INDIA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT- AN ACTIVITY REPORT

**INTRODUCTION:**

**India Development Project(IDP) came in to existence as a Social,Non-Political,Non-Profit making Development Organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act,XXI of 1860 and Foreign Contribution(Regulation)Act,1976 locating it’s registered office at Fakirpur and Administrative-cum-Project Office at Akhupal village in Ghatgaon block of Keonjhar district in Odisha.**

**The activities are mainly for the development of tribal and other rural poor people irrespective of community,religion,caste or creed.IDP aims at to achieve the following Vision,Mission and Objectives.**

**VISION:**

**We at IDP have the Vision,the Vision of a Society where each individual lives in dignity,where each can participate in Social,Cultural and Political decisions that affects their livs.Where Women/Men is a controller of her/his environment,a subject of development rather than an object.A Society where all individuals lives in Justice,Equality and Peace.**

**MISSION:**

**To train and equip the people in such a way so that they can maintain their livelihood by themselves.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

**# To facilitate the people in order to ensure their self-participation for their uplift and lessen the injustice for which they suffer.**

**## To create people’s awareness that they re-discover their power and work confidently for self-reliance.**

**### To promote Education For All,Community Health,Improved Agriculture and Income Generation Programmes through locally available resources and appropriate technology.**

**WITH WHOM IDP IS WORKING:**

**IDP have been working with Santal,Munda and Ganda tribal and some Nomadic Mankadia,Malar and Sitari tribes and also working with Harizans in Ghatgaon and Anandapur blocks of Keonjhar district.Some of our Project villages are surrounded by Atai Reserved Forest.Total 35,000 people are getting benefit from IDP’s Programme.**

**HOW INDIA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CAME IN TO EXISTENCE:-**

**The idea of becoming a development worker came in to the mind of Shri Gokulananda Ojha in early 1980 when he enrolled himself as a Volunteer in National Social Service Scheme in Anandapur College.During his student career he has attended a number of NSS and NCC Camps where he was adjudged as the Best Volunteer and Best Cadet.**

**As soon as he completed his Master Degree he got an opportunity to participate in a month long “Social Entrepreneurship Training Programme”being organisd by CYSD,Bhubaneswar in 1986-87 and translated his training inputs in to practice in Bhusandapur village in Khordha district under the banner of Centre for Action Research & Documentation(CARD),Bhubaneswar.In order to learn more on Development he joined a Nine months course on “Non-Formal Education and Community Development “at THREAD,Bhubaneswar where he got the Exposure in different National level NGOs like PRID-India,Mumbai,CINI-Kolkata etc.In 1988 he floated his idea with some like minded people and formed “India Development Project”.**

**As soon as work started under the banner of India Development Project in Keonjhar district,Shri Prem Bhai,the Commission Member of the Supreme Court of India sanctioned a Scholarship of Rs.500/-per month from Banawasi Seva Ashram,Sonebhadra,UP for a period of three years to meet the living expenses of Shri Gokulananda Ojha.**

**HOW THE WORKING PROCESS BEGAN:-**

**In the early 1989 Shri formed a team to start work under the banner of India Development Project .During that time he got an opportunity to impart Orientation training programmes for the project staffs of Nikhil Bharat Banabasi Panchayat which was running under the leadership of Shri Rajaram Singh.While moving to his Jhargram Office he came across with Prof.S.K.Basu-Mallik,the Chairman of Peoples Union for Development & Reconstructions(PUDAR).Seeing the CV of Shri Ojha,Prof.Basu-Mallik provided IDP an opportunity to implement PUDAR’s Projects in Keonjhar district of Odisha.IDP became an Affiliate of PUDAR and started implementing PUDAR’s programmes in Keonjhar district of Odisha from 1990-1991.**

**IDP has implemented PUDAR’s programmes in Keonjhar district from 1990 to 2000.The Projects were:- 1)Integrated Community Development Programme(The Project was funded by Methodist Relief & Development Fund(MRDF)London from 1991-2000.**

**2)Project on Health & Nutrition funded by Dutch Interchurch Aid,The Netherlands from 1991 to 1994.**

**3)In Search of Food Security funded by Dutch InterChurch Aid,The Netherlands from 1994 to 1998.**

**4)Project on Livelihood Security funded by Dutch Inter Church Aid,The Netherlands from 1998 to 2000.**

**5)Post Cyclone Reconstruction and Rehabilitation funded by Dutch Inter Church Aid,The Netherlands from November,1999 to April,2001.**

**After the death of Prof.S.K.Basu-Mallik,the Chairman of PUDAR most of the Projects were closed and Phased out. Within 2 years most of the leading Team members of PUDAR’s Board of Management like Shymal Basu-Mallik,Rabial Mallik,Samar Narayan Basu etc.have passed away. Now PUDAR is in a defunct Organisation now-a-days.**

**ACHIEVEMENTS DONE SO FAR:-**

**# REHABILITATION OF MANKADIA TRIBALS:- Under the facilitation of Shri Ojha & IDP team 13 Nomadic Mankadia tribal families have been rehabilitated in Melan Village.Houses have been built with the financial assistance of the Government of Odisha.Before rehabilitation,the nomadic Mankadia tribal families were living with laf shanties/huts and earning their livelihood from Monkey catching and collecting roots and tubers from forest.**

**# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF TRIBALS:- With the guidance of PRADAN and the District Administration Shri Ojha and IDP team have facilitated the marketing linkages of Sal Leaf Plates in Keonjhar district and upgraded the Skills of Tribal Women.The marketing linkages have now been well established and 5600 tribal Women are earning atleast Rs.3000/-per month from leaf-plate stitching which is supplementing to their family income.**

**# PROTECTING TRIBALS FROM ELPHANT MENACE:- Under the leadership of Shri Ojha and IDP team and cooperation from the District Administration,Forest Department,Police Department,Political Parties,Medias and the General Public Lives and Livelihood of tribal families were protected from Elephant Menace in Melan and Balijodi villages of Keonjhar district. Relief materials were provided from India Development Project and 18 houses have been constructed by Ghatgaon Panchayat Samity.Since Elephant Menace is a regular course of event,Village Committees have been formed alongwith Forest Department to scared away Elephants.**

**# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SELF-HELP-GROUPS:- Under the leadership and guidance of Shri Ojha,IDP was the first NGO in Keonjhar district to organise Women Self-Help-Groups and linked them with Bank of India,Tarini Temple Branch,Ghatgaon which dates back to 23rd March,1995.The SHGs are engaged in IGP activities.Two SHGs namely,Maa Sarala Mahila Sangha and Brundabati Sanchaya Samity have been recognised as the best SHGs in Keonjhar district by the Government.**

**WELFARE PROGRAMMES:-**

**# 65 low cost rural houses have been constructed in Melan and Balijodi villages with cement tile roofing.**

**#10 drinking water wells have been dug out and 11 drinking water cum irrigation wells have been constructed in Melan,Balijodi,Badajamupasi,Baiganpal villages in Ghatgaon block of Keonjhar district.**

**#Six ponds have been excavated in Upperdiha and Badajamupasi Gram Panchayats in Ghatgaon block.**

**#22.5 ha of barren wastelands have been covered under plantation in Upperdiha and Badajamupasi Gram Panchayats.**

**# Land treatment in 200 ha.of land have been done in Upperdiha and Badajamupasi Gram Panchayats with 30’X40’X5’ formula to increase the moisture holding capacity of the soil.**

**#Ambulance service have been provided to critically ill patients.PUDAR has provided a Marshal Vehicle(Regdn.No.OR-05G-2965)which is used by Shri Ojha & IDP Team as multi purpose service vehicle.**

**WHAT IDP IS DOING NOW-A-DAYS:- After the phasing out of PUDAR’s Project from 2000,IDP has been implementing various programmes of the local Government infrastructures like:-**

**# Consumer Awareness programmes of Legal Metrology,Keonjhar & District Civil Supplies,Keonjhar.**

**#Occasional Programmes of Nehru Yuva Kendra,Keonjhar.**

**#Education Programme for the School Dropouts funded by District Child Labour Rehabilitation Society,Keonjhar.**

**#Training programmes of PIA,Watershed,Ghatgaon and Harichandanpur block.**

**# Occasional support of Parihaar Foundation,Bangalore.**

**# Fund raising programme from Nursery raising.**

**#Agriculture projects from BTM,Ghatgaon and ATMA,Keonjhar.**

**#AVDS Project funded by CHC,Ghatgaon.**

**WHAT IDP IS PLANNING TO DO IN NEXT FIVE YEARS:-**

**# Widow Livelihood Restoration Programme through Fruit Orchard Programme.**

**#Women Livelihood Development Programme through Mixed Plantation.**

**# Child Nutrition Programme through Birthday etc.Celebration programme through Crowdfunding.**

**#Agriculture and Watershed Management programme with Mini-Micro watershed Demo.Programme.**

**CONCLUSION:- Very soon a draft Project Proposal will be developed based on the need of the Area and People and will be submitted to TERRE Policy Centre for necessary action at their end.**

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