



**EDUCATION**

*AND*

**EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

*FOR*

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

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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.





































### **OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT**



Education and Empowerment of Tribal Children in Patamda Block of East Singhbhum, Jharkhand:





















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1. The Project has been devised with the stipulated aim for providing 150 children (Age Group 4years-13years) of Patamda Block of East Singhbhum of Jharkhand State with value added education atleast upto 5<sup>th</sup> standard.
  2. Providing them with informal education that will drive out the feeling of alienation and deprivation and help them inculcate good values in life and integrate them into national mainstream.
  3. Providing vocational training in candle making and bamboo crafts which will enable them to earn their livelihood with dignity.
  4. Creating health awareness and make the children along with their families aware of environmental health, sanitation and hygiene.
  5. Imparting knowledge of basic diagnostic procedures, preventive measures and simple remedies of various diseases locale to the area.









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









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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, Khurdha & 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



**The Journey that was.....**

## **EDUCATION**

### **In Jharkhand :**

The morning & evening classes at the five centres of Kashidih, Gobarghushi, Amkadi, Ladai Dungri & Lawa villages were continued under the able guidance of qualified teachers during the past six months.

ASSRA teachers continued the visits to the homes of the dropouts and encouraged the parents to send their children to ASSRA centres during the off time from their household work. ASSRA is happy to report that 22 dropouts were brought to the mainstream of education by the effort of the teachers of ASSRA. An interactive session was held during the month of November to create a friendly environment among the dropouts and the regular children at various centres of ASSRA. The regular children shared the benefits they have obtained by associating themselves with ASSRA centres. The dropouts as well as their families were encouraged through this session and were really moved by the achievements of the present students.



Various learning materials were distributed by ASSRA among the students to mark the said occasion and to encourage the dropouts to come to the centres.

Keeping in view the annual examinations to be held in the local government schools ASSRA conducted mock tests on various subjects involving the students at the 5 centres in the Patamda Block. The result was evident immediately as many of the students participating in the ASSRA's intervention excelled in the examinations held under the Jharkhand State Education Board.

Various learning materials like pens, pencils, erasers and writing pads and note books were distributed among the students to be used during the examinations.

To acknowledge the contribution of the Individuals in the field of education ASSRA felicitated Shri Ramanath a retired teacher from the local school who is visiting the local schools to impart education among the students by riding a bicycle post retirement. ASSRA salutes such effort and as a token of gratitude to his noble effort, ASSRA presented him with a shawl in a simple ceremony.

### **In Odisha:**

**School Hall at Kandelei Village:** With an effort to bring about 63 village kids who are not able to attend the school due to distance between the school and Kandelei village, ASSRA board took a decision to start a day school in the village. The village Sarapanch was communicated and the same fact was

discussed in the Gram Sabha in the presence of seniors of the village as well as journalist friends of few local dailies.

A space was provided by the village panchayat and the construction activity has already started by the time the report is under progress. Many well-wishers of ASSRA have assured to initiate steps to raise funds through donations for the construction activity.



**Computer Education at Madhurmayee:** In today's era, computer has become a basic need of every person to cope up with the fast changing word and growing with technologies. To help children imbibe this knowledge and practical training was given to these children. ASSRA Odisha Project Head Shri Sushanta Sahu and Sripati Acharya started a computer training programme for these children of prisoner's, who would have been otherwise living their life in ignorance during the month of November, 15. These children are of prisoner's undergoing imprisonment at 21 jails in the state. The said programme was inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 in the premises of *Madhurmayee Adarsha Siksha Niketan, Jharpara*.



The programme was supported by ASSRA which aimed at recognizing the hidden skills of students and nourishing the same to make them a better person and help them to live a better life.

Social worker Shri Sripati Acharya personally imparted training to the students. Two batches of 17 children each have successfully completed the training on MS-Word, Excel, and PowerPoint & Tally. A desktop computer was donated by ASSRA to Madhurmayee for the said purpose

### **In Assam:**

### **Vedic Education**

As Vedic is a part of India's culture, the education of Vedic is diminishing day by day. To revive the lost culture, ASSRA through the support of Brahmanand Saraswati Yagna Foundation has made attempts to achieve the ideology.

The purpose of the special Vedic Education project of ASSRA is to preserve, and maintain the Precious Vedic Heritage of India which is recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Heritage of Humanity through the following activities:

- Provide courses of study, ongoing daily training, and support to Vedic Pandits.

- Provide specialized courses and curriculum in the science and applied values of Veda for the enrichment for students and communities at large.
- Provide technical training skills to Vedic Pandits to allow them to earn a good livelihood upon completion of studies.

In Vedic education, various activities like daily yoga Sadhana, Sandhya Programme, Yogic education based on vedas to keep the mind, heart and soul fit and pure were performed involving the students undergoing Vedic education under direct intervention of ASSRA, Village community, students of High School.



The activities are as follows-

- (a) Teaching courses for young pandit students in specialized Sandhipani pandit training schools.



This has resulted in a much great personal satisfaction and benefit to the students and deeper understanding of the principles of Yoga in terms of the students



own daily life and living.

- (b) Holding courses in the supreme science of yoga in schools so that children and teachers benefit directly from the ancient Vedic knowledge through courses in meditation and yoga. Schools have reported much greater health, happiness and achievements on the part of both teachers and students after introduction of the program.



- (c) Holding advanced courses for Acharyas throughout India in Pune to deepen and advance their knowledge. This was done in collaboration with the Vedic India Project. The outcome was tremendous. The emerging students gained both theoretical and practical knowledge that they reported opened a new world of understanding and perspective.



(d) Provided financial support, and advanced training for the 400 vedic students who affiliate directly with ASSRA through ongoing daily classes and practicums and training in best practices.



(e) Engaged in the development of specialized curriculum for the various levels of Vedic Students from advanced Acharyas to basic beginning students.

### **Educational assistance to a visually impaired:**

A visually impaired boy in a village was given a learning aid system to assist him in his learning process. The system was such which could help him in listening to recorded lectures with the help of a pendrive. The learning process of the boy will be continued without any hindrance. The boy is from a school named Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bidyapitha, Bharatpur, Bhubaneshwar.



### **ENVIRONMENT**

With an aim to spread awareness among the masses to protect the environment from the manmade disasters and to try alternative livelihood having a positive impact on the environment, ASSRA initiated various activities at it's various project cites.

#### **In Odisha:**

The main source of income of the villagers of the Kandelei village is to collect the forest products and woods and to sale in the nearby villages besides doing agro forestry to some extent. In the process of collection of forest products they tried to cut live tress few times and had to face the harassment from the officers of the Forest Department. Many a times they used chemicals to fertile the land or to get rid forest insects/flyes. These activities had a negative impact in the immediate environment. Keeping in view the above facts and to protect the environment a two day drawing competition was held on 31<sup>st</sup> of November,2016 involving the younger generations in the village Kandalei. The competition was named "Banafulla Chitrashala". The main aim was impart knowledge among children about our environment. The program was a huge



success when the elders also promised not to cut any tree and to apply only organic manure in the agriculture activity.

### **Cleanliness is Godliness**

ASSRA volunteers reached Lingered Temple with various cleaning tools to carry the leftovers by the devotees who came to offer Pooana at the Shiva temple on the eve of Shivaratri on 11<sup>th</sup> March,2016.

A team went to the temple to clean the area and making attempt to make India a clean and green India.



### **In Jharkhand :**

ASSRA conducted a drawing competition on the eve of “**Children’s day**” at Patamda involving the students of ASSRA school and before the competition started the children were shared about global warming and extinguishment of scares natural resources like water, natural oil/gas and other essential items. They were also shared how these can be preserved for long by protecting the environment. The students came out with their own innovative ideas of protecting environment through their drawings.



## **VOCATIONAL TRAINING: “Earn when you learn”**

### **In Odisha**

#### **Project “Jeevika”:**

ASSRA, with an aim to empower the villagers of Kandalei of Vindhyagiri, Odisha, conducted a vocational training programme named “Jeevika” was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> February,2016 in which the villagers were imparted the training of making environment friendly products like handmade paper bags.



They were made aware that the use of plastic bags, burning them releases hazardous gases which in turn cause breathing problems to people like asthma.



Instead of using plastic bags, they were encouraged to use cloth bags or paper-made hand bags. They were given training on making cost-effective hand-bags under the able guidance of a trainer from Bhubaneswar.

ASSRA with an effort to link these beneficiaries to the market provided raw materials like paper, thread, gum etc. and the first lot of paper bags were passed on to the shopkeepers at Unit -1 Market of Bhubaneswar.

### **In Jharkhand:**

**International Women's** day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. It is also known as the United Nations day for women's rights and International Peace.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, ASSRA Celebrated the International Women's day involving the women beneficiaries of ASSRA. About 40 women from various villages of Patamda block gathered at Kashidih Community Centre to discuss various issues and achievements by them as the beneficiaries of ASSRA. Mrs. Alka Rani Pradhan, the Headmistress of Lawa Government school presided over the said occasion and was apprised off by the beneficiary participants.



On the eve of said occasion ASSRA with a view to empower the women of the area re-determined with the slogan of "*Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*" and restarted various vocational trainings involving the women and young girls of the local area.

Few beneficiaries who underwent the Bamboo training during the last year training programme were supported by ASSRA with raw materials to produce various bamboo products to earn their livelihood. The young girls of the local area who underwent the beautician training were enrolled along with their siblings and friends to be imparted various advanced hair treatment classes.

ASSRA vice president Shri Prashant also shared among the beneficiaries the benefit and details of mushroom farming as the livelihood. The knowledge of mushroom cultivation was shared among the participants in the said gathering.

### Linking the Beneficiaries to the Market:

ASSRA has taken the effort to market the products made by the tribal women in the cities like Delhi, Gurgaon, NOIDA during the festive season and advertised the products through the website of few marketing organizations like ARUNIM.

These attempts made by ASSRA has improved the lifestyle of many giving health benefits, education, increasing the earning capacity of the family members, better choice and knowledge of their rights and duties as an individual and as a human being, and being the citizens of India what are their responsibilities thus making them aware of the world which these tribal people are kept unaware.

ASSRA wishes to do much more ahead for the benefit of the underprivileged.



### HEALTH IS WEALTH

#### In Odisha :

ASSRA since it's association with the villagers of Kandalei village has noticed that they are not very caring about their own health. The reason may be due to ignorance of reason to various diseases. Many of the children were found suffering from various skin diseases or water born diseases due to ignorance. ASSRA took up this issue and conducted a cleanliness session for these villagers by making them aware of the products that they can use, how they can save themselves from many skin diseases.

To curb the skin related diseases in the Kandalei village of Odisha, ASSRA initiated a "**cleanliness drive**".

Various things like nail cutters, soap, shampoo and oil were distributed among the villagers giving them proper training how to use them safely towards maintaining good health.



Besides this, ASSRA engaged two barbers to cut the hairs of children as an initiative process towards cleanliness.

ASSRA feels that some of these activities like these can curb the skin related diseases prevalent among the children in the village.

### **Project "Paduka"**

It was noticed most of the skin related diseases occurred to the villagers as they walk in bare foot. In continuation of the cleanliness programme, ASSRA with a view to curb the skin diseases made an effort to save the foot of people from mud, dust, scruffs, etc and distributed footwear to all in the village Kandalei, Odisha as an attempt towards cleanliness.



### **In Jharkhand :**

Keeping in view the effects of the changing season and the following diseases, ASSRA conducted a oneday health camp at the



Gobarghusi Hatia on 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016. Dr. Soumein Dutta with his team of three joined the ASSRA members and volunteers to conduct various tests like Malaria, Dengue etc. About 103



ASSRA students of Kashidih, Gobarghusi, Kuwarama, Ladaidungri, Gadigram, Jaldah, Burudih village of Patamda Block participated in the said camp and various tests were done. Few of the students and villagers were found infected with malaria and were referred to the base hospital in Jamshedpur. Many students were detected with various skin diseases were given medicines free of cost. Various preventive medicines including vitamin tablets were also distributed among the children.

### **EXPOSURE VISIT**

Agriculture is the base of India. Indian agriculture forms around 70% of the GDP. Plants are an important part of the existence of life.



With a view to bring the unemployed rural youth to the mainstream ASSRA made an effort to encourage the rural youth to venture into floricultures. A team of selected 18 youths of the local area accompanied the vice-president of ASSRA to Jakkpur in West Bengal to spend two days with the farmers who have turned around their life after venturing into floriculture.

Many youths have keenly followed the activities during the exposure visits and wishes to start their own floriculture units as an additional activity post the regular harvesting sessions.

### CELEBRATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> October is observed as the birthday of the Father of our Nation "Mahatma Gandhi". We celebrate this day as his birthday, a means to remember our leader who gave us a free India, free from the British rule.

On this day, ASSRA celebrated Gandhi Jayanti at Patamda. As ASSRA is involved with these children for the past many years, they are now aware of special occasions, hence to our surprise, they were well prepared for a competition and sharing their knowledge about the father of our nation. In the evening, a quiz competition was held and children shared their knowledge about Gandhijee. Prizes were distributed among the winners. At the end of the day, they took an oath to serve their Nation by walking the path of truth.



Children's Day in Hindi is known as "Bal Diwas" and is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> November every year. Children's day is celebrated on Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru's birthday as a day of fun and frolic, a celebration of childhood, children and Nehruji's love for them. He was the beloved of all the children who gave him the endearing name of "Chacha Nehru".

Sishu Divas was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Patamda by ASSRA to celebrate the birth anniversary of the first Prime minister of Independent India Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru. Children shared their knowledge about the life of "Chacha Nehru" and how he was a visionary of modern India. They took a vow to imbibe his spirit in their life.

New Year brings new life for the people. New Year means different to different people. On this day, everyone takes up a resolution for the whole year, a fresh chance to improve their lives, doing good and new things, a means of changing lives, etc.

This day is marked as a new beginning of life, where people gather, share their happiness with each other, forget their past grudges and hope for a better life.

New Year was celebrated by ASSRA in welcoming 2016.

### **In Odisha :**

ASSRA celebrated this day with the children of Madhurmayee Adarsha Siksha Niketan and the villagers of Kandalei, a village of hamlets in an innovative way. All the children took up a resolution for 2016, setting their targets and trying to fulfil the same. On this day, ASSRA gave balloons to all children to blow as a happy beginning and take this as an opportunity as a chance to correct the things in life, target new things and perform better in their lives.



Children danced to various Hindi film tune and enjoyed the company of various eminent personalities of the local area.

The children at Madhurmayee determined to devote more time to read and do well in the forthcoming exams.

### **National Youth Day**

To honour Swami Vivekananda, National Youth Day is celebrated on January 12<sup>th</sup> every year.

This day was marked in the year 1984, when the government felt that the philosophy of Vivekananda and his ideals are a great source of inspiration for the Indian youth. So it was declared that his birthday will be celebrated as National Youth Day.

ASSRA celebrated National Youth day on 12<sup>th</sup> of January at Jharkhand & Odisha.

### **In Jharkhand:**

To mark the birth anniversary of Shri Vivekananda at Patamda, ASSRA conducted a village level 10-10 over cricket match involving youths of 8 teams of the nearby villages. K. Chaudhary, the SHO of Patamda Police Station was the Chief Guest on the said occasion and enjoyed the final between the teams from Gobarghusi and Burudi village. Gobarghusi won the match by 3 wickets in a very closely fought match. The winning captain was handed over a prize of Rs.1,500/- besides the shield. The runners up team was given a prize of



Rs.1,000/- besides the man of the match and man of the tournament getting the shields.

### **In Odisha :**

Keeping in view to interact with the village youths more closely and towards making an attempt to create awareness on how one can be healthy, a volleyball competition was conducted by ASSRA in the Kandelei Village involving the youth of the area. All the arrangements for the competition were made and the villagers were invited to participate in the game.



All the participants were divided into two teams, and the game started. Both the teams joyfully played the game marking the day as a "Perfect Health Day" as games are always seen as a means of good health.

At the end, the winning team was awarded a trophy, creating a sense of happiness among them.

**Desh Prem Divas** was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2016 on the eve of 119<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose to re-memorize his great sacrifice towards the country. He was the well-known Indian leader during independent movement who formed and mentored the Azad Hind Battalions to fight the British.



ASSRA Celebrated Netaji's Jayanti at Patamda Block involving the students of ASSRA centre. Students were apprised off by the Teachers of ASSRA about Netaji's contribution towards making an independent India. In the evening a quiz competition was held and children shared their knowledge about Subhash Chandra Bose. Prizes were distributed among the winners.

**Republic day** was celebrated by ASSRA on 26<sup>th</sup> January to revisit the day in our history in which declaration of Indian Independence (Purna Swaraj) was proclaimed by the Indian National Congress as opposed to the Dominion status offered by the British Regime.



### **In Jharkhand :**

In the memory of this day, ASSRA hoisted the National Flag at Kashidih centre of ASSRA involving the students of all the five centres in the Patamda Block.

The village head was the chief guest on the said occasion. Many eminent personalities of the local area were present in the said occasion.

**In Odisha :**

The villagers of Kandalei village observed the hoisting of National flag for the first time in their life though India became Independence from the Britishers 65 years back. The children enjoyed the occasions along with elders in the said occasion. The village Pradhan hoisted the National Flag. Many youth volunteers of ASSRA hold a bike rally to kandalei village to mark the said occasion.



Annual Day of ASSRA was celebrated by holding various sports and competitive events involving the students of ASSRA at Patamda from 7-8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Due to various pre-occupations the said annual day was postponed from November till February, 2016. All the winners in various games were distributed prizes.

**Compassion day** was celebrated by ASSRA at Patamda on 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016. To mark the said occasion dress materials as well as the daily use materials like soaps, oil, cleaning materials were distributed among the locals.



On 27<sup>th</sup> January, the villagers of Kandalei joined hands together to construct a road themselves connecting their village with a nearest town to ease their connectivity.

ASSRA provide the construction materials like bricks, cement, etc and provided the people working as labourers with food after their hard work being contributed towards the welfare of their village.



The villagers voluntarily came up towards this good cause considering their good future.

A mass kitchen was held by ASSRA over the said two days to provide food to the volunteers. ASSRA volunteers enjoyed the company of the villagers to cook the food and to be served among the villagers.



ASSRA celebrated the festival of colour **Holi** in the month of March at Madhurmayee in Odisha. ASSRA representatives joined the inmates to celebrate the festival of colours. Sweets and colours took the centre stage on the day. Children danced and sang songs to mark the said occasion.

**Project:**Empathy

**Overall Objective -**

ASSRA with the help of few like-minded individuals intervened in the village communities of Rayagada districts of Odisha to establish demonstrable mechanisms for peaceful coexistence of women and men by reducing violence against women through empathy.

ASSRA representatives had various interaction with the families in the villages facing marital discord the main reason being poverty and other household issues.

Various counseling was done by ASSRA volunteers of the families to lead a cohesive existence.

**Highlights of achievements during this progress report period -**

- 3 villages with 3 women volunteers started to do “Wheel of empathy” a tool for empathy and empowerment in the village where women meet in a circle.
- Belonging to tribal group all the women’s were hesitant and shy to meet in a circle to talk but slowly they have overcome their fear and gained confidence to share conflicting issues in the women’s circle.
- The 3 villages had until now 12 women’s circle meet once in every second week of the month with around 8-19 women’s participation.
- Women have gained confidence to share their pains, fears and sadness and are learning the process of giving and sharing empathy to each other.
- The domestic violence issues are also shared in the circle which was once understood as an individual problem which is not to be shared and worked on.
- The group also started to discuss about social issues in the circle.
- In two villages the women identified “no proper health care for pregnant mother, babies and children” as the issue and planned to set up a mobile clinic service with the support of local volunteers of ASSRA.
- In the second village the women identified “no quality of life” of orphans in the locality as the issue and have planned and already set up a building for orphans stay and are in the process to function an orphan home with the support of ASSRA’s representative







Sh.Param & Anuma Singh. Until the orphan home can be set up, this village planned to start a local coaching centre for the orphans, with the help of ASSRA.



**The Journey Continues.....**



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