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**WOSCA
WOMEN'S ORGANISATION FOR SOCIO-CULTURAL
AWARENESS**

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Introduction:

WOSCA is a non-political and non-profit making voluntary organisation located at Baladevjew colony, Mining road in Keonjhar District. It was conceived in the year 1992. Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 and Foreign Contribution regulation Act, 1979, it determined to work for socioeconomic development of rural poor with special focus on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. The management or the organisation is controlled by an Executive Committee headed by the Chairman. Administration and financial matters lies with the executive committee of the organisation. Books of accounts, of the organisation are audited regularly by qualified Chartered Accountants. Since its inception, the organisation is actively engaged for the socioeconomic development of SC/ ST/ OBC people, protection of environment, population control, prevention of atrocity and eradication of untouchability, educational development and welfare of the women, children and aged. The activities of the organisation are supported by the subscriptions collected as member fees and donations from its well-wishers. With a view to serve the people in the lower stratum of the society, who live below the poverty line and in the web of poverty, the organisation is working relentlessly since its inception to bring them to the main stream of the society.

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.

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.

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- 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.
- 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.

Operational Area

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

Activities

Participation in fares and exhibitions

By employing women of Govindpur village, our organisation produced badi, pickle, papad and participated in exhibitions under D.R.D.A., Gramashree Mela. Again we participated with co-operative organisation like Orissa Rural and Urban Producers Association (ORUPA) with our food produce, poly garments, woolen materials etc. In this way our organisation tries to give employment to the village women and attempts to improve their standard of living by generating some income among them.

Programme under D.R.D.A.

The same program of D.W.C.R.A. under D.R.D.A., Keonjhar continued for some time among two groups of women of 29 nos. and they with subsidized wheat, continued to market flour in the market and become able to repay the loan they had received earlier and received further financial assistance from the Authority.

Health

A health program was conducted regarding mother and Child Care Awareness at Budhi Kakudi village of Patna block with the able support from Medical officer, Turumunga. Here our organisation tried to impact the knowledge to village women the causes of malnutrition and its prevention, to promote maximum breast feeding, education on low cost food for prevention of malnutrition among children and the knowledge of safe drinking water.

Again one health camp was conducted at Masinabila village of Ghatagaon block regarding educating rural women of the disease Malaria, its cause and mode of prevention. In this camp our organisation distributed medicines among poor villagers.

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Training on tailoring and food produce

Our organisation continuously trains poor women the knowledge of tailoring, knitting, food preservation and employs them in *Badi* making and Pickle preparation. Now we are trying our hand with spice processing which has a large market. Our organisation also markets the different food produce at far places like Bhubaneswar & Cuttack and tries to participate in every single exhibition. With these program not only the rural women come to know of different techniques but also with marketing support, they able to earn some money as well.

Future Vision

Those these were some misleading and pitfalls the organizations still strides ahead to achieve its set goal. Our approach for SC/ST/OBC development was participatory approach and people oriented. We involved people in all our programmes. Presently we operating only on one district Keonjhar. But we have proposed to spread our activities to other districts of the State in phased manner. We are also planning to open our branches in different parts of Orissa.

We have proposed to undertake multidimensional activities for the socioeconomic development of weaker section of the society.

In pursuance of the objective, organizing belonging to the un-organised section like women labour, child labour in various industrial and agricultural labour etc., will be undertaken to enable them to avail minimum wages, food, cloth, health and livelihood. Our organisation is going to serious steps to organize seminars, meetings and work-shops regarding the prevention of AIDS control and prohibition of drug abuse. The organisation also going to work for better environment and proper utilization of natural resources by seminars, meeting, work-shop, demonstration rally and competition. Our organisation also going to work for better development of weaker section of people of all castes, women welfare, child welfare to re-habilitate the orphans, disábles, hopeless, abandoned children, maintenance of leprosy, asylum, organize the health camp to improve the cultural, social change, economical and educational status of the people of all castes through various schemes in rural and urban areas of Keonjhar district.

During 1997-98 the organisation was able to translate some of its dreams into action. Our experience gained from the implementation of different program has encouraged us to march ahead to reach the desired goal i.e. to see smile on the gloomy face of the poorest among the poor. We would attempt to contribute our mite for a better tomorrow for weaker section and for social transformation. We would utilize the local resources proper in the development. For the materialization

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of all our aims and objectives we would request people to extend cooperation and support in our noble mission.

Before concluding the report we would like to express our deep gratitude and thanks to the people involved with the activities of the organisation and have contributed meaningfully to strengthen the hands of the poor in every possible manner.

Secretary,
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