

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024



GANJAM DISTRICT ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED WELFARE ASSOCIATION (G.D.O.H.W.A)

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From the Desk of the General Secretary.

We have completed yet another year full of memorable events & remarkable achievements. At times, we wonder how it has been possible to do so much against the heavy odds we faced in every sphere. Probably, it is our firm commitment and dogged determination which pushed us forward along our chosen mission. I take opportunity to congratulate all our colleagues and patrons but for whose goodwill and support it would have been quite difficult to achieve our targets. It is also the time to acknowledge the might challenges ahead, for the people of Ganjam seem to have no respite from the recurrent spells of cyclones, floods and droughts in succession. The increased improvements has caused wide spread starvation deaths in a large number of areas in the District.

Bankruptcy in Government coffers coupled with industrial & Agricultural recession have sequenced employment prospects both in organized & un-organized sectors economy. The physically challenged, women, children as well as the old and aged belonging to various vulnerable groups have become worst victims of the tragic predicament. Absence of protective action through a broad range of social security measures by the Govt. has mercilessly thrown the helpless mean less people to the gallows of death, Odisha, still bears the stigma of being the most poverty stricken state in the country per capita income, livelihood security levels are abysmally low presenting a very precarious situation in terms of Human Development. Incidentally, community Health has become a major causality driving especially the Urban and Rural poor into endless desperation. There is no sign of immediate respite from these grave threats.

GDOHWA derives strength and inspiration from these extraordinary situations and reaffirms its string determination to continue its crusade against odds; we shall continue to make all possible efforts for the advancement and well-being of our fellow-beings. At the outset I express mu sincere thanks to the District level officials for their active co-operation in implementing the projects and district administration who provided all kinds of help to make all the Programs a success. I am also thankful all our supporters who reposed their faith on the organisation. I extend my sincere thanks to the small but dedicated staff of the organisation who worked hard to make all the program of the organisation a success. Last, but not the least, the people who are our primary stakeholders deserves a special mention that extended their support to the organisation for all the activities of the organisation that was undertaken. I expect the well wishers will continue to support the organisation in the years to come. We feel proud to share a brief account of our endeavors during the year 2023-24. We shall strive to do much better in the forth coming years.

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INTRODUCTION:

GDOHWA is an action oriented, non-profit making, non-political organisation working for socio-economic development of the physically challenged mentally retarded along with the Minorities & other backward people for their rehabilitation and sustainable management strategy planning, having registered under the Societies Registration Act.1860, in the year 1989. In the beginning the organization's priority area was Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) integrated development, simultaneously the organization extended their area of activities in all weaker sections of the society. But this flow of development is yet to touch our much-needed social field satisfactorily. The development in social field cannot go hand in hand with the development in these fields. Be it is a developed country or a developing one progress in social field always take the back seat. Socially related concerns like ethnic violence, human right violation, exploitation of child resource, child marriage, growing number of dowry death in developing countries, forcibly entrance of girl child to prostitution, gender inequality, impairment of women freedom etc. are the evidences of the fact that how seriously our social field is being neglected.

LEGAL STATUS:

Registered under:

1. Societies Registration Act. 1860, Regd. No.-GJM – 1206-19 / 89-90
2. Registered under R.P.W.D Act 2016
3. Registered under National Trust Act 1999
4. Registered under F.C.R.A Act 1976
5. Registered by Income Tax Department under 12 AA
6. Registered by Income Tax Department under 80G
7. Registered under Animal Board of India
8. Registered by Ministry of Corporate Affairs Under CSR1
9. Registered by NITI Ayog vide Unique Id of VO/NGO OR/2017/0168881
10. Registered by GCPL under Quality Management System ISO 9001:2015
11. Affiliated by NYKS, Berhampur.

GOAL OF THE ORGANIZATION:

GDOHWA envisages socio-economic change aiming at the provision of equal of equal opportunities for the full realization of the human potential by the adoption of more effective approach.

VISION OF THE ORGANISATION:

The vision of the organisation is to establish an equal, self-sustained and developed economy by empowering the oppressed and depressed people especially the women and children giving priority to physically / mentally challenge through prudential planning & practical implementation. The association has a great vision to provide employment / self-employment to all the needy PWDs upto the year 2030. To impart education for all severely affected physically challenged children who are unable to prosecute their studies due to their physical deformities and non-availability of necessary infrastructure and social accommodation. To drive the PWDs in safe guard to nationalism without creating

discrimination, to establish an equitable society with integrated devt. of marginalized and people with disability, creation of a better world for differently able persons to live with dignity & respect, making them development inclusive and accomplish quality of life.

MISSION OF THE ORGANISATION:

- ➡ GDOHWA, as an association for addressing the rights of the PWDs was established with a mission to empower the socio-economically & politically weaker and oppressed mass especially the physically / mentally challenged persons of the society through undertaking participatory action research devt. Programme and build a balanced and equitable society free from social exploitation.
- ➡ To mainstream persons with disability and enable them to exist in community with dignity with all natural rights and special rights that they are entitled.
- ➡ Through Community Based Rehabilitation and Individual Rehabilitation Plan, Physiotherapy, Rehabilitation Centre & Resource Centre.
- ➡ By focusing on formation and capacity building of DPOs and networking linkage and advocacy with line department for their rights and privileges
- ➡ By focusing on livelihood promotion of people with disability through direct work or through disabled people organization
- ➡ By focusing on integrated community devt. Models specific to disability
- ➡ For development of environment, plantation and seedling is given priority
- ➡ Creating awareness for pollution free environment
- ➡ To take necessary steps for protection of wild life, animals and birds etc.

GDOHWA ASPIRES TO ACHIEVE:

Development of the Rural and the backward areas, prosperity of the people deriving out the miseries of the masses and the promotion of health and socio-economic status of the deprived communities are all that the organisation aims to achieve with the joint collaboration of NGOs. Government and other action groups, at the local level GDOHWA have been trying its best to organize need based programmes at different times & places.

GDOHWA has modest beginning in 1986 posses with a vast experience by working directly with the people. Within the course of action, the main emphasis is given to the PWDs involvement and PWDs empowerment.

GDOHWA always believes "Progress with partnership". This belief has helped in strengthening our spirit & achieving a better result with the community to whom we serve. Year after year we are trying to understand that it is not easy to be good and not that comfortable to go ahead without proper resources. While helping the resource poor our measure constraint has been adequacy of pressure.

However, with whatever little resources we have done as little as we could, but the process is rewarding. During this period organisation has been basically involved in the field of rural development with the special emphasis on integrated development of Disabled Person, Vocational Education for unemployed Youth, Orphan, poor children

education, women and child health and has a proven track record by undertaking Right based approach and programs towards promotion of education, women empowerment, health awareness, Environment awareness, promotion or Nursery raising, literacy, vocational training and promotion of SHG for income generation activities.

AREA OF OPERATION:

WHOLE OF GANJAM & GAJAPATI DISTRICT.

FUTURE PLAN OF THE ORGANIZATION:

- Developing a unique Therapeutic Service Centre in which Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Wax Therapy, Exercise Therapy, Speech Therapy & Music Therapy will be there.
- Counseling Centre for Persons with Disability, Support Service Centre for the Children with Disabilities.
- To undertake the lobby with Government for dignified life, rights, reservation for Persons with Disability at every sector.
- Intensively linkage program for women and child development.
- Capacity building of the disabled people's organisation.
- Infrastructure development for both community and organisation as well.
- Strengthening to the federations for obtaining job cards under MNREGA.
- All DPOs to get bank linkage for the purpose of the livelihood & promotional activities.
- Accessibility to all government and private sector in our project area.
- Sensitization with the mothers and the ASHA workers to support the prevention of the preventive childhood disability.
- The PWDs should be aware about the responsibilities of the DPO and all the official transactions of the money and equipments.
- The interaction session with the PRI members should be arranged with the PWDs towards a perfect leadership with the community by the PWDs.
- To establish a Special Residential School for severely affected OH & Autism children.
- To establish a Special Residential School for Multiple Disabled children
- To establish a Special Residential Home for PWDs.
- To establish a Vocational Training Unit with all trades for the PWDs.
- To establish a Home for Cured Mentally ill Persons and an Old Age Home for PWDs.
- To establish a Home for Orphans, Beggars and street children from PWD group.
- To run a Geriatric Disability Center.
- To work with the Govt. how all PWDs will get a Home Stead Land for their housing and a house for all PWDs who have their land.

MAJOR TRHUST AREAS:

- Persons & Children with Disability
- Awareness & sensitization program for the rights of the PWDs.
- Strengthen the Health System.
- Water and Sanitation programme for all types of PWDs irrespective of the caste, gender, race, type of disability and percentage of disability.
- Women empowerment and sustainable agriculture,

- ➡ Issue and need based approach for indigenous people.
- ➡ Right based approach for PWDs especially for women & children.
- ➡ Community health including immunization & Disaster mitigation.
- ➡ Promotion of DPOs & CBOs on various issues.
- ➡ Social Justice and Legal Aid to poor.
- ➡ Animal Welfare & Development Program.
- ➡ Youth development
- ➡ Promotion of Rural Library and Documentation Centre.
- ➡ Vocational Training Program.

BROAD OBJECTIVE:

The detailed objectives of the organisation has provided in the Memorandum of the organisation.

A few of important objectives are provided below:

- ➡ Library for PWDs, poor students and the minority community.
- ➡ Rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities, children with disabilities & women with disability within the community.
- ➡ To create a new awakening in rural & tribal community to pay its due role in all round devt. of the PWDs by empowering & strengthening them by providing proper education, vocational training, employment, self-employment, health and by uniting them in the form of DPOs & CBOs for growth of our national economy.
- ➡ To undertake & assist in development program and projects among the poor, needy, backward under privileged and PWDs irrespective of caste, creed or color by itself or in collaboration with others.
- ➡ To promote community health, education and family welfare programs.
- ➡ To promote education in general and primary and adult education in particular for children with special needs.
- ➡ To preserve environment, ecology and promote social forestry.
- ➡ To promote self-help group and the concept of thrift and credit among the rural and tribal PWDs for their development.
- ➡ To provide legal aid to the poor, distressed, destitute, orphans and the women along with other disadvantaged sections of the society.
- ➡ To conduct seminars, workshops, symposium and set up.

CORE VALUE:

- ➡ Secular in Character and Democratic functioning
- ➡ Committed to the work and Hard Working
- ➡ Collective responsibility
- ➡ Highly professional
- ➡ Loyalty to the community
- ➡ Dedication for the mass in general and PWDs in particular.

FOCUS AREAS OF INTERVENTION:

- ➡ Physically challenged
- ➡ Education and Vocational Training
- ➡ Employment and Self-employment
- ➡ Social Security and Income Generation
- ➡ Community Health
- ➡ Relief & Rehabilitation
- ➡ Woman Empowerment and Youth Development
- ➡ Environment
- ➡ Animal Husbandry
- ➡ Food security & Nutrition

TARGET GROUP:

- ➡ Persons with Disabilities and Mental Challenged
- ➡ Women and Children with Disability.
- ➡ Small and marginal farmers from Disability Group

ACTIVITIES DONE IN THE YEAR 2023-24:

Like the previous years, we are conducting new programs in each and every year and marching ahead with new ambition and new enthusiasm. Though we are thinking in a big manner, many hurdles and hindrances forces us to constraint in a very limited program. In spite of these above, we are very much thankful to all our donors, supporters and well wishers who has shown their interest in our activities & encouraged though new goals and new thoughts. The following are some of the major activities which we had conducted throughout the year.

All the activities of our association can be divided into two parts one is disability related programs and the other is integrated development of all sections people of society. It can be noted here that the maximum non disability related programs are also giving first priority to the disabled persons directly or indirectly where ever possible.

DISABILITY RELATED PROGRAMMES: EDUCATION:

Education is one of the key point in which our association is giving much more importance for the educational development in the society. Institutionally we are running two Special Residential Schools named and styled as Samarth School for MR and Samarth School for CP. In Community Based Program we are encouraging the partially disabled children & helping them for getting scholarship, stipend etc. we are also providing non-formal education for the adult handicapped brothers and sisters.

- A) To strengthen our educational activities we are sensitizing our partially disabled (Locomotor, mentally challenged, visually impaired & hearing Impaired) brothers and sisters to go for schooling. We are also distributing financial assistance, study materials and dress materials to them to achieve our goal.

- B) To give the true picture of the society and to acknowledge them about the several historical places we are conducting students excursion program for their further encouragement.
- C) To provide proper health facility to the children with special needs we are organizing mega health camps in regular intervals.
- D) By doing all this we had not forgotten about our illiterate mass belonging to the youth and adult section. To fulfill their educational needs and to bring them into the main stream of the society we are distributing study kits encouraging the public to run the classes guiding them for future assistance like this we are conducting our adult education programs.
- E) To enhance their inner qualities and to make them a responsible citizen we are giving them chance to go to others and make the society alert for which we are sending them to participate in many state level and national level programs like Anjali, Child Rights Assembly, Abilympics, Paralympics and special Olympics.
- F) The disabled students who are unable to attend colleges including for academic and professional courses for them we are running a center in which they are staying and going to different colleges for higher education including professional education. Apart from this they are also getting Teaching Learning Materials, Dress Materials, Private Coaching, Fooding and Health facilities including their College Admission Fees.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

- ➡ 42 Mentally Retarded children are staying & reading in Samarth School for MR.
- ➡ 42 Cerebral Palsy children are staying & reading in Samarth School for CP.
- ➡ 40 Disabled Students are staying & receiving higher education with all other facilities
- ➡ 102 SAMARTH Children had send on excursion trip to acquire outer knowledge and learn about many historical places.
- ➡ 10 Children with Special Needs were provided study kits for their educational fulfillment.
- ➡ 150 PWDs have attended in our health camp and provided with necessary medicines.
- ➡ 10 Children with Special Needs were provided financial assistance for their education.
- ➡ Many Teaching Learning Materials have given to Samarth School For MR & CP.

CULTURAL COMPETETION:

We are conscious about the cultural capabilities of our disabled kids for which we are conducting cultural competitions & inviting many officials to recall their memories towards the capabilities of the PWDs. Even the MR & C.P children are also getting their platform to come to the public. On the eve of the observation of International Day for the Persons with Disability a cultural competition was held among the PWDs of our District.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

- ➡ 147 MR & CP Children have participated in different types of cultural activities & the winners were encouraged on 3rd December 2021 with certificates and prizes.

DISTRICT LEVEL SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR PWDS:

To cover almost all the parts of educational programs we are conducting cultural & sports competitions among the different categories of PWDs like physically challenged, mentally challenged, visually impaired, hearing impaired, autism, C.P. & multiple disabled.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

47 PWDs had participated in 7 events & distributed prizes to winners of the competition.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING:

In our opinion education is of two types. One is Academic Education & the other is Vocational Education. By getting academic education one can enhance his idea, his inner qualities, one can aware about several factors but by receiving Vocational Education one can expert in several skills by which one can directly earn their livelihood as well as one can pass his leisure time also. Keeping this view in our mind we are running several Vocational Training Courses and after the completion of the Training we are starting several production units by which the PWDs are getting their job directly.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

63 PWDs have trained in Agarbati making, Candle making & Phenyl making training.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

RPWD Act 2016 & National Trust Act 1999:

GDOHWA organized a one-day workshop on RPWD Act 2016 & National Trust Act 1999 in which 114 PWDs have sensitised on different clauses of RPWD Act 2016 & National Trust Act 1999.

We are conducting several advocacy workshops, National Youth Conventions, Awareness camps, Dist. Level & State Level conventions on disability and law, workshop on women right etc. etc. it can be noted here that all these workshops and conventions are related to disabled persons & the Acts meant for their rehabilitation like RPWDs Act, National Trust Act, RCI Act, Mental Health Act and UNCRPD.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

45 PWDs have sensitised in different laws like RPWD Act 2016 & National Trust Act 1999.

REHABILITATION:

Apart from all these above mentioned programs we are also undertaking many rehabilitation works for the devt. of these PWDs such as distribution of study kits, distribution of food grains, donation to different people, Relief for different people etc. etc.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

- ➡ A sum of Rs. 7,700/- was utilized for distribution of Senior Citizen PWDs.
- ➡ A sum of Rs. 05,000/- was donated for poor PWDs.
- ➡ A sum of Rs. 10,000/- was given to Poor Disabled Children.

- ➡ A sum of Rs. 19,770/- was given as financial assistance to Poor Disabled Persons.
- ➡ A sum of Rs. 34,900/- was given as financial assistance to Poor Disabled Persons to set up their won business.

HEALTH PROGRAMMES:

Being the association of PWDs, we are giving much more importance to the health aspect of each and every individual. Every movement we are seeing how a single people will not become disabled due to several reasons for which we are undertaking a number of programs like....

A) FIRST-AID:

Among several items of our rehabilitation works first-aid occupies the key position. We always trying to provide first-aid facility not only to the persons who are directly or indirectly related to us but also to those persons to whom we are coming across in the road side as well as to those persons who are coming for getting help from us.

B) PHYSIOTHERAPY TRAINING:

We have given Physiotherapy Service to 54 CP Children.

C) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TRAINING:

We have given Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy to 60 MR Children.

HELP TO POOR PERSONS:

Our association always trying to help the poor students, old aged & needy persons of society through several ways. We are extending our hand of cooperation to those who are in distressed condition. We are giving them financial assistance for small business, for schooling their children, for repairing their houses & distributing necessary daily required items for which we are distributing a good amount of donations. Some people are rehabilitating through this program. They are as follows.

HOME FOR C.P. & M.R.

To bring our MR CP friends to the mainstream of the society we are keeping 25 CP & MR persons in a Home at Chatrapur where they are receiving their education, vocational training, physical exercise and the training related to their daily works.

LOBBY AND ADVOCACY:

Since last 10-12 years we engaged ourselves in the lobby and advocacy programmes. We are having 2 types of approaches- in one way we are trying to sensitize the PWDs, their parents, the DPOs, the CBOs and the NGO friends working for the PWDs and in other way we are keeping pressure on Govt. to provide all types of assistance which are ensured for PWDs in different legislations and Acts.

Since last two years we have changed our policy to some extent & trying to sensitize the Beurocrates, PRI members, Political Leaders about RPWD Act 2016 and the rights

ensured in this Act for the PWDs of our country. We have conducted some Panchayat Level and Block Level Workshops to sensitize our PWD friends. We have also conducted District level Workshop for the NGOs, DPOs, CBOs and PWD representatives to sensitize them about the rights ensured for PWDs in different Acts Policies and legislations.

Therapeutic & Rehabilitation services for the Developmental Disabled people:

We are providing therapeutic services to the people of MR, CP, Autism and Multiple Disabled people. Apart from this basic service we are also providing fooding, clothing and medical facilities to the inmates.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

40 Developmental Disabled people from Chatrapur, Ganjam and Khalikote Block have been receiving this facilities.

LIBRARY MAINTENANCE:

Our organization established a small Public Library to provide the greatest educational facilities to the public. From this Library many poor children getting facilities to read books in free of cost.

CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS:

Keeping in mind the importance of various days GDOHWA celebrates them and tried to inculcate the spirit of these celebrations among the participating audience. During the reporting period the organization celebrated the following days.

World Disabled Day, International Health Day, National Autism Day, World AIDS Day, Republic Day, Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Ganesh Puja, World Mental Health Day, Saraswati Puja, Rakhi Purnima, holly.

LOOKING AHEAD:

This year 2023-24 was an eventful year for GDOHWA in which it undertook many meaningful programs for the target group. In spite of many achievements we faced certain difficulties. The biggest hurdle for attaining the long term goal for the organization was regarding resources and COVID-19 pandemic situation. So, all the envisaged activities for the year could not be persuading in the right earnest. Thus it was decided that the organization will seek financial assistance from various government and non-governmental sources to implement the programs effectively. In the next financial year we would like to put more emphasis on health (specifically reproductive and sexual health), Vocational Education, Women Empowerment, Tribal Development, Special Program on STs, Agriculture Development, and Natural Resource Management etc.

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