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**WOMEN'S ORGANISATION FOR SOCIO-CULTURAL
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Introduction

Sometime in early 1992, few young women and learned persons of Keonjhar from different professions, family status and background thought of forming a group of this. Thus a group "Women's Organisation For Socio-Cultural Awareness" (WOSCA) by name and spirit came into being. Women's Organisation for Socio-Cultural Awareness started in the year 1993 with a young and energetic batch of Spectacular activities in the field of social and rural awareness with social-legal consciousness. By the result WOSCA got its legal recognition under Societies Registration Act - XXI of 1860 and Registration No. is KJR - 2308-316 on the date of 20th December 1993. The Organisation became Action Oriented and started motivating people and organised the potential youth in one hand and in the other hand opposing the corrupts vested interested forces. But the inmates determination to serve and fight for a cause has never let them down. And with them the organisation experiences a multi dimensional growth.

2. Basic philosophical tenet

The working philosophy of the organisation heavily relies upon the ideologies of the great Indian sages i.e. Equality, Justice, Fraternity and Non-violence. It believes in individual liberty and dignity, the dignity of labour and social prestige while aiming at social reformation with grass root level development. It would work for the upliftment of the people, those who are deprived, depressed, neglected and culturally subjugated from a long period. Also mass awareness.

3. Goals

The active goal of the organisation is "SOCIAL REFORMATION" by grass root development and stop of man to exploitation.

- Transform the present condition of people's poverty and suffering into self-reliant and self-supporting communities and to live in peace and harmony with others.
- Build up a dynamic and creative organisation which will continuously strive to participate in all developmental endeavor/efforts with knowledge, skills, and commitments with aspirations and struggle for the cause of poor and disadvantaged, and adopt to the changing time and needs.

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- Work in voluntary spirit with dedication of time, energy, and knowledge, with the service for the people and their cause by way of understanding offers work beyond duty and pursuit for excellence at work.

4. Operational Area

The operational area of the organisation is in Keonjhar District as well as all district of Orissa.

5. Activities

Training program

Most of the target group of WOSCA is rural women and girls who are educated but unemployed. Hence, in order to provide some employment opportunity to the educated, drop outs and uneducated rural youth and women, WOSCA has initiated various training programs.

Tailoring Training Program (Embroidery & Woolen Garments)

WOSCA started Tailoring training Program five years back. Under this program our organisation imparted training to poor women in tailoring, embroidery, woolen garments mechanically. We successfully implemented the programme. The trainees, who could complete their training, are now able to earn their livelihood and leading respectable life in the society without being burden on their family.

Agriculture

Agriculture is the primary source of the income of the society. This is a dual purpose program on the one hand rural poor marginalized farmers are being given training and on the other it is a major source of income of the society. Our organisation tried to give basic training to 25 rural women of some villages of Ghatagaon Block of growing hybrid **seedlings** in scientific manner procurement of healthy seeds, minimum use of pesticides and hormones on the crop imparting knowledge of cash crops such as capsicum, hybrid tomatoes, watermelons, broccoli etc. In this way our organisation tried to make rural women know the latest agricultural practices and to make them self-reliant in the field of agriculture.

Programme Conducted under DRDA

Under DWACRA a scheme under DRDA Keonjhar Govt. of Orissa 29 women in two groups each consisting 15 and 14 numbers of women respectively operated under our able supervision with financial help of DRDA and these two groups of women below poverty line were provided Rs.15,000/- each to process and produce products such as Flour, Pappad, Badi, etc. and the raw materials was supplied to them at a subsidized rate. The finished products were effectively sold by our

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organisation and these women benefited from this scheme and even repaid their initial loan to the concerned department.

Participation In Exhibition With Handicrafts & Food Produce.

By employing present machinery and resources our organisation employed numbers of women in production of woolen garments, poly garments, pickles, pappad, badi etc. and participated in several exhibition under DRDA in Gramasshree Mela at Bhubaneswar Adivasi ground supplied its products to renowned organisation like ORUPA of Bhubaneswar. The profit of the sale helped some needy women and they were employed.

Award

The Secretary of the organisation was awarded as the best women entrepreneur at dist. level on the occasion of Republic Day for the overall activities of the organisation in the locality in the field of women development programme.

Work Camp

In our organisation mostly College, University going girls, village dwellers, women of urban area are involved in various work camps, community work during summer vacation, Puja vacation, Ex-mass, Dola vacation etc.. During these meetings a lot of socio-cultural exchanges happen among women.

Health Camp.

Our organisation took primary steps on prevention and control of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and other sexually transmitted disease at Turumunga with able guidance from C.B.C. Patna and tried to educate a group of 40 people of the concept of safe sex and the ways not to get infected with H.IV., Safe use of sterilized syringes, regarding blood transfusion from infected persons. Our organisation made the public know of the dreadful nature of the disease, which is a burning issue now in the society.

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