domain for the last 2 decades and has many Public Performance Art to his credit. He has participated in "Environment, Justice, Inequity", Visual Activism Symposium by San Francisco MoMA (Museum of Modern Art), USA in 2014, 13th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh, 2008.

Veejayant has worked as a Visualiser for Swachhagrah: Babu ko Karyanjali, on the ghats of Varanasi in 2018 and has also curated many group exhibitions and conceptualized 0674, hello Bhubaneswar, an unique art exposition. He has Solo, Collaborative and many Group Shows to his credit across India and Abroad. His works have been collected by many and the most important is in the permanent collection of National Art Museum of China. He was one of the Mentors for Kala Kumbh, celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Defence, Government of India through NGMA. Veejayant is now the Member Advisory Committee of National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi.

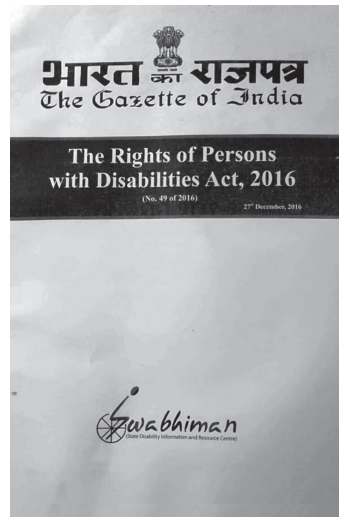
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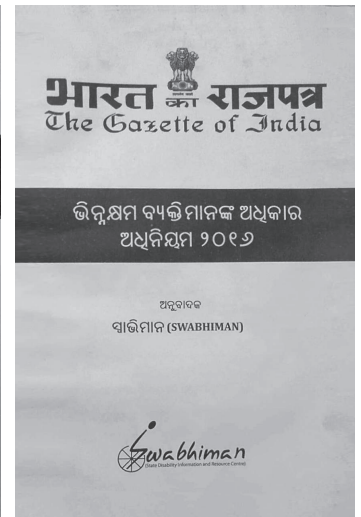
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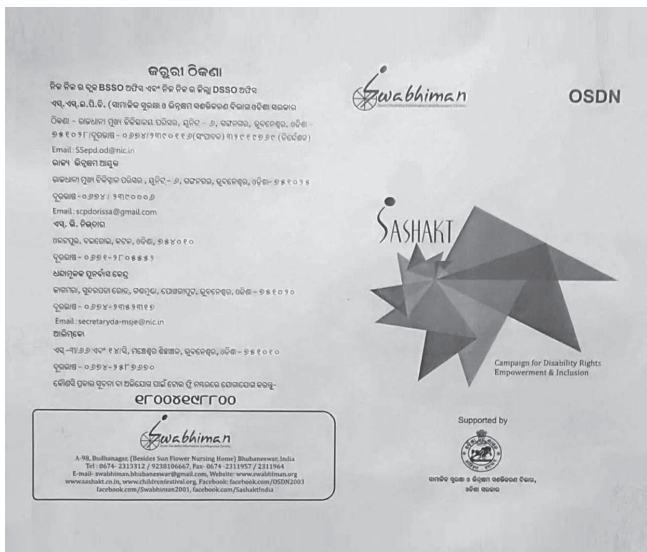
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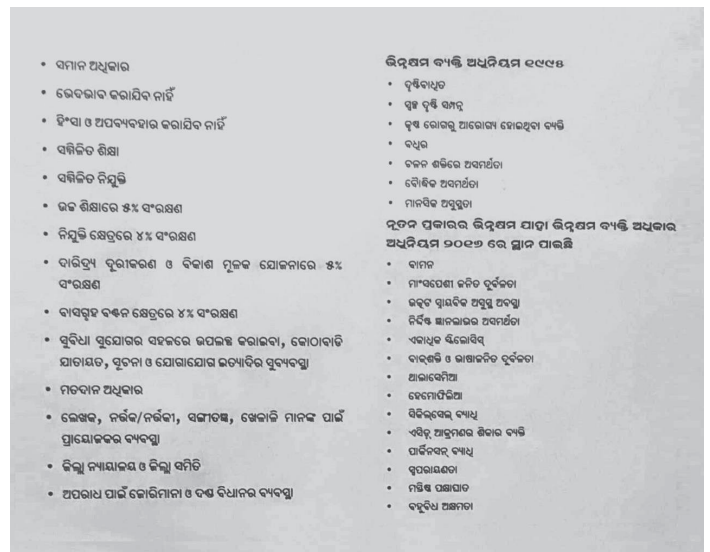
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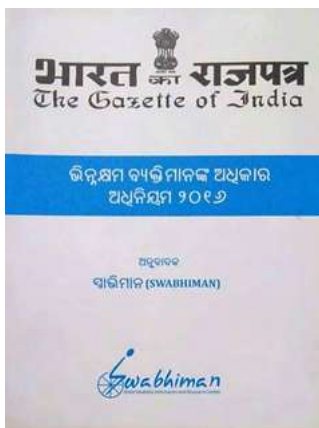
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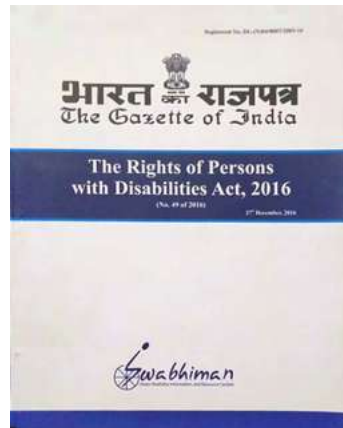
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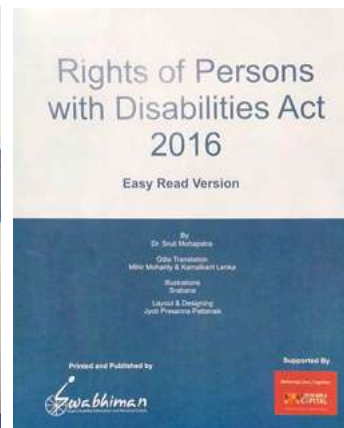
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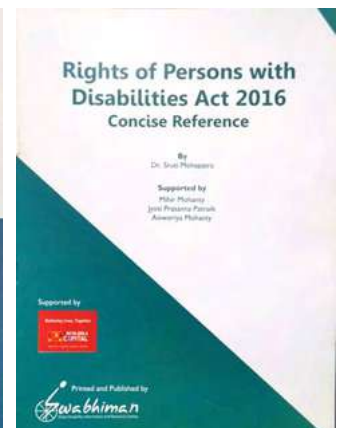
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Violation of provisions of the RPwD Act, in any case or repetition punishable with imprisonment up to 6 months and/or a fine of Rs. 10,000 or both. Any subsequent violation, imprisonment of up to 2 years and/or a fine of Rs. 20,000 or both.

Provisional discharge of any offender except for persons with benchmark disabilities shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or with which may extend to one year together or with both.

Intentional fraud in appropriation of all Funds or misuse of property of a person or other in violation, punishable with imprisonment between 6 months to 3 years and fine.

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### Getting Justice

- Persons with disabilities will have the same rights to go to court and other courts to court or tribunal in which happens in court or tribunal.
- Registration of grievances with the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and the State Commissioners of Courts.
- All documents and processes in Courts will be in accessible format. For ex. For blind persons accessible will be in Braille or audio format.
- Special Courts will be designated in each district to fast-track justice.

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### Voting

- All persons with disability will vote on being 18 years old.
- All polling booths will be accessible.
- All methods related to electronic process will be available in easily understandable and accessible format like Braille, large print, audio, pictorial and easy to understand.

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### Land and Housing

- All individuals related to electronic process will be available in easily understandable and accessible format like Braille, large print, audio, pictorial and easy to understand.

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## Women and Children Treated Equally

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- Women and girls with disabilities have full, free and equal lives.
- Children with disabilities have the same rights as other children and are treated equally with others.
- All children with disability will stay with parents, if parents are unable to take care their child will take decision to keep them in community or a shelter home.

## Accessibility

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- The terms access or accessibility apply to all areas in the Act - dealing with public facilities, cultural, economic, educational, housing, intellectual, employment-related health and recreational matters and access to air.
- Mandatory conformances to accessibility standards.
- Reasonable accommodation and universal design are critical for facilitating access.
- Transport - bus stops, railway stations, undergrounds for the disadvantaged, parking spaces, handicrafting, courtyards and housing, marriage and accessibility.

## Categories of Disabilities

Categories of Disabilities

Existing Disabilities (PWD Act 1995)	New Disabilities Added in RPwD Act 2016*
• Blindness	• Deafness
• Low vision	• Multiple Sclerosis
• Leprosy/Cured Leprosy	• Chronic Neurological Conditions
• Hearing Impairment	• Physical/Mental Victim
• Locomotor Disability	• Specific Learning Disabilities
• Intellectual Disability	• Multiple Sclerosis
• Mental illness	• Speech and Language Disability
	• Cerebral Palsy
	• Multiple Disabilities

## ଅପରାଧ ଏବଂ ଦଣ୍ଡ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା

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## Sports, Leisure Recreation

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- Sports, Leisure, Arts and Culture and Recreation will be provided.
- Government will make and utilize its facilities, including sports, recreation, and cultural facilities.
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## Employment

Employment

- Reservation of 4% in government services.
- Persons with disabilities and persons with low vision - 1%.
- Deaf and hard of hearing - 1%.
- Persons with locomotor disabilities, including persons with cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, cerebral, muscular atrophy, and muscular dystrophy - 1%.
- Persons with autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability, mental illness, and persons with multiple disabilities - including the members - 1%.
- Provide safety and consultancy roles.

## ସୁବିଧା ସୁଯୋଗର ନିକଟତର

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## No Cruelty and Free from Violence and Abuse

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- Persons with disabilities are not tortured and no cruelty is done to them.
- Protection of persons with disabilities from all forms of abuse, violence and exploitation.
- Punishments are prescribed for offences which may be fine, jail term or both.

## Scope of Entitlements Stands Enhanced and Expanded

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- Reservation in Government jobs increased from 3% to 4%.
- Reservation in admission to institutions of higher education up from 3% to 5%.
- Reservation in poverty alleviation schemes up from 3% to 5%.

## Access in Information and Communications

Access in Information and Communications

- All content in accessible in public, print and electronic media to be in accessible format like Braille, large print, high language and easy to read.
- Electronic media to provide audio description, sign language interpretation and close captioning.
- Electronic goods and equipment which are used for access to be made in accessible design.
- Sign in easy read and Braille languages.
- Reasonable existing services like, internet, TV, radio, books, etc. should provide good access for persons with disability.
- Access to information and communication will be made through accessible technology.

## Being Equal

Being Equal

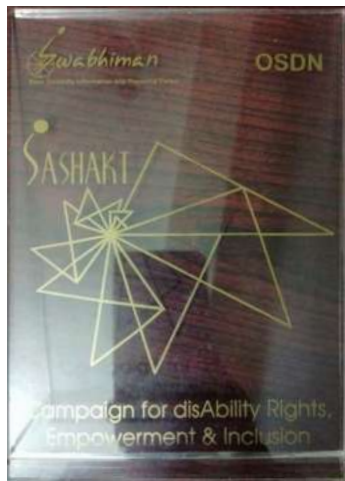
Government will ensure that everyone is equal under the law and that discrimination against persons with disabilities will not be allowed.

## Education

Education

- All educational institutions shall admit persons with disabilities without discrimination and provide education and opportunities for growth and realization like other persons.
- Persons with 20% or more disability, however the age of all in government service will get free education in higher secondary school, up to graduation level in the private and higher educational institutions.
- Government will ensure that persons with disabilities in village, unorganized, and informal educational institutions.
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# CAMPAIGN MATERIALS



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**OSdN**

Odisha State DisAbility Network

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National Youth Scheme

## District Organising Committees of Sashakt Campaign

**ANGUL** - VYK | Special School Punyashram | Sibagni Institute of Child Development | The Medics | Maharishi Dayananda Service Mission | Deaf Association

**Balasore** - YDP (Youth Development Project) | Rebati | Manab Seba Kendra | OASIS | Nilaprabha Voluntary Organisation

**Bargarh** - AOOHWA | Vikas Dipti | Pragati Vinyakhyama Sangathan | Anchalika Janakalyan Vinyakhyama Sangathan | Janashakti Vinyakhyama Sangathan | Netaji Vinyakhyama Sangathan

**Bhadrak** - CRSR | Pragati Yuva Kendra

**Bolangir** - YSC

**Boudh** - YCDA

**Cuttack** - Ashraya | School for the deaf Utkal Balashram | Marwadi Yuva Manch

**Deogarh** - Jeeta | Support | JJC | VSS Youth Club | CSDR | Nari Surakshya Samiti

**Dhenkanal** - AIRA (Arun Institute of Rural Centre) | ISWO (Indira Social Welfare Organisation) | Fights for Rights

**Gajapati** - Samartha Disabled Peoples Organisation | Management Information System

**Ganjam** - Samarth

**Jagatsinghpur** - Sneha Abhiyan

**Jajpur** - Lokbikash | Matru Mangala Social Organisation | Gaon Gathan Samiti | Netaji Yuva Sakti | RIDE

**Jharsuguda** - Sehada | Yuti Foundation

**Kalahandi** - KVM

**Kandhmal** - Banbashi | Kandhmal Action Group

**Kendrapara** - Punarbasa | Arati Devi Blind School for Society | Jay Maa Hara Chandhi | Nimai Charan Mental Ratared School

**Kendujhar** - Sadbhabana

**Koraput** - Ekta | SPRED | WORD (Woman Organisation for Rural Development)

**Malkangiri** - Porevarthan | Sramajibi Sangathana | Jana seva Sangathan | Harmony | Rite

**Mayurbhanj** - Sadhana | Samikshya | Manabikash Special School | Cysd | Rose School for the mentally challenged

**Nabarangpur** - SFSS | DA | AGVMS | MPPDS | Sahara | SOS

**Nayagarh** - Seva

**Nuapada** - DDA

**Puri** - Sndayp

**Rayagada** - Pragati | Come | Naveen Vikash Charitable Trust | Aruni

**Sambalpur** - Adarsha | SARC

**Subarnapur** - Rare

**Sundargarh** - Sradha

# CAMPAIGN PARTNERS

**BVB** - The Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan established in 1938, is not just an institution; it is a movement, a cause. Its objectives have been, from its inception, to encourage the study of all aspects of Indian Culture, to help in the reintegration of the latter in the light of modern conditions. The Bhavan is a centre in which our ancient learning and modern intellectual aspirations combine to create a new spirit and literature.

**NSS** - The National Service Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme of Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. It provides opportunity to the students from secondary to university level of India to take part in various government led community service activities and programmes. The sole aim of the NSS is to provide hands on experience to young students in delivering community service.

**NYKS** - Nehru Yuva Kendras were established in the year 1972 with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of nation building as well as providing opportunities for the development of their personality and skills. NYKS is the largest grassroot level youth organization; one of its kind in the world. It channelizes the power of youth on the principles of voluntarism, self-help and community participation.

**NYP** - National Youth Project (NYP) was launched in 1970 under the leadership of late Dr. S. N. Subba Rao. Under this project, youth camps are organized in order to give the message of peace, harmony, and brotherhood in the youth. These camps motivate youth and ignite a feeling of unity in them through one religion prayer. Such camps help youth to understand what national integration is.

**ROTARY Clubs** - Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Rotary members belonging to 46,000+ clubs work together to promote peace, fight disease, support education, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene, along with many other activities.

**SAMAJ** - 'The Samaja' is a mass circulated and widely read Odia daily which has completed over hundred years of its glorious publication. Founded in 1919 by a great visionary, nationalist and freedom fighter, Utkalamani Pandit Gopabandhu Das. 'The Samaja' stands for high standards of accuracy, authenticity and the core value of journalism. The Samaja has been instrumental in awakening the social values and contributing in the nation building process.

**SSEPD** - The Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department was created as a separate Department during 2015-16. Since inception, it works for the overall development of persons with disabilities, provides social security pension through a host of specially designed schemes and programmes. It also deals with the issues of the transgenders and the elderly citizens.

**YRC** - The Red Cross Society is a worldwide, well known, universally accepted, admired and internationally identified humanitarian service organization. Youth Red Cross founded in 1914 and formalised in 1922, is a platform where youth can exhibit their talent, skills, knowledge, ability towards the welfare of the people and primarily Youth Red Cross focuses on Health, Service and Friendship with a commitment to uplift humanity.

# STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



AKSHAT | Symbiosis



DIVYANEER | NIFT



JYOTI | NIFT



ANWISHA | NIFT



NEHA | NIFT



PRATYUSH | Symbiosis



RAVIKANT | NIFT



SAI | NIFT



SNIGDHA | NIFT



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