



**EDUCATION**

*AND*

**EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

*FOR*

**TRIBAL CHILDREN AT PATAMDA BLOCK,  
EAST SINGHBHUM DISTRICT OF JHARKHAND,  
MADHURMAYEE ODISHA**

**&**

**KANDALEI VILLAGE, ODISHA**

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**Association of Social Service and Rehabilitation of the  
Aged (ASSRA)**

## **About ASSRA**

**Association of Social Service and Rehabilitation of the Aged (ASSRA)** is a not for profit organization registered under the Delhi Societies Registration Act, Income Tax Act & FCRA,2010.

ASSRA has its registered office in Delhi and field offices in Jharkhand & Odisha working for the upliftment of marginalized and needy children in the field of education and through vocational training. ASSRA works towards empowerment of rural women by providing them suitable training of the trade which they can practice in their life to contribute monetarily to the income of the family and lead a life of dignity.

## **MAJOR AREAS OF INTERVENTION BY ASSRA**

1. **Education:** Offering facilities for formal and non-formal education programs and imparting literacy and basic education for 150 tribal children in the Patamda Block of East Singhbhum District of Jharkhand, Khurda & Nayagarah District of Odisha.
2. **Health Awareness Programme:** Adopting a new hamlet named Kandalei, in the Khurda Districts Odisha. ASSRA intervened by spreading awareness on good health, providing them with various daily use products with an aim to spread cleanliness all around, thus putting efforts in promoting clean and healthy surroundings.
3. **Vocational Training:** Offering skill trainings in trades like candle making, bamboo crafts, paper crafts, beauty training and computer training.
4. **Awareness on history of India:** On various occasions like Women's day, Children's day, Diwali, Christmas, Republic day, Netaji's Jayanti, Holi, etc., ASSRA attempts to create awareness among the children on the history behind celebrating these festivals and other occasions to form their base about our own country India. This is achieved by keeping competitions on these special occasions where children share their knowledge about the special occasion and ASSRA also share with them in detail the history behind celebrating these festivals.
5. **Catering the need of the Needy: Madhurmayee Adarsha Siksha Niketan** in Bhubaneswar Odisha a home more than a hostel located in Laxmi Sagar, Odisha for children of those persons who were declared guilty of the criminal offence by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court

of law and serving a sentence of imprisonment. The hostel has 28 girls and 32 boys as inmates who dare to dream big are being supported by ASSRA.

ASSRA supports these children in various ways, be it teaching computer, conducting martial art training, providing food, helping them learn creativity, forming best out of waste, beauty trainings, meditation classes, or non-monetary support through food and learning materials.

#### ASSRA INTERVENTION AREAS-

District/Village & State	Beneficiaries/Population
1. Madhurmayee Adarsha Siksha Niketan, Odisha	72 Children
2. Tribal Villages Jharkhand	5 Villages
3. Kandalei Village, Odisha	33 Households

Association of Social Service and Rehabilitation of the Aged (ASSRA)

## The new Journey of ASSRA and welcoming new family members of ASSRA

ASSRA social worker Shri Sushant Sahoo and Shri Prashant Ghadai along with the team members found a hamlet with 33 tribal families about 15 Kms from the Bhubaneswar Airport. These tribal people had no access to water, electricity, all the children had to go to a school in the nearby village which is almost 6 kilometer away from their home and no access to transportation. All the children walked barefoot daily to study. Prioritizing the matter, ASSRA took up the construction of school first so that these children are no more away from education. It was decided to form a school building for children of Kandalei village at Odisha. We could get the land with lots of support from the panchayat head & the school could get the permission to be set up. On April 1, 2016 Bhumi Poojan started. On seeing the construction work for school, an innocent smile could be seen on the face.



The construction was completed on 20.06.2016 and the school was named “Kandalei Prakalp Prathmik Vidyalaya”.

### Cleanliness & Protection from Skin Diseases

**Bhubaneswar:** A camp was set up which was supported by the social workers Sushanta Sahu, Sripati Acharya, Panchanan Samal, Gopimohan Pattanaik, Ranjan Dash, Nirojalaxmi Mahapatra, Subhranshu Mohanty.

ASSRA initiated this task with the distribution of slippers and cutting of hairs, nails as a basic thing to start with the cleanliness and to prevent the skin diseases among the tribal villagers. This way, all the people were made aware of importance of cleanliness.

First time after 69yrs of independence there is a tribal hamlet Kandalei munda sahi particularly Kolha community which is 20kms from state capital don't use slippers even if their children going to school which is 3kms after crossing

a jungle road. After we got the information from local people the social activist Sushant Sahu arranged cleanliness awareness programme “prakalpa-paduka” by distributing slippers to their childrens with the support of New Delhi based - Association for Social Service and Rehabilitation of the Aged (ASSRA). In this programme Mr. Sahu and some volunteer social activists Sripati Acharya, Prasanta Ghadai, Panchanan Samal and Narayana Chandra Barik aware the mothers and their children how to keep clean foots by wearing slipper also merits and demerits.

ASSRA aspires to work more for the development of that village in future dates. Such type of activity was highly encouraged by general public.



### Soumein Memorial Scholarship Award

**Bhubaneswar:** To encourage girls to continue their studies four girls who secured more than 60% marks in their exams were given the scholarship as per the ASSRA's grade scale of Rs.5000/- to Rs.10,000/ and also the certificates.

#### WHEN THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY-

If there is strong will and firm determination to do something good there will always be a way forward to show the path. This valuable slogan is implanted in the life of the inmates of Madhurmayee Adarsha Sikshya Niketan the home for the children of prisoners serving life terms in 28 jails of odisha. From last year to encourage the girl students, the New Delhi based NGO "Association for Social Service and Rehabilitation of the Aged (ASSRA)" initiated 'Soumein Memorial Scholarship Award' to provide one time cash prize to the girl student as more than 60% in 10<sup>th</sup> board exam to get Rs.5000, more than 80% will get Rs.7000 and more than 90% will get Rs.10000. In the academic session 2014-15 Anjali Nayak of Madhurmayee secured 67% and was awarded a scholarship of Rs.5000. Walking the path shown by Anjali, this year two girl inmates namely Sujata Sahu and Sasmita Munda secured 80% and 62% respectively and ASSRA is happy to award

them with a sum of Rs. 7000/- and Rs. 5,000/- respectively. The said occasion was celebrated in the auspicious presence of special guests including ex-deputy commissioner of Customs and Central Excise Shri Mahendra Chandra Sahu, the president of ASSRA Smt. Namita Parida, vice president of ASSRA Shri Prashant Ghadei, the hostel superintended Smt. Nirojalaxmi Mohapatra, and social workers Shri Susanta Sahu, Shri Sripati Acharya, Shri Prabhudata Patel, Principal of Dhauli Art Collage Shri Panchanan Samal, centurian blood donor Shri Gopi Mohan Pattanaik. The guests also interacted with the students and encouraged them how to prosper in life and achieve great heights.

### Survey among children to know their future Plans

**Bhubaneswar:** On 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 a survey was conducted in which all the children were asked about their future plans and an attempt was made to make their dreams possible. Many of them wanted to continue their studies and continue getting the vocational training.

### Awareness programme to save environment arranged by environmentalist 'gachha sir'



**Bhubaneswar: 09/06/2016:** Every day we will celebrate a particular day and slogan regarding clean and safe environment but no one is aware and responsible regarding this, for which we face the revenge of environment by the way of global warming, cyclone, earthquake, disorder of rain fall, drought, flood and landslide etc., also the smash of wild life. Ultimately we create our destruction like 'Bhasmasur in mythology'. So with the help of ASSRA (Association for Social Service and Rehabilitation of the Aged) a New Delhi based social organization, the state awardee environmentalist 'Gachha Sir' spread message and tries to create awareness regarding this throughout the country. That great personality spends his valuable time

within the inmates of Madhurmayee Adarsha Sikhya Niketan, where the children of life imprisonments, 28jails of Odisha are staying. There he creates an environment how to create and save jungle, wildlife to save environment from such destruction. In this programme the social worker Sushanta Sahu, Sripati Acharya, Dhauli art collage Principal Panchanan Samal and the inmate's superintended Niroja Laxmi Mohapatra spend their valuable times with them and encourage to that great personality.

### Celebration of Yoga Divas

**Jharkhand:** Yoga is physical, mental and spiritual practice attributed mostly to India. It embodies unity of mind and body, thought and action, restraint and fulfilment, harmony between man and nature, a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but sense of oneness with ourself. It causes fresh thoughts in our mind and purify our mind and soul.



On 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 yoga divas was celebrated by the ASSRA among the children and the new family members.

### Vishwa Daya Diwas

**Jharkhand:** ASSRA out of compassion and love for family took up the charge and on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, Vishwa Daya Diwas was celebrated by ASSRA in which dresses were distributed to children.

### Cleaning drive in Patamda Block

On 28-29 June, 2016 bleaching powder was put in the wells to protect the water from harmful toxins.

Bleaches are used as household chemicals to whiten clothes and remove stains and as disinfectants, primarily in the bathroom and kitchen. Many bleaches have strong bactericidal properties, and are used for disinfecting and sterilizing and thus are used in swimming pool sanitation to control bacteria, viruses and algae and in any institution where sterile conditions are needed. They are also used in many industrial processes, notably in the bleaching of wood pulp. Bleach is also used for removing mildew, killing weeds and increasing the longevity of cut flowers.

ASSRA used bleaching powder to treat water in 117 wells in the villages of Gobarghusi, Amkari, Garigram, Lawa, Patamada, Kasidih, Ladaidanguri and other villages.

### Angel pro Machine

ASSRA provided an Angel pro Machine to a boy who lost his vision.

**Bhubaneswar:** Life should not stop, it should continue to move on. On seeing the fabulous work done by ASSRA, the General Secretary of NAB-Odisha, Mr. Ajaya Kumar Samal contacted ASSRA for supporting 5 other children which ASSRA happily did.

### Independence Day Celebration

**Bhubaneswar:** The Independence Day was celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of August every year. The tribal hamlet had never seen the Indian Flag since Independence.

ASSRA had shown them the Indian Flag on this 14<sup>th</sup> August where they saw the flag for the first time and sang “Jan Gan Man” as a tribute to the national flag, all the children and villagers saluted the flag.



### ASSRA Celebrated Rakshabandhan with the Tribal Hamlet on 18<sup>th</sup> August

**Bhubaneswar:** This year a new hamlet was added in ASSRA's family and so this day of Rakshabandhan was celebrated with these new members with lots of joy and heart-touching feeling. It was their first rakshabandhan and came to know the





importance of the day in the life of brother and sister.

The festival celebrates the love and duty between brothers and sisters. It is also popularly used to celebrate any brother-sister relationship between men and women who may or may not be biologically related. This symbolizes the sister's love and prayers for her brother's well-being, and the brother's lifelong vow to protect her.

Rakhis were bought and given to all the girls & ladies to tie in the hands of their brothers.

On this auspicious day, girls & ladies tied rakhi on the trunk of the tree as it was felt that trees are also their brothers who protect them, give them oxygen by providing fresh oxygen, keep them healthy.



### Teacher's day celebration by a Tribal Hamlet

**Bhubaneswar:** If there is strong will and firm determination to do something good, there will always be a way forward to show the path. This valuable slogan is implanted in the life of the Kolha community people of a tribal hamlet Kandalei within the densely forest of Chandaka elephant sanctuary by the local school head teacher Pabitra Mohan Nayak.

So this year to aware those people regarding Teacher's Day the New Delhi based NGO "Association for Social Service and Rehabilitation of the Aged (ASSRA)" initiated. The said occasion was celebrated in the auspicious presence of special social workers Susanta Sahu, Mihirkanta Praharaj, Eminent Artist Panchanan Samal.



Teacher's day is celebrated on the birthday of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan on 5<sup>th</sup> September every year as a regard to the teachers around the globe.

All the children paid tribute to Dr. Radhakrishnan and along with that all the teachers present there were equally treated and paid lots of regard for them and sweets were distributed to all the children.

### Cleanliness move at Lingaraj Temple

**Bhubaneswar:** Many devotees come to this temple to worship Lord Harihara, a form of Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu. On seeing the condition of the temple, ASSRA took a move to clean this pure place of worship.



ASSRA team went to the temple on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 and cleaned the whole temple and finally went to Lord Harihara to take his blessings.

A free service camp was conducted at Lingaraj temple day after the most auspicious occasion "MAHA SHIVARATRI". In this camp the volunteers thrown out the flowers, mud light lamp etc from the temple campus



14 yrs ago with social & spiritual mind the social worker Sushanta Sahu start this camp, from that day the volunteers of a number of voluntary organizations like Sri Satyasai Seva Samiti, Surendranath Jena Trust, Madhurmayee Adarsha Sikhya Niketan, Association for Social Service and Rehabilitation of the Aged (ASSRA), Missing Foundation etc. cooperate this camp.

### Health Camp

**Bhubaneswar & Jharkhand:** On 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 Health camps were laid as a free health check-up of the villagers, tribal hamlet to ensure the good health of our family members.

### Help to the Needy

**Bhubaneswar:** An unknown man from someway far completely hurt on his knee blood flowing from his legs came to the rescue of the team of ASSRA. The leading social worker Shri Sushant Sahu took the lead to call the

doctor and cure the pain .The local doctor with the help of Shri Sushant Sahu did the complete dressing and stopped his wound and gave him the medicine, took care of him till he completely got well. The man finally thanked ASSRA team for their noble work.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

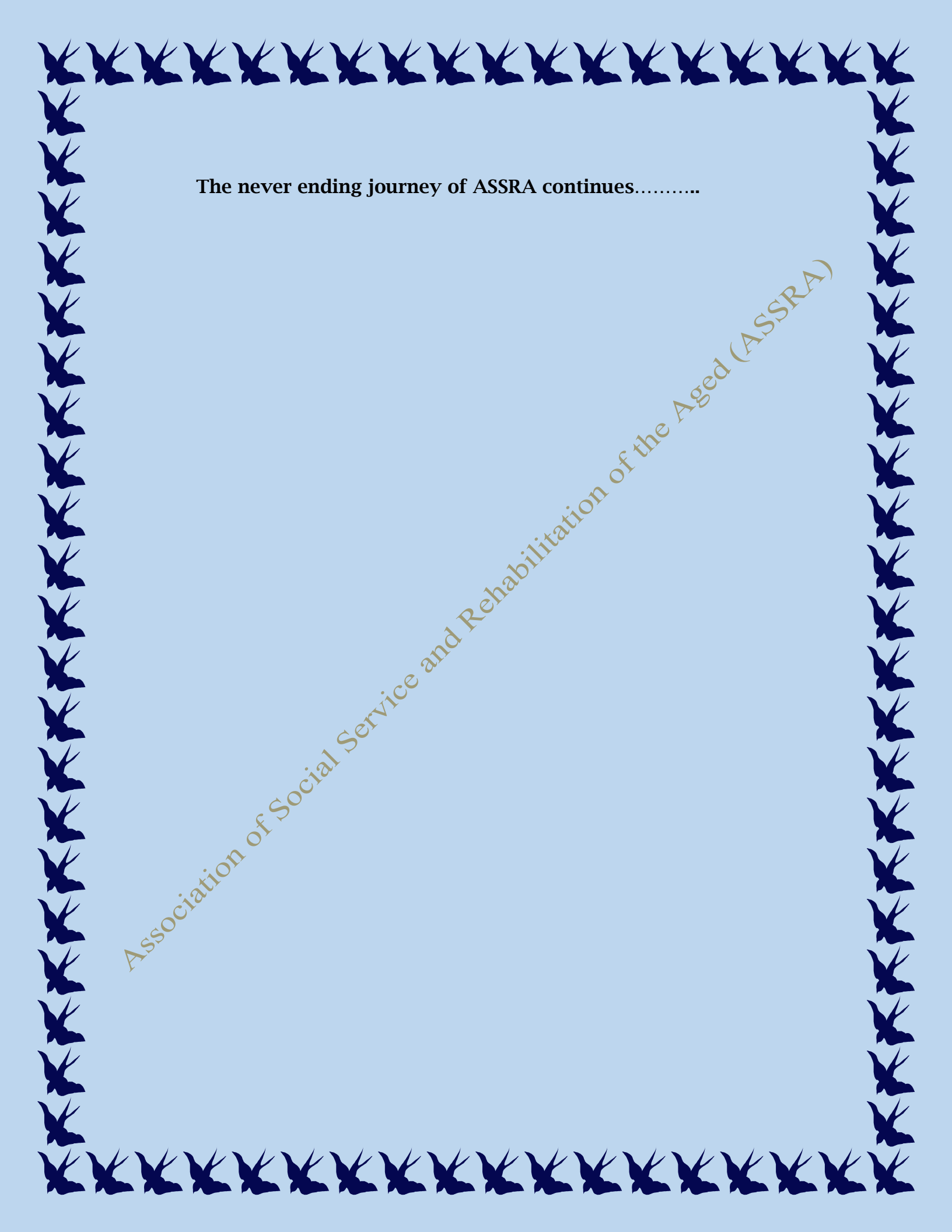


### **ASSRA**

means "SHELTER". To justify it's name ASSRA wishes to help such destitute make them grow throughout their life.

#### **Future Plans of ASSRA...**

- Arrangement of nutritious food for hamlet
- Better education facility
- Better health
- Cleanliness
- Better & clean clothing
- Medical facilities
- Linking to Market
- Sanitation
- Construction of toilet
- Free clean water
- Vocational training to girls & ladies mainly
- Protection from animals in forest area



The never ending journey of ASSRA continues.....

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