



# PUNARBASA

An Organization for Awareness of Rights and  
Rehabilitation of Physically & Mentally Challenged.

**Annual Report for the Year 2018 - 19**

**INTRODUCTION:** The voluntary organisation “PUNARBASA” was established in the year 2009 with the objectives *for awareness of rights and rehabilitation of physical & mentally challenged*. It has been registered on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009 under the Society Registration Act 1860 in the District of Kendrapara and registered under the RPwD Act, 2016, Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of Odisha. Since its formation, the organisation has been working relentlessly for the rehabilitation, upliftment, therapeutic care & welfare of disables. One regular physiotherapy and counselling centre is functioning under this organisation since October 2010, which is providing physiotherapy services with minimum fees along with free counselling for rehabilitation. This apart, a number of regular activities have been taken up by this organisation every year for achieving its objectives and for the rehabilitation of the disables. PUNARBASA is a non-governmental social organization established by a handful of sensitive and committed members at the district level of Kendrapara, state of Odisha. The very aims and objectives of the organization are welfare, rehabilitation and upliftment of the disable persons of the society by advocating for equity, education, health and dignity of life for the disadvantaged including women with disability and especially Children with Disability.

**Focus Area:**

- Disability Management e.g. therapeutic care and related services
- Policy, advocacy and lobbying for rights and privileges
- Rehabilitative services including prevention, care & support
- Awareness of Rights
- Mainstreaming Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through Psycho-social support, community sensitization, special education & training
- Publication of special News Bulletin and related books for information & empowerment of PwDs
- Annual Felicitation of successful PwDs
- Capacity building by needs based training

**Mission:**

To mainstream Persons with Disabilities and enable them to co-exist in community with dignity and with all special and constitutional rights.

**Vision:**

To create a better world for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) by inclusion without discrimination.

**Goal:**

To achieve holistic participatory development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) including Women with Disabilities (WwDs) and Children with Disabilities (CwDs) in the society.

**Values:**

The organisation believes in Social Justice, Transparency & Accountability, Democratic Governance and Non-discriminatory Practices.

**Work Approach:**

PUNARBASA was in collaboration with Government Departments Communities, Local Active Groups, Self-help Groups, Clubs and Associations to engage all its stake holders to realize the organisational goals.

**Legal Status:**

***Registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860***

***Registered under Clinical Establishment Act, 2010***

***Registered under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016***

**Alliances:**

PUNARBASA works in close alliances with-

- District Social Security Office, Kendrapara
- SSEPD Department Govt. of Odisha
- Odisha State Disability Network (OSDN), Bhubaneswar

## ANNUAL ACTIVITES REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018-19

### **1. OBSERVANCE OF WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY & SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC CAMP FOR AUTISM CHILDREN**

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**2. RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) AWARENESS CAMPAIGN** – The Rights of Persons with Disability Act,2016 (RPwD Act,2016) Awareness Campaign was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the campaign started from Shree Baladevjew Temple Ratha-danda by Dr. Sruti Mohapatra CEO of Swabhiman from Bhubaneswar, Dr. Biraja Routray Chief Advisor of Punarbasa, Kendrapara and Sri Pravash Chandra Das District Social Security Officer (DSSO) of Kendrapara District. On that occasion a district level meeting was organised in the Municipality town hall, Kendrapara. Sri Raghu Gi (IAS) Collector and District Magistrate of Kendrapara as Chief guest in the meeting. During this campaign one SASHAKTA-Dut chariot traveled around 3 km. from Ratha-danda to collectorate campus for awareness among the public about the newly enacted RPwD Act, 2016. A large number of Pwds of the district gathered during this campaign.



**3. WORKSHOP cum SEMINAR ON CARING OF CEREBRAL PALSY AND AUTISM CHILDREN** – The Workshop Cum Seminar on Caring of Cerebral Palsy and Autism Children was organised on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 by Punarbasa at Swayam Celebration Mandap, Kendrapara. Senior child specialist Dr. Ananda Gopal Mohanty of DHH,Kendrapara participated as resources person and Sri Pravash Chandra Das DSSO, Kendrapara Participated as chief guest. Dr. Girija sankar Khuntia, Occupational Therapist presented in details about cerebral palsy and autism in PPT Format. Smt. Syamshree Mohanty President of Punarbasa presided over the meeting and Sushree Swagatika Pradhan co-ordinated the workshop. Near about 40 numbers including 32 cerebral palsy and 8 autism children along with their parents covering different parts of the kendrapara district participated in the workshop. The workshop was intended to

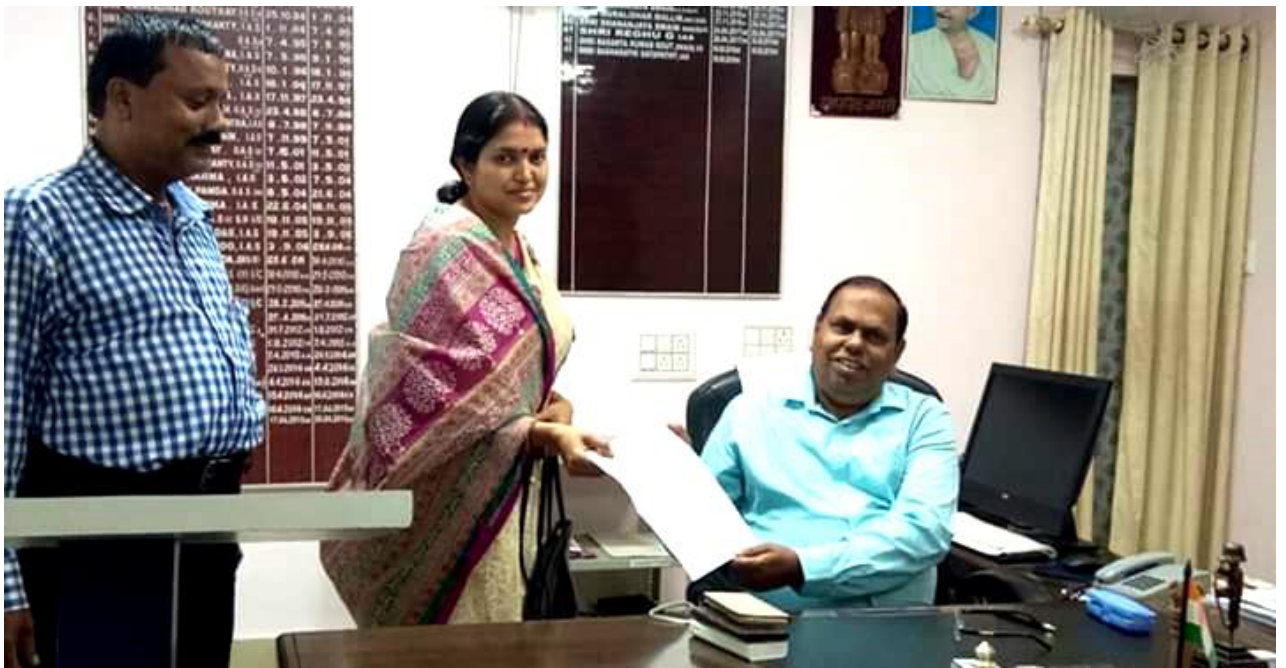
provide better awareness, issues, causes and its prevention. The participants shared the best practices, challenges and lesson learnt in the workshop.



- 4. AIDS & APPLIANCES DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM-** Aids & Appliances Distribution Program was organised on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 by Punarbasa at Swayam Celebration Mandap, Kendrapara. During this program wheel chairs were distributed by Sri Pravash Chandra Das DSSO, Kendrapara to Parshuram Sahoo and Amaresh Baral of village Haripur and Kora under Kendrapara block respectively. This apart, auxiliary crutch, walking sticks were distributed to about 10 numbers of PwD persons of different parts of the district. All recipients are belong to Economically Weaker Section of the society.



- 5. ACCESSIBILITY CAMPAIGN-** Accessibility Campaign was held on date 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 by this organization followed by a memorandum given to collector and district magistrate of kendrapara Sri Dasarathi Sathpathy, IAS for construction of ramps in all the polling booths during 2019 general election and for forfeiting false disability certificate issued to the false beneficiaries of the district as per the provisions of section 11 & 91 respectively under RPwD Act, 2016 headed by the secretary of Punarbasa accompanied by the social co-ordinator of Punarbasa and other PwD representatives of the district.



6. **ACCESSIBILITY CAMPAIGN-** The Accessibility Campaign was held on date 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 followed by memorandum given to CDMO, Kendrapara for separate ticket counter for patients with disability and ramp provision in the out-door as well as in the entrance gate of medical board hall of the District Headquarter Hospital, Kendrapara under the provision of RPwD Act, 2016 by the vice-president of Punarbasa Adv. Seshadev Prasad Dash accompanied by social coordinator of Punarbasa and other PwD representatives of the Kendrapara district.



7. **MEDICAL HEALTH CHECK-UP AND ASSESSMENT CAMP OF CEREBRAL PALSY & AUTISM CHILDREN** - On the occasion of International Disability Day, one Medical Health Check-up and Assessment Camp was organised on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at Punarbasa Physiotherapy Centre for cerebral palsy & autism children coming for therapeutic service by Dr. Ananda Gopal Mohanty, Senior Paediatric Specialist of District Headquarter Hospital of Kendrapara. A total 32 numbers including 26 cerebral palsy and 6 autism children were checked-up during this program. Medicine was also supplied to the patients as per the prescription of the doctor. It is seen that the parents

are not much aware on the exact nature of the problems. In such situation, they are requested to come to the main resource centre to have careful check-up. So after a continuous follow up and practice, better results can expected. The result will give them positive idea about physiotherapy and its exercises.



- 8. ODIA RPwD Act,2016 BOOKLET RELEASED ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY DAY CELEBRATION-** Odia booklet on Rights of Persons with Disability Act,2016 (RPwD Act,2016) translated by Dr. Biraja routray chief adviser of Punarbasa and Sushree Swagatika Pradhan Social co-ordinator of Punarbasa, was unveiled by district collector Sri Dasharathi Sathapathy (IAS) and Sri Basanta Kumar Rout, ADM, Kendrapara and by other dignitaries during the occasion of International Disability Day Celebration by District Administration of Kendrapara and in active cooperation of Punarbasa on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. The concise odia booklet on RPwD Act,2016 is first ever of its kind translated into odia language for wide spread distribution and awareness among the PwD peoples about newly enacted Act.



- 9. AWARENESS THROUGH PAINTING COMPETITION-** In order to create awareness and to sensitize School going Children on disable people, on the occasion of



International Disability Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, a sensitisation-cum-awareness programme through painting competition among school children was organised in the premises of Amar Udyan, at Madhapur, Kendrapara. Near about 120 students from different schools of Kendrapara District participated in the competition on junior and senior category. Renowned Artist Sri Soumya Ranjan Pattnayak and Press photographer & Journalist Sri Laxmikanta Nayak of Odisha Photo News Magazine participated as Hon'ble Guests and distributed certificates and prizes to successful participants.



**10. 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FELICIATION PROGRAMME TO EXEMPLARY DISABLE PERSONALITIES-** To give social recognition to exemplary disable personalities who have created their distinct Identity in the society by virtue of their endeavour and extraordinary effort despite disability; the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual “**Punarbasa Samartha Samman**” was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in the conference hall of Amar Udyan, at Madhapur, Kendrapara by this organisation. Hon'ble District collector of Kendrapara Sri Dasarathi Sathpathy (IAS) participated as Chief Guest in that function and conferred the Award to Sri Sanyashi Behera of Nayagara District (first visually impaired OAS Officer of Odisha), National Level Sports Personality Mr. Abdul Rahim Khan of Cuttack District (speech & hearing impaired) and the successful young entrepreneur Mr. Durga Prasad Pattnayak of Puri District from locomotors disability category. Other distinguished Hon'ble Guests Prof. Ashhok Sar from KITT School of Management, Mr. Debendra Suar Bureau Chief of the Prameya Newspaper, Sri Nirakar Das Senior Public Relation Officer of East coast Railway, Sri Prabhash Chandra Das District Social Security Officer of Kendrapara were also present in that occasion.



**11. AWARENESS STALL IN THE 18<sup>TH</sup> STATE LEVEL KENDRAPARA BOOK FAIR-** In order to spread awareness of rights conferred under RPwD Act,2016 and provision of welfares under different laws for disable persons, a awareness stall was opened in the 18<sup>th</sup> State Level Kendrapara Book Fair from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Telecom Ground, Mahipal, Kendrapara by this Organisation. Printing materials like Leaflets and Booklets reflecting the rights of the Physically, Mentally & Visually challenged people were distributed among the visitors coming to the stall along with a pictorial display was exhibited for awareness of the cause. A special helpdesk was opened in the stall to record the difficulties of disable people visiting the fair.



## 12. WORKSHOP cum RELEASE OF BOOKLET ON CARE FOR CEREBRAL PALSY AND AUTISM CHILDREN-

An Odia booklet about the care to be taken in case of cerebral palsy and autism children compiled by Dr. Biraja routray chief adviser of Punarbasa, Sushree Swagatika Pradhan social coordinator of Punarbasa and Dr. Girija Sankar Khuntia Occupational Therapist of Punarbasa Physiotherapy Centre was released on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Amar Udyan Mandap, Madhapur, Kendrapara in the presence of Hon'ble guests Ex. ADMO Dr. Alekh Chandra Das, Child Specialist Dr. Ananda Gopal Mohanty, Medicine Specialist Dr. Dhaneswar Pradhan and from the Department of District Social Security & Empowerment of Disability Sri Prabhash Chandra Das. Near about 50 numbers including 42 cerebral palsy & 8 autism children along with their parents covering different parts of the kendrapara district participated in the workshop. On this occasion, an interactive session between parents and doctors was held for better understanding of the condition/ care and prognosis of their affected children.



**13. BI-MONTHLY & BI-LINGUAL NEWS BULLETIN FOR DISABLES-** In order to reach out the disables living irrespective of rural and urban areas and to make them aware of various Government welfare schemes and programmes, information relating to disability activities like meetings, seminars, workshops & special camps, articles & news, interviews and inspiring stories of successful disable personalities, sports, new inventions of Aids & Appliances for disable persons and views, a bi-monthly & bi-lingual Newspaper "PUNARBASA SAMACHAR" both in Odia and English Language is being published regularly by this Organisation. This is the only special kind of Newspaper published for the disables and distributed to them with free of cost by post throughout Odisha having RNI Regd. No: ODIBIL / 2016 / 67738 and Postal Regd. No. - (CK (N)/16/2018-2020). So far, 320 numbers of regular subscribers are getting this Newspaper at their Doorstep. During the year 2018-19, a total 6 nos of issues have been published and distributed to the enlisted subscribers.

## **ACTIVITIES PERFORMED RELATED TO NATIONAL TRUST**

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**ADL Training at Resource Centre**



**Workshop on Cerebral Palsy & Autism**



**Therapy at Resource Centre**



**Orthosis Support to Cerebral Palsy Child**