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## From Director's Desk



It gives me great happiness to share the NYSASDRI Activity Report for the year 2024–25. This report shows our work over the year and how we have tried to bring positive changes to the lives of people in Odisha.

Our Educational Complex for Tribal Girls gave education, care and hope to many young girls from remote areas. At Shakti Sadan, we supported distressed women and girls by giving them a safe place, counselling and the strength to rebuild their lives. The Family Counselling Centre helped many families come together again with love, understanding and support.

Through the NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work (NSJS), we continued to train young people to become strong voices for truth, social justice and community service.

We also worked in forest areas under the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP-II). Our goal was to restore damaged forests and help forestdependent families earn a better living while aligning the objectives of the state Government.

In the health sector, our Comprehensive Eye Care Services helped thousands of people improve and regain their eyesight. We were also proud to host the 5th Odisha Eye Conclave 2025, which brought together doctors, experts and community leaders to discuss how to improve eye care in Odisha.

We stood strong for gender equality. We celebrated International Women's Day with joy and meaning and we continued our efforts in fighting gender-based violence through awareness, action and support.

All this work was possible only because of the hard work of our team, the trust of our partners and the support from our friends and community members. As we look to the future, NYSASDRI will keep working with dedication to build a fairer, stronger and more caring society.

Warm regards,  
**Dr. Sarangadhar Samal**  
Director, NYSASDRI

## About NYSASDRI

NYSASDRI (National Youth Service Action and Social Development Research Institute) has evolved from a village youth club founded in 1973 to a non-governmental organization (NGO) registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Registration No. DKL-390/80), the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of 1976 (Registration No. 104890005), section 12(A) and 80(G) of the Income Tax Act in Odisha and the CSR (SRN-TI5392962).

NYSASDRI primarily operates in remote and inaccessible pockets of eight districts in Odisha, areas where most of the population lives below the poverty line. Our development initiative targets the poor and vulnerable sections of Odisha's demographic, including women, children, the elderly, the disabled, the destitute, forest dwellers, disaster victims and other underprivileged groups. We have strategically developed an integrated, direct service delivery approach through research, advocacy and networking.

### Vision:

To facilitate the process of establishing a just society by enabling underprivileged people to gain power and lead a higher quality of life with access to and right over common resources.

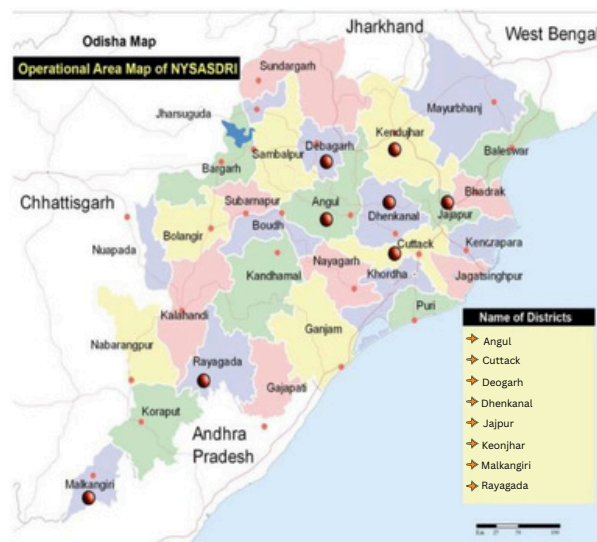
### Mission:

Empowering underprivileged communities towards increased participation in developmental decisions and actions; ensuring proper utilization of resources within the community; raising the level of literacy; and expanding access to healthcare and education.

### Operational Area & Target Groups:

NYSASDRI operates mostly in remote and inaccessible pockets of eight districts of Odisha, areas where most of the population lives below the poverty line. The operational districts are Angul, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Malkangiri and Rayagada. In these districts, NYSASDRI works with marginalized people from scheduled tribes and scheduled castes, destitute women, children, people with disabilities, disaster victims, forest dwellers and people needing eye care or general health care.

### Operational Area Map:



### Strategy:

NYSASDRI's development initiatives are based upon community participation. The goal is to ensure active local participation in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs, so that the programs are self-sustaining and endure long after NYSASDRI's initial efforts. Additionally, increasing community involvement fosters local pride, cohesion and ownership.



### **The Strategic Approach Of NYSASDRI Encompasses:**

- Community mobilization
- Effective governance and management
- Education and awareness
- Developmental counselling
- Skill training via health, education and livelihood programs
- Promotion and utilization of local resources
- Networking
- Research

### **NYSASDRI's Affiliation With National And International Organizations:**

- Member of the International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres (IFS)
- Kalinga Eye Hospital (a unit of NYSASDRI) is an NABH Accreditation Standards for Eye Care Organisation
- Associate Member of the United Nations Department of Global Communication (UNDGC) (UN Press Release PI/ 1597 Dated 20th July 2004)
- Member of Vision 2020, an organization formed by the International Agency For The Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and the World Health Organization (WHO)
- Member of Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)
- Committee for Legal Aid to Poor (CLAP)
- Women Power Connect
- Member of Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)
- Kalinga Eye Hospital is empanelled with ECHS, BSKY, Star Health Insurance
- Affiliated with National Council of Vocational and Research Training (NCVRT) New Delhi and Singhania University, Rajasthan.

### **Advisory Board:**

- Maryel Dutrey, MAP, France
- Jennifer Staple-Clark, Unite For Sight, USA
- Dr. Asim Kumar Sil, Vivekananda Mission Ashram NetraNirimayaNiketana, West Bengal
- Mark R.T Paul, Rural Development Consultant, New Delhi
- Dr. Rishi Raj Borah, ORBIS India Country Office, Gurgaon
- Shashi Ranjan Dash, Chartered Accountant, Bhubaneswar
- Dr. Arun Kumar Samal, Ophthalmologist
- Bibhuti Bhusan Das, Former Bank Manager, Odisha Gamy Bank, Dhenkanal
- Prof. (Dr.) Narayan Ch. Pati, CEHTANA, Bhubaneswar
- Mr. Suwendu Parida, Rotarian
- Mr. Pravat Sathapathy, Rotarian
- Dr. Bidhubhusan Samanta, Rotarian
- Dr. P. Srinivasan, Rotarian



## Our Interventions:

1. NYSASDRI Educational Complex
2. Shakti Sadan
3. Family Counselling Centre
4. NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work
5. School Partnership/Sponsorship Program
6. OFSDP-II as NGO Partner
7. Eye care program
  - JSPL prog RAHI
  - School eye health program
  - Rural Eye Health Program
  - Vision Centre
8. Event organized
  - Odisha eye conclave
  - International women's day
  - Activism against Gender based violence.
  - Launch of Vision Care Project: A New Dawn in Community Eye Care

## Governing Body:

- Mrs. Kusum Ghadai, Chairperson
- Mrs. Dipti Tripathy, Vice-Chairperson
- Mr. Sarangadhar Samal, Member Secretary
- Mr. Dharendra Kumar Mohanty, Treasurer
- Mr. Pravakar Nayak, Member
- Mr. Kalpana Sahoo, Member
- Mr. Manoj Sahoo, Member

## NYSASDRI Educational Complex:

The NYSASDRI Educational Complex remains committed to offering primary education and residential support to tribal girls, emphasizing both academic excellence and holistic development. Students received uniforms, study materials like books and note sheets and essential monthly supplies including soaps, detergents and oils, ensuring nurturing and supportive learning environment. Monthly health check-ups were conducted by the RBSK team from Muniguda Community Health Centre. Students identified with significant health issues were referred to higher medical facilities, including the Community Health Centre and the District Headquarters Hospital, ensuring timely and appropriate healthcare support. A total of 180 mosquito nets were collected from the Rayagada Health Department and distributed to the students. On 10th August 2024, an awareness session on roundworms was held, during which deworming medication was distributed to all students for girl students, where they learned to make various types of flowers using colored paper. Additionally, on the same day, Tetanus and Diphtheria vaccines were administered to 10-year-old girls as part of routine immunization efforts. On 10th November 2024, malaria testing was carried out for three girls, with one case testing positive. The student received timely medical treatment. A total of 180 mosquito nets were collected from the Rayagada Health Department and distributed to the students. A total of 180 medicated mosquito nets were collected from the Chief Medical Officer's office in Rayagada and distributed among students. An awareness session followed, educating students on the correct usage of the nets. On 12th February 2025, students were given Filaria and Albendazole tablets as part of a preventive healthcare initiative.

Class	Present strength for 2024-25
I	28
II	37
III	35
IV	33
V	23
VI	24
Total	180



In a bid to promote sustainability, students participated in kitchen gardening and vegetable cultivation. Training sessions on toy-making, mat weaving and nursery management were also initiated. To promote physical and creative development, the school encouraged student participation in indoor and outdoor games, drawing, painting, singing and speech competitions. On special days and festivals, students were provided with special meals, enhancing their cultural engagement.



**Welcome ceremony:** The academic session for 2024–25 commenced with new admissions starting from 1st April 2024. A total of 65 students were enrolled across various classes. To warmly welcome the new students, a welcome ceremony was organized. Notably, this year marked the introduction of Class VI, with 24 students enrolling in the newly opened class. On **30th August 2024**, the **District-Level Inspection Team** visited the NYSASDRI Educational Complex. The team conducted a thorough review of school records, hostel arrangements and classroom facilities. They interacted with staff and students and expressed satisfaction with the quality of infrastructure and student welfare measures provided by the institution. **Annual inspection** was conducted on **30th September 2024** by a team of district officials including representatives from the **District Welfare Office (DWO)**, **District Social Security Office (DSSO)** and **District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO)**.



A **half-yearly examination** was conducted from **30th September to 5th October 2024**, followed by the **annual examination** held from **17th to 21st March 2025** for students from **Class I to Class VI**.

Festivals Celebrated like Utkal Diwas (1st April 2024), Pana Sankranti (14th April 2024), Raksha Bandhan (19th August 2024), Ganesh Puja (7th September 2024), Diwali Festival (31st October 2024), Saraswati Puja (14th February 2025) and Holi (25th March 2024). Observation of important antinational and international days like World Environment Day (5th June 2024), International Yoga Day (21st June 2024), Swachhata Diwas (10th July 2024), Adivasi Divas (9th August 2024), Independence Day (15th August 2024), Teachers' Day (5th September 2024), Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October 2024), Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas (19th November 2024), Children's Day (14th November 2024), Ramadevi Jayanti (1st December 2024), National Youth Day (12th January 2025), Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti and Veer Surendra Sai Jayanti (23rd January 2025), Republic Day (26th January 2025), International Women's Day (8th March 2025), World Water Day (22nd March 2025).



**Other Academic and Non Academic Events organized like:** On 15th September 2024, six students from our school participated in a drawing and handwriting competition held at Vivekananda School. A craft training session was conducted on 25th September 2024. An annual picnic was organized on 13th December 2024 at Kumuda Bali Shiva Temple, where both students and staff enjoyed the day with food and devotional activities. On 18th December 2024, the Chaiti Annual Cultural Program, hosted by the District Welfare Department at Bissam Cuttack Block, saw seven students from the NYSASDRI Educational Complex participating with enthusiasm. On 25th December 2024, students from SEED Kanyashram visited the NYSASDRI campus for an exposure visit, sharing experiences and learning from one another. On 8th January 2025, three students took part in a debate competition held at Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Hata Muniguda, where one student secured third place. Annual Sports: The Annual Sports Meet was held on 24th and 25th February 2025, featuring various events such as 100m and 200m races, long jump, high jump, sack race, chocolate jump, math race, spoon and potato balance race, puchi and musical chairs. Winners from each category were awarded prizes. On 24th February 2025, a new computer was installed and the CCTV system was repaired to improve infrastructure and security.

Several Class V students were recognized for academic achievements, including 1 student selected for Ekalabya, 7 for Adarsha School and 4 for ST & ST Development (Ashram) School.

## Shakti Sadan:

The SHAKTI SADAN program is implemented under the Mission Shakti Sub-Scheme "Samarthya," supported by the Ministry of Women & Child Development and the Department of Women & Child Development, Government of Odisha. The scheme focuses on women and children who are in need of care and protection and are facing difficult circumstances such as abandonment, lack of economic or social support, previous incarceration, gender-based violence, broken families, family conflicts and more.

While women in distress require care, counseling and rehabilitation, survivors of commercial sexual exploitation need additional specialized services due to the unique challenges they face. These include preventive measures against trafficking, rescue efforts, trauma care, legal support, rehabilitation, social reintegration and healthcare services. Shakti Sadan is designed to meet these specific needs, ensuring the well-being, growth and recovery of survivors while respecting their rights, dignity, autonomy and choices. The shelter has the capacity to accommodate 50 survivors. All residents are provided with free accommodation, food and clothing. They also receive services such as counseling, legal aid, behavioral training, entertainment, recreational activities and free health check-ups. Survivors work toward independence through vocational training in areas such as mushroom cultivation, nursery operations, kitchen work, gardening and tailoring. To make their stay more homely and joyful, various recreational activities are organized, including watching television, playing games and celebrating festivals like Ram Navami, Pana Sankranti, Holi, Diwali, Raja, Durga Puja, Lakshmi Puja, Kartika Purnima, Christmas Day and national observances such as Republic Day, Teachers' Day, Children's Day, Independence Day, International Women's Day, World Water Day, AIDS Day, Panchayat Day and survivors' birthdays.



During the year 2024-2025, a total of 58 survivors (39 women and 19 children) were enrolled in Shakti Sadan. In this reporting period, a total of 72 women and 28 children received support from the center. After counseling and intervention, 39 women and 16 children had their cases successfully addressed. Among them, 24 survivors were reunited with their families, 9 were restored to their parents, 3 were placed with relatives, 2 were transferred to Mission Ashra in Angul and 1 received employment.



Regular weekly health check-ups are conducted by a doctor, who provides necessary advice and medications. Out of the 19 children enrolled, 10 were admitted to Santhasara Primary School and 5 to the Anganwadi Centre (ICDS). The Child Development Project Officer of Gondia and the Home Committee (formed as per government guidelines) conduct quarterly reviews of food quality, comfort level of residents, services and provisions provided and the quality of counseling and vocational training. The committee also gives recommendations for improvements. During this period, Shakti Sadan organized three awareness programs on violence against women and girls.

## A Journey of Courage, Healing and Hope: Laxmi's Story

Laxmi Guru (a fictional name), a 20-year-old woman from Talcher in Odisha's Angul District, arrived at Shakti Sadan Shelter Home in Dhenkanal on 8th June 2024, holding the tiny hand of her two-year-old daughter. Her eyes carried the weight of grief, confusion, and silent suffering, the result of prolonged domestic abuse and abandonment. Yet, beneath her pain lived a quiet strength, one that would soon begin to shine.

Pinky had faced life's hardships early on. Having lost her mother in childhood, she was raised by a stepmother in extreme financial difficulty. At just 16, she was married to Banamali Guru (name changed) from Bhuban village, Dhenkanal. Though her marriage began peacefully, cracks began to form when her husband's maternal relatives started interfering in their personal life.

Even after moving to a rented house in Jharda village to seek peace, Laxmi's challenges deepened. She faced financial neglect and frequent violence from her husband, especially under the influence of alcohol. Eventually, on May 12, 2024, she left home in despair and took temporary shelter with a friend in Bhubaneswar. With little support, no income, and a child to care for, Laxmi was on the edge of surrendering her daughter to the Child Welfare Committee, a heartbreaking decision born out of desperation. But that's where the turning point began.



On the advice of her friend, she approached Gondia Police Station in Dhenkanal. There, the police and social workers didn't just listen they stood by her. With their emotional support and guidance, Laxmi was counselled, reassured, and reminded of her worth. Moved by this support, she made a brave decision: to keep her child. That moment, the reunion of a mother and daughter who were almost torn apart was the first big victory.

At Shakti Sadan, Laxmi found more than shelter. She found safety, care, and dignity. She received medical attention, trauma counselling, and vocational training in tailoring, leaf-plate making, kitchen gardening, and rakhi designing. Her daughter, too, was cared for with love and began early childhood learning.

Within weeks, Laxmi began to transform. Her confidence grew, her laughter returned, and she bonded beautifully with other residents. She became an active participant in group activities and festivals, contributing ideas and supporting others like her. The belief that she can stand on her own feet became her second big breakthrough.

In a remarkable effort toward healing and reconciliation, the shelter home reached out to Laxmi's husband and his family. With consistent counselling and negotiation, the wall of anger and bitterness began to break down. Laxmi, having gained inner clarity and emotional strength, expressed her wish to reunite with her husband not from dependence, but with dignity and awareness.

On November 7, 2024, Laxmi's husband, in-laws, and her mother came to the shelter. A joint counselling session was held an open dialogue, full of emotions, where both sides spoke, listened, and committed to change. In that room, forgiveness happened, promises were made, and a decision was taken that Laxmi would return home, not as a victim, but as a stronger, more self-assured woman.





Today, Laxmi is back with her husband and daughter, rebuilding her life with new confidence. The marriage is now grounded in mutual understanding and respect, and the family unit, once on the edge of collapse, has been lovingly restored. From this matter we learned that even in moments of deep pain, hope can be renewed with the right support. It shows the transformative power of empathy how a few caring individuals, such as police officers, our counsellors, and our shelter staff, can change the course of someone's life. Her journey reminds us that empowerment through counselling, vocational skills, and emotional care can help survivors reclaim their dignity and rebuild their future. It also highlights that strained family relationships, when approached with sincerity and guided conversations, can find healing and restoration. Most importantly, Laxmi's experience proves that asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but the first brave step toward change. Her story is a witness to the strength of women, the value of second chances, and the importance of communitybased support systems that protect, nurture, and uplift those in need.

### Family Counseling Center:

The Family Counseling Center (FCC) handles cases of violence and harassment against women, especially those referred by the district administration. As the FCC is run by NYSASDRI and has already built a strong reputation in the district, many cases are also reported directly to it. During the current reporting period, counseling support was provided to 109 families. Among them, 1 case was reported to the police station, 11 cases were referred to Shakti Sadan and other shelter homes, 57 cases were resolved through mutual settlement, and 40 cases were forwarded to the court.

The counselors at FCC often involve local police officers, PRI members, the District Social Welfare Officer, the Protection Officer, legal experts such as advocates, and respected community members with the ability to mediate. These individuals and their offices assist in counseling and, if a mutual settlement is not possible, help decide the appropriate course of action whether it be legal aid, police intervention, referral to Shakti Sadan, or the government-run women's cell at the district level. Four sub-committee meetings were held during the reporting period to review FCC's functioning, assess the status of the cases handled, and approve future action plans. The Family Counseling Center also conducted 24 awareness and publicity campaigns on women-related social issues in schools, offices, and village community centers. The main topics were the need to stop violence against women and prevent child marriage.

Out Come of Closed Cases	Result in #
Total no case enrolled and Counselling	109
Mutual Settlement (for return of Dowry or any other out of court settlement)	57
Police Assistance	01
Went to court	40
Referred to Shelter home and others	11

## Sangita Sethy's Case:

Sangita Sethy, a 25-year-old woman from Kantiokateni village in Dhenkanal district, Odisha, was married to Suresh Sethy, 34, from Badaindipur, Kamakhyanagar, in 2019 through an arranged marriage with the consent of both families. Suresh, who is employed in a service job, lives in a joint family, while Sangita took on the role of a homemaker, caring for her in-laws. A year after their marriage, the couple was blessed with a son, who is now four years old. However, over the past year, Sangita began experiencing domestic violence and mental harassment from her husband and his family. With no support or empathy from her in-laws, the situation worsened. Eventually, the family forced the couple to separate, asking Sangita to leave the house while keeping custody of her son.

Distressed, Sangita returned to her parental home and decided to take a stand. On January 20, 2025, she filed a case at the Family Counselling Centre (FCC) in Dhenkanal. After reviewing the case, the FCC issued notices to both parties. During the counselling sessions, both sides presented their viewpoints, and FCC staff conducted several rounds of discussions to promote mutual understanding. Over time, with legal support and continuous counselling, both Sangita and Suresh agreed to reconcile. An agreement was signed by Suresh and his family, committing to respect Sangita's rights and responsibilities as a wife and mother. The couple reunited and are now living together peacefully, with ongoing follow-up from the FCC.

## Intervention by the FCC:

After reviewing the case, the Family Counselling Centre (FCC) conducted three psychosocial counselling sessions for both parties. In the first session, held on 30.01.2025, Sangita appeared fearful and hesitant to speak due to the presence of her in-laws. However, the counsellor created a supportive and comfortable environment, which encouraged her to gradually open up.

Given the seriousness of the situation, a second joint counselling session was held on 03.02.2025, where both Sangita and her husband participated. This session was more effective, with both parties calmly listening to one another. Following individual and joint counselling, the couple mutually agreed to return to Suresh's house and continue living together. Their families also promised to support them and maintain healthy communication.

A follow-up call on 07.02.2025 confirmed that the couple was living happily. The FCC will continue regular follow-ups to ensure a harmonious family environment.





## Restoration of Degraded Forests and Livelihood Improvement of Forest-Dependent Communities (OFSDP-II):

Since its inception, NYSASDRI has played a key role in the protection of forests and wildlife through the concept of community forest management. The organization joined hands with OFSDP-II because its mission aligns with the project's objectives of promoting joint forest management. NYSASDRI has been engaged as a partner NGO in the Dhenkanal Forest Division under OFSDP-II since 2017. The organization has deployed 18 personnel in 6 teams to work across 6 Forest Management Units (FMUs): Dhenkanal, Hindol, Kamakhyanager East, Kamakhyanager West, Sadangi, and Kapilash. The staff are involved in various community capacity-building activities and provide services to 150 Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSS) and 220 women's self-help groups. As the project operates through a GO/NGO partnership model, monitoring is carried out weekly and monthly by the respective forest authorities. District-level forest officials also maintain direct communication with the teams. The following targets have been achieved during the current reporting period.

Project Components /Activities taken up	Achievements
Identification/Selection of adopted VSS/Villages (n0)	150
Undertaking of Survey and Demarcation of Forest Area assigned to VSS under JFM (No. of VSS)	150
Surveyed & Demarcated Area posted with RCC Pillars (in ha.)	18433
Engagement of VSS Animators (No) / 2 in each VSS	300
Preparation of Community Based Micro Plans and revisit micro plans (No. of VSS)	150
Construction of VSS Building- cum- IGA Facilitation Centres (no), one in each VSS	150
Drainage Line Treatment (DLT) under JFM ( in ha)	188.5
Drainage Line Treatment (DLT) Non-JFM ( in ha)	94.5
Consolidation Demarcation of Forest Boundary (Km)	237
Construction of Forest Fire Line (Km)	214
Plantation in Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) Area (ha)	5376
Plantation Artificial Regeneration (AR) Area (ha)	929
Total Area Planted under Project in (ha)	6305
Total Seedlings Planted	2446300

Project Components /Activities taken up	Achievements
Plantation taken up in Farmers' Private land under Farm Forestry Activity (ha)	1211
Beneficiaries Covered under Farm Forestry Plantation	2036
Total Seedlings planted under Farm Forestry in (lakh)	10.05
Promotion of Livelihood Activities through Convergence with Line Department Schemes/Programes (no. of VSS Covered)	150
Approximate Cost of Utilization of Funds by Line Departments for undertaking their Schemes/programmes in VSS areas as mobilized under project (Rs in Lakhs)	3265.23
Total Schemes/Programmes/Events Organized under Convergence(no)	989
Beneficiaries Benefited under Such Convergence Activities	169611

Under Convergence, with the help of the Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Animal Husbandry, KVK, KCIC, Mission Sakti, FDA, etc., different livelihood support activities and the creation of community assets have taken place in the VSS villages.



### Bansidhara Naik- Cycle Repair Shop:



Recognizing their situation, the VSS President and Development Officer, Mrs. Anupama Mohanty, identified Bansidhara's financial need and supported his cycle repair business. He received a first-phase poorest of poorest loan of Rs 5,000, followed by a second instalment of Rs 10,000. A Business Development Plan (BDP) worth Rs 20,000 was also prepared to help him scale up his business. In Makuakateni Gram Panchayat, many local residents and school students depend on his cycle repair services. Recently, he started installing electric motors in bicycles, which has become very popular among school-going children. Bansidhara now aspires to start a small business in the village to further support his family. With the help received, his monthly income has increased to Rs 6,000 to Rs 8,000.

"I am grateful for the opportunity Vana Surakshya Samiti has given me. Because of this support, I feel empowered to run and sustain my business," says Bansidhara Naik.

Kankadahada Block is one of the tribal-dominated areas in Odisha, where most people depend on farming and the collection of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) for their livelihood. Bansidhara Naik, a member of a backward community and a person with a physical disability, was unable to engage in agricultural or physically demanding work due to his condition. He lives in Makuakateni village (under Bhagabata Jew VSS) in Kankadahada Block, Dhenkanal district. His family consists of five members who live together in a joint family and depend mainly on a small cycle repair shop for income. However, due to limited earnings, they struggled to invest in spare parts for repairs. They live in a small thatched house. Although the government has sanctioned a house for them, they are unable to construct it because of their poor financial condition. The family is landless and earns just Rs 200 to Rs 250 per week from the shop, making it very difficult to meet basic needs.



### Comprehensive Eye Care by Kalinga Eye Hospital An Unit of NYSASDRI Illuminating Lives in Masuri, Koraput

On May 3rd, 2024, Kalinga Eye Hospital extended its mission to the remote village of Masuri in Koraput district, where access to quality eye care remains a challenge. In collaboration with Alekh Baba, a revered local organization, an eye screening camp was conducted to serve the underserved population. The enthusiasm of the community was evident as 220 individuals turned up for screening, each carrying a hope for clearer vision. Among them, 79 people received much-needed spectacles, enhancing their ability to work and engage in daily activities. Additionally, five individuals diagnosed with cataracts were scheduled for surgery, a transformative intervention that would restore their sight. This initiative not only provided immediate relief but also reinforced the commitment of Kalinga Eye Hospital in eliminating avoidable blindness in Odisha's most marginalized communities.







### **Bringing Clarity to ECHS Beneficiaries, Dhenkanal (21.08.2024)**

The Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) campus in Dhenkanal became the site of a significant eye health intervention on August 21st, 2024. With intent to serve those who have dedicated their lives to national service, Kalinga Eye Hospital conducted a comprehensive screening camp where 154 beneficiaries underwent eye examinations. Among them, 78 individuals were provided with spectacles to correct their vision, ensuring they could enjoy a better quality of life post-retirement. This initiative exemplified the hospital's deep respect for veterans and its unwavering dedication to providing them with the healthcare they rightfully deserve.



### **Illuminating Lives: Special Eye Camp on World Sight Day:**

On the 10th of October 2024, Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal, observed the World Sight Day with a heartfelt mission to bring vision care to those in need. A special eye camp was organized at Barihapur, Parjunga, Dhenkanal, with the primary objective of spreading awareness about preventable blindness and ensuring access to quality eye care services for rural communities. This initiative saw an overwhelming response, with 63 individuals stepping forward to receive a comprehensive eye screening.



### **Empowering Leaders: India Management Development Program:**

A strong healthcare system is built on the foundation of well-trained professionals. Recognizing the need for excellence in healthcare management, SEVA Foundation has extended its support to India's Management Development Program (MDP), an initiative designed to cultivate leadership and managerial expertise among healthcare personnel. We are proud to announce that three of our esteemed staff members from Kalinga Eye Hospital—Dhirendra Kumar Mohanty, Diptimayee Tripathy, and Swarnaprava Pradhan—have been selected for this prestigious program.

The MDP program, conducted virtually over the past 12 months, has equipped our team members with enhanced skills in strategic planning, resource management, patient care optimization, and leadership. This comprehensive training aims to bridge the gap between clinical expertise and administrative efficiency, ensuring that our hospital remains at the forefront of quality eye care services.

### **A Global Impact: Unite for Sight Fellow at Kalinga Eye Hospital:**

The power of volunteerism and global partnerships in healthcare is immeasurable. This year, Kalinga Eye Hospital had the privilege of hosting Unite for Sight's Global Impact Health Fellow, Isita Patel, from the 27th of March 2024 to the 21st of April 2024. As a passionate advocate for equitable healthcare, Isita brought invaluable contributions to our eye care initiatives.





### **Stakeholder Meeting: Strengthening School Eye Health Programs:**

On 6th July 2024, Kalinga Eye Hospital conducted a Stakeholder Meeting in Keonjhar under the National School Eye Health Program, bringing together key decision-makers to review progress and strategize for the upcoming year.



### **Child Eye Screening under the National School Eye Health Program (22.07.2024 – 25.07.2024)**

With the belief that no child should suffer from preventable blindness, Kalinga Eye Hospital, in collaboration with Sightsavers India, conducted an extensive child eye screening initiative at Joda, Keonjhar, from July 22nd to 25th, 2024 under the National School Eye Health Program. As a continuation of last year's efforts, this program aimed at providing sustained care to schoolchildren in the district. During the four-day drive, 993 children underwent comprehensive eye examinations, out of which 135 were prescribed, provided with spectacles and 4 children with specially developed low vision devices. Addressing visual impairment in children is crucial for their academic and social development, and this initiative reaffirmed the hospital's commitment to nurturing the next generation's eye health.



## Primary Eye Screening Centers: Bringing Eye Care Closer to Communities:

Kalinga Eye Hospital operates seven Primary Eye Screening Centers, strategically located to bridge the gap between remote communities and specialized eye care services. Two of these centers function within Community Health Centers (CHCs) in Sriramchandrapur and Bhuban, while the remaining centers are located in Khajuriakata (Dhenkanal), Athagarh (Cuttack), Athamallik (Angul), Koshala (Angul), and Kanihan (Angul). These centers serve as vital access points for individuals who otherwise would have to travel long distances for eye care. The impact is profound; 14,908 people have been screened through these centers, with 1,608 identified with cataracts and 994 successfully operated upon. Additionally, 9,867 individuals underwent refraction tests and received corrective glasses, while 11,709 were provided with medical treatment.

## Reaching the Unreached:

In the fight against preventable blindness, accessibility remains a major challenge. Rural populations, particularly the elderly and economically disadvantaged, often lack awareness, resources, or the means to seek eye care services. To bridge this gap, Kalinga Eye Hospital organizes extensive outreach camps, ensuring that vision care reaches those who need it the most. This year alone, 244 eye screening camps were conducted, screening 29,065 individuals. Of these, 11,854 people were diagnosed with cataracts, and 7,881 underwent sight-restoring surgeries, enabling them to reclaim their independence and dignity. In addition, KEH rendered eye care services to Ex-Servicemen Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society, Angul (31.03.2025), Eye Camp at Dhenkanal Court (17-19.09.2024), Child Eye Screening under the National School Eye Health Program (22.07.2024 – 25.07.2024), Industrial Eye Health Initiative: KEC International Limited, Duburi, Jajpur (09.02.2025), specialized eye camp on the 25th of January 2025 at the Larsen & Toubro (L&T) campus in Dhenkanal.

## Trucker Eye Health Program:

Kalinga Eye Hospital has always recognized the importance of eye health for the overworked truckers' community. Their vision is important not only to their livelihood, but ensuring the safety of all drivers on the road. Since truck drivers often can't come to appointments for eye care services, Kalinga Eye Hospital has joined with Sightsavers India to take the services directly to them. Our innovative eye health program, RAAHI, is the first in the district to specifically target the overworked community of truck drivers. The program has partnered with Jindal Steel & Power Limited (JSPL) in Angul. As one of the biggest industries of this region, over 500 trucks have come to the JSPL truck yard campus every day. From April 2024 to July 2024, total 1817 drivers have been screened for eye problems; 624 drivers have been provided with refraction-corrected glasses under the program.





## **NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work (NSJS)**

Since its establishment in 2013, the NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work (NSJS) has demonstrated consistent and impressive growth. Over the past 12 years, the NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work (NSJS) has established itself as a leading institution in the dynamic fields of social work education and journalism & mass communication. It offers two-year postgraduate programs—Master in Journalism & Mass Communication (MJMC) and Master in Social Work (MSW). Both streams have 60 seats. NSJS is affiliated with the Utkal University of Culture and is recognized by the Government of Odisha Tourism and Culture Department. The institution is registered under the Society Registration Act of 1860. The NSJS College has good infrastructure and a beautiful campus located within a natural greenery environment having facilities like a library, community area, hostel, and cafeteria for both male and female students. The campus is well-connected and close to NH 55 and Joranda Road Railway station. During the last 12 years, a total of 537 students have been enrolled in the Master in Social Work and Master in Journalism and Mass Communication courses.



To build a career in both of these two highly dignified subjects, normally the students had very little option to choose locations and institutions providing excellent opportunities as well as financial subsidies to poor SC/ST students.

In this academic session (2024–25), a total of 36 Students in MSW and 08 students in MAJMC have been enrolled. The institute organizes welcome ceremonies for the newcomers. Students take part in lectures, seminars, project-dissertation, fieldwork, and short placements in reputed NGOs to gain practical experience. Student's performance is assessed by regular mid-semester and semester examinations. NSJS organizes and encourages regular extracurricular activities such as cultural programs, sports, excursions, field trips, and social activities among the students. The school also observes national and international days having importance to their curricula. In the last year total of 34 students from the Journalism and Mass Communication and Social Work achieved their Master's degree. The passed-out students were honored with a heartfelt farewell ceremony.



Almost all of the students have been successfully placed in well-recognized and reputed organizations of social service or journalism sector after post-graduation while some of the students opt for higher studies and competitive exams. Some of the major events are observation of International Women's Day, World Environmental Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, and a seminar on violence against women. On January 26, the students and faculty of NYSASDRI College set out for a much-anticipated picnic at Nadhera of Dhenkanal district.



### **Domestic Violence Against Women (Building Awareness and Solidarity)**

#### **Nov25th to Dec 10th 2024 – 16days of Activism against Gender Based Violence**

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign that calls for the eradication of violence against women and girls. It is observed annually from November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to December 10, Human Rights Day. This campaign has been embraced worldwide by individuals and organizations advocating for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. NYSASDRI leveraged this global movement as an opportunity to highlight issues affecting women and girls in Dhenkanal. The organization designed and implemented a series of innovative activities aimed at raising awareness and promoting advocacy. Between November 25, 2024, and December 10, 2024, a comprehensive program was successfully executed with the collaboration of Family Counselling Centre, Shakti Sadan, district-level officials, block-level officers, social workers, advocates, NGO representatives, and other stakeholders.

These initiatives emphasized preventing child marriage, promoting gender equality, Stop human trafficking, domestic violence, dowry prohibition, defamation, hacking, cyber bullying, and online grooming, witch-Hunting Promoting women's empowerment and economic independence.



### International Women's Day Celebration:

On March 8th, 2025, NYSASDRI commemorated International Women's Day with a powerful awareness meeting. The event was designed to celebrate the invaluable contributions of women in development sector while fostering discussions on violence against women, gender equity, child marriage, sexual harassment at workplace, Employees shared inspiring stories of resilience and dedication, emphasizing the crucial role women plays in strengthening social and development sector. The session also highlighted the importance of women's empowerment like economical dependant, leadership, and involve in decision making process.





## Odisha 5th Eye Conclave 2025:

The 5th Odisha Eye Conclave, held on March 8, 2025 by Kalinga Eye Hospital & Odisha State Eye Health Network, at Hotel Swosti Premium in Bhubaneswar, brought together leading professionals and institutions in eye care for a comprehensive day of knowledge exchange and collaboration. The event featured experience-sharing sessions from prominent eye hospitals, celebrated International Women's Day by honoring influential women leaders, and hosted discussions on key topics such as the evolution of the Odisha Eye Care Model since 2009, community ophthalmology networks, emerging trends like AI in ophthalmology, and the role of CSR in eye health. Eminent speakers and panelists, including senior IAS officers, healthcare strategists, legal experts, and Rotary leaders, contributed to sessions focusing on medico-legal challenges, capacity building, and the future of eye health through trained professionals. The conclave concluded with the felicitation of outstanding contributors to eye care and a vote of thanks, reinforcing a shared commitment to advancing vision health across Odisha.



## Launch of Vision Care Project: A New Dawn in Community Eye Care:

On the 1st of July 2024, a remarkable milestone in community eye care was achieved with the launch of the Vision Care Project at the Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal. This groundbreaking initiative, inaugurated by Shri Krushna Chandra Patra, Hon'ble Minister of Food Supplies, Consumer Welfare, Science, and Technology, Government of Odisha, marks a significant step toward eradicating avoidable blindness in the region.

The grand event unfolded in the hospital's conference hall, attended by esteemed dignitaries, healthcare professionals, and community leaders. Shri Sarangadhar Samal, Director of Kalinga Eye Hospital, warmly welcomed the guests and provided a compelling overview of the hospital's ongoing commitment to quality eye care. A special virtual address by Dr. Birajal Mehta, the distinguished ophthalmologist and Trustee of Shrimad Ramachandra Love and Care, highlighted the nationwide success of similar initiatives and the transformative impact they bring to communities.

The Vision Care Project aims to screen 50,000 individuals and distribute 12,500 pairs of eyeglasses over three months, ensuring that vision impairment does not hinder livelihoods and education. The Hon'ble Minister emphasized the crucial role of this initiative in making essential eye care accessible to underserved populations. The event also recognized Dr. Utkarsh for his outstanding contributions to community eye health. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, reinforcing the collective dedication of Kalinga Eye Hospital and its partners in creating a future where vision care is a right, not a privilege.



The statistics speak volumes by March 2025, 116,321 individuals were screened under this project, and 28,235 free spectacles were provided to correct refractive errors. The Vision Care Project was born out of the need to bridge the gap between accessible eye care and the underserved rural population, ensuring that no one is left behind due to preventable vision impairment. Our outreach teams wander remote villages, setting up camps and offering free screenings, making eye care services affordable, available, and accessible. For many beneficiaries, this initiative is their first-ever eye check-up, uncovering hidden vision issues that could have led to permanent blindness if left untreated. Through sustained efforts and strategic partnerships, we continue to combat preventable blindness, restoring sight and transforming lives.

### **Empowering Leaders: Seva Foundation's India MDP Program**

A strong healthcare system is built on the foundation of well-trained professionals. Recognizing the need for excellence in healthcare management, SEVA Foundation has extended its support to India's Management Development Program (MDP), an initiative designed to cultivate leadership and managerial expertise among healthcare personnel. We are proud to announce that three of our esteemed staff members from Kalinga Eye Hospital Dhirendra Kumar Mohanty, Diptimayee Tripathy and Swarnaprava Pradhan have been selected for this prestigious program. The MDP program, conducted virtually over the past 12 months, has equipped our team members with enhanced skills in strategic planning, resource management, patient care optimization and leadership. This comprehensive training aims to bridge the gap between clinical expertise and administrative efficiency, ensuring that our hospital remains at the forefront of quality eye care services. By investing in continuous learning, Kalinga Eye Hospital is not just nurturing its staff but also strengthening its impact on the community. These empowered individuals will bring back valuable insights and innovative strategies to enhance hospital operations, streamline patient care and improve service delivery. Our collaboration with SEVA Foundation reaffirms our commitment to professional growth and institutional excellence, ensuring a brighter future for eye care in Odisha.



### **Become a Partner:**

Based on the following operational area, target group, strategy, core competency vision, mission, issues, transparency and accountability you may select us as a partner agency. We understand that no single organisation - regardless of size, reputation, or service - can effectively supply all aspects of a solution and help. Therefore, we have developed an ecosystem of partners around the world. Our collaborative partnerships combine best of services and help to the needy person for fulfill their need and dreams. To find out more about our partner program please contact us on: e-Mail-: nysasdri@gmail.com , nysasdri@yahoo.com

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3	Pankajini Nanda - Development Officer –OFSDP-II
4	Sangita Kulesika - Head Mistress , Educational Complex
5	Kalpana Kusulia- Teacher
6	Bina Bibhr- Teacher
7	Prasaanta Pidikaka - Teacher
8	Nabin Gogeranga - Peon
9	Asha Gogerenga - Cook
10	Manisha Malla – Resident Superintendent

SI No.	Staffs joined
11	Sobhagini Sahoo – Multipurpose staff
12	Rupa Mohabhoi - Multipurpose staff
13	Bhagabat Sahoo – Security
14	Rajat Behera – Counsellor
15	Rebati Naik – Cook
16	Jharana Naik –Cook
17	B.P Samal – Senior optometrist
18	Air Cmde Arabinda Mohanty - CEO
19	Baisakhi Nath – Optometrist
20	Smaranika Swain - Optometrist
21	Sasmita Bera - Optometrist
22	Subhashree Behera - Optometrist
23	Tanmaya Behera – Fitter
24	Jamuna Majhi – Cook
25	Asis Sahoo – Team Leader , K. Nagar West – OFSDP-II



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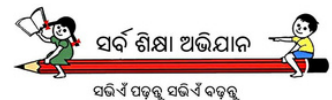
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