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**WOSCA**

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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 socio-economic 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.

- 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**

#### **Handicraft Product Making (Training-cum-Production Centre)**

This is an ongoing and continuous program of the society for the rural women and poor artisans. This is a socio-economic program with the following activities.

- i. Applique work
- ii. Polly toys making
- iii. Bamboo root products.

#### **Training/ Workshop/ Seminars**

Our organisation organised some seminars/ workshop/ training camps for villagers, farmers, youth, women, and children though out the year regarding various programs in different places of Keonjhar district. Our organisation also supplied funds to the volunteers and send volunteers to various seminars, workshop and Training camps.

#### **Malaria Control Programme:**

People of Keonjhar district suffer acutely form Malaria and especially many poor people die from this dreaded disease. In order to curb the disease, we try to spread the knowledge of how to deal with this fever and its preventive measure. We hired one fog machine (VAN FOG) for one month and sprayed pesticides at Govindpur village Keonjhar Sadar in order to arrest breeding of mosquitoes. We also gave demonstration to district Collector, CDMO, and Executive Officers of Keonjhar Municipality and explained the effectiveness of the machine in curbing the Malaria.

#### **Running of a KIOSK for Handmade Product:**

In our continuous effort of training and producing with the rural women in Tailoring, Applique, Soft Toy making, Pappad, Badi, Pickles, Spices, Bakery

Products etc.. District Collector in consultation with ORMAS offered a KIOSK at Kacheri premises at Keonjhar to run the outlet, which helped the organisation to its products directly to the consumer profitable and to share more profit among the trainees. We also accept handmade products made by individual women and used to sell at our KIOSK.

### **Participation in Exhibition with Handicrafts and Forest Products**

Along with the vocational training, we used to supply raw materials to those trainees who have become skilled to produce general tailoring product like Applique, Pillow Cover, Bed Sheets, Garments, Soft Toys and Badi, Pickles, Pappad, Bakery, Honey product in food category. We buy the products from them and attended exhibition at Baripada in auspicious of ORMAS for 7 days. We were able to sell a good quantity of our products and helped the trainees to increase their income.

### **Acquisition of personal Computer for Imparting Education**

Looking at the importance of information technology sector in all activities

Of our life, members of our organisation decided to impart Computer Education to the poor girls and women free of cost. Recently we have requested Head masters of six High Schools of the District to send two girls students each school for a computer course for free. The said course will commence from first week of May 2000. We have developed a Kids course from class V onwards to make the children aware of the importance of IT education. We are also doing Data Processing Job, which generates income for us.

### **Bakery Unit**

Looking at the demand and non-availability of quality and hygienic Bakery Products in the locality, we have started a bakery unit in a small way. Women are trained to produce bakery products like Biscuits, Cakes, Patties, Pastries, etc. Right now, we are continuing to sell all of our products at our GONASIKA kiosk and our products have a good demand in the market and running briskly. Now we are planning to launch mail marketing through personal contact and hope to increase our turnover and many more rural girls and women and out of sales to organize more health camps for women and children.

## ACTIVITIES OF 1996-97

### # 1. AGRICULTURE :

As wisely said ,India lives in villages & agriculture is the basic profession of the people .Our organisation held vocational training on Mushroom cultivation under D.R.D.A ,Got of Orissa & educated rural women how to produce spawns themselves & grow mushroom further ,which has a high food value & highly demanded in the market.Both production & marketing of high yielding mushroom was conducted by our organisation ,which gave 29 women in two groups of Govindpur ,Dimba village of Keonjhar Sadar the knowledge of mushroom cultivation & tried to make them self-reliant.

### # 2. COTTAGE INDUSTRY :

Our organisation formed groups of Nos. of women & employed them to manufacture garments ,appliques,poly vastra etc. & the raw material & machinery was supplied by our organisation . The finished products were being exhibited in state level exhibitions at Bhubaneswar ,under handicrafts & cottage Industries Board. The profit out of this programme helped some poor women to earn & in the process, they were trained how to produce finished Garments ,Handicrafts etc. & helped themselves to be self-reliant.

Again as an active member of Orissa Mahila Vikas Samabaya Nigam, Bhubaneswar ,our organisation participated in an exhibition of state level at Bhubaneswar with products like wolen garments, poly vastra,handicrafts ,food produce i.e. Pickles,Papad,Badi etc. by employing many women & tried to bring economic upliftment among them.

### # 3. TRAINING:

Members of our organisation in order to improve their skill ,participated in training camp under State Institute of Rural Development ,Bhubaneswar under Panchayatraj Department for course on 'Thrift & Credit Awareness Programme' for District Training Team.This programme imparted a good knowledge among the members of the organisation to hone their skill further in the field of vocational training.

### # 4. HEALTH:

Our organisation conducted a Diarrhoea awareness camp at village Chemana of Patna Block .Here ,we imparted the knowledge of symptoms of the disease among the villagers and the methods to treat it at village level.We also trained them how to treat the patient at village level with available low cost food at the initial stage of Diarrhoea.The method of prevention of further out break of the diseases,concept of safe drinking water with the presence of M.O Turumunge. Here ,the related medicine and O.R.S. were distributed among villagers.