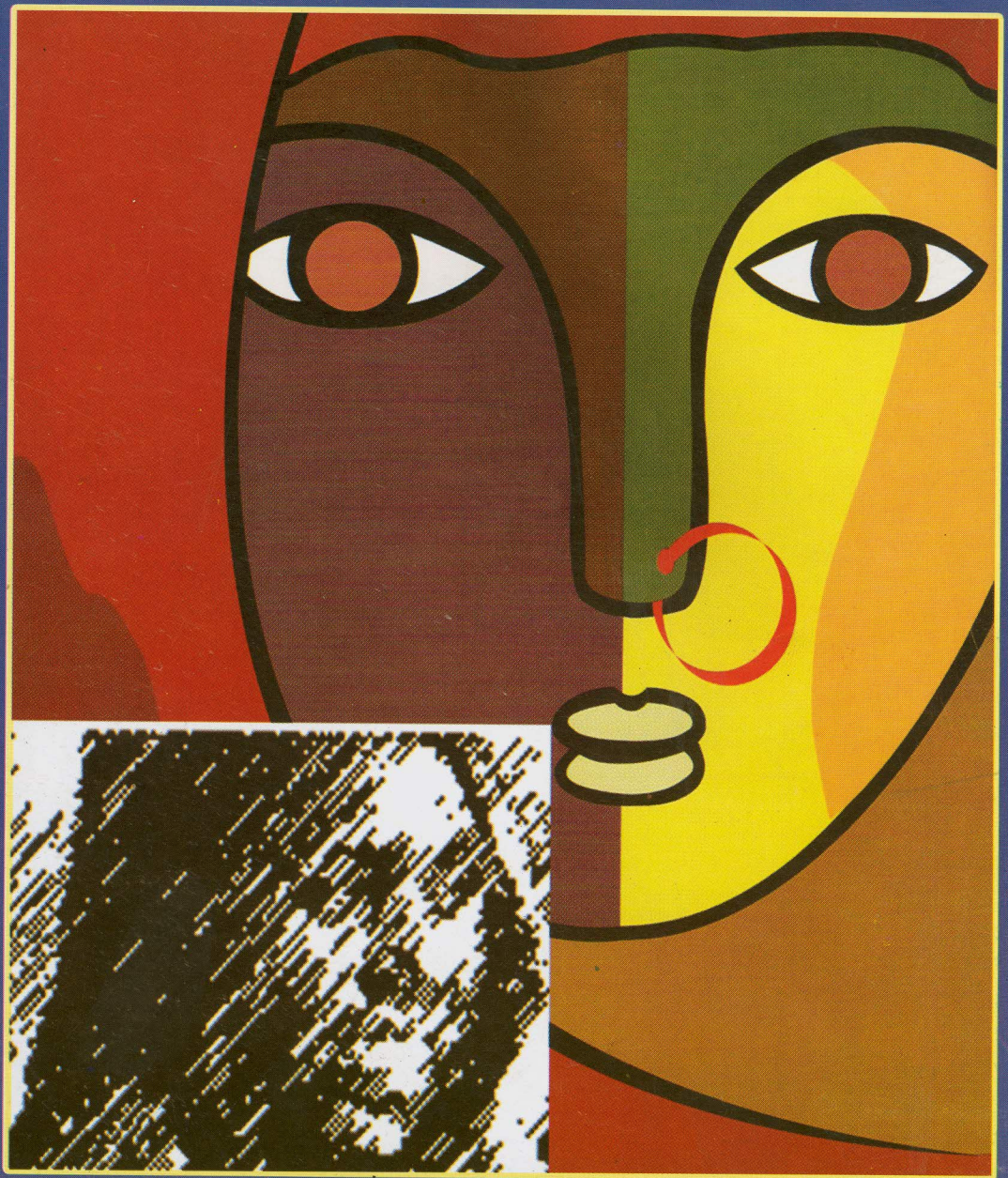


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From the President's Desk

WOSCA has now entered its thirteen years of active life. In this span of more than one decade, WOSCA has been trying to adapt its interventions as new opportunities arise and past experiences mature. This Thirteenth Annual Report presents this trend in WOSCA's work, which is now most noticeable.

In this context, we have undertaken during this year, elaborate exercises on strategic planning, identified the available resources, as well as weaknesses, assessed the potentiality and the ability of the staff to take up future challenging programmes and re-define our major objectives.

With this above backdrop, we have strived to make the target people aware of their status, socio-political-economic condition, to develop the potential, to motivate them to actively participate in their development intervention. The action programmes launched were diverse as well as integrated. Essentially emphasis was given on women and children, rural sanitation, community health, sustainable agriculture, conservation, PRI, livelihood, food security, Handicraft Development & around development.

We do not claim to achieve success at the desired pace in all interventions but we are encouraged to observe the greater interest and participation of the target people and the women in all activities. It is worth mentioning that women have become more conscious to play greater role in the political structure, to have more access to the resources. We are highly impressed to note that in many villages, women have come forward to fight with solidarity on important issues like protection of women's right, access to legal aid as provided, violence and atrocities met to them, alcoholism, etc.

We sincerely convey our deep appreciation to all the staff from head quarters to grass root level for their commitment and arduous jobs even living in remote villages devoid of many amenities for life. At the same time, we solemnly pledge to faithfully discharge our duties for empowerment of the marginalised, disadvantaged, women and children encompassing all aspects of life to lead a better quality of healthy life by the present as well as future generations. Such linkages with other sectors of society will help to translate WOSCA's strategy from intensive incubation to extensive dissemination.

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