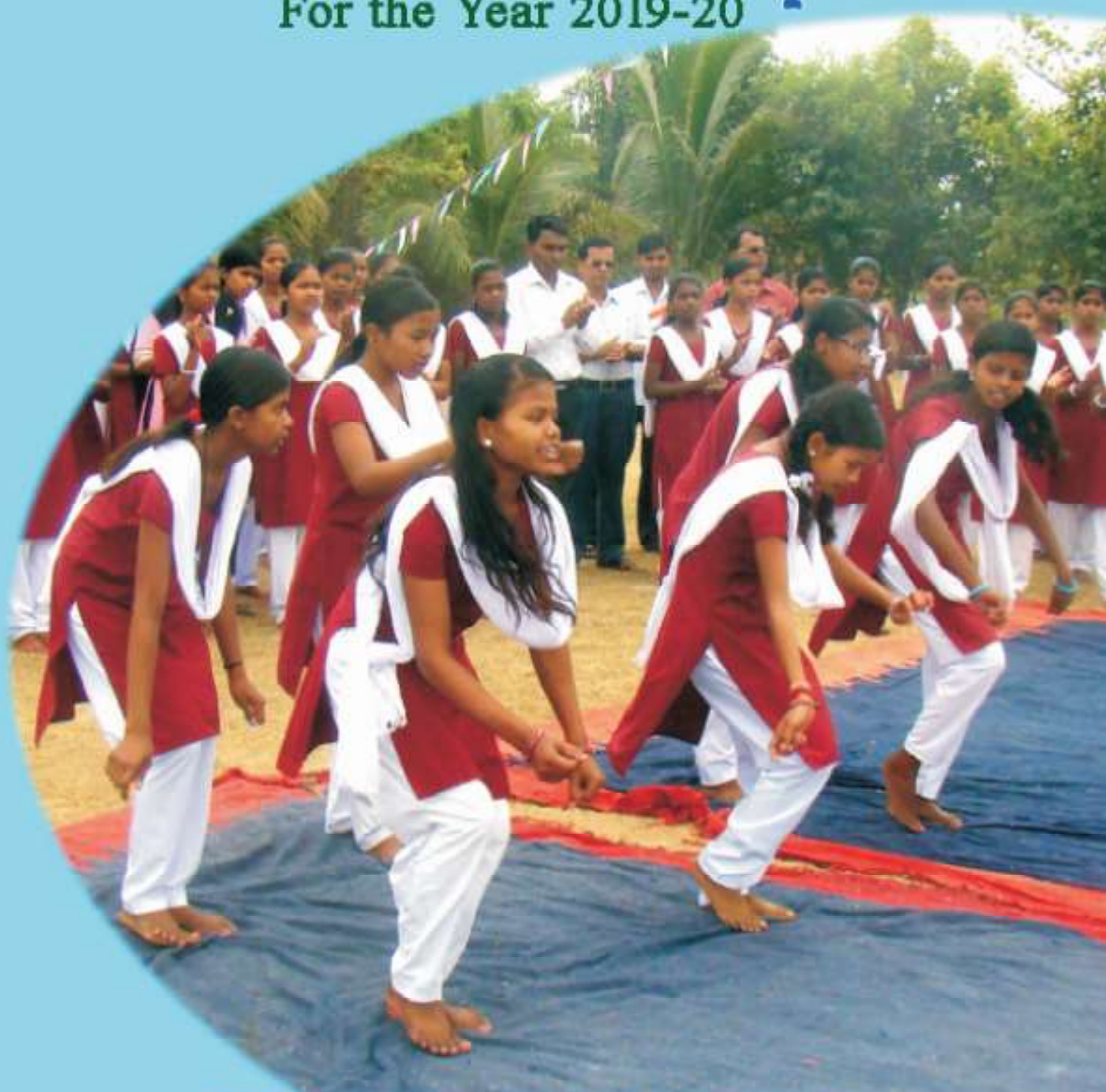


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“What we have achieved this year gives us hope and strength to do much more in the coming years”.

PURNA CH. SAHOO
Executive Director

MESSAGE

This has been a very successful year for HOLY HOME. Our organization has expanded significantly over the last twelve months and we have made a number of particularly notable achievements. Major projects that we recently embarked on are progressing very satisfactorily. And many new opportunities are opening up for us. We may face a very hopeful future.

FOR VIEW PURPOSE

The report summarises our efforts that we made for beneficiaries/stakeholders in the financial year 2019-20. This report provides an overview about the activities we carried out under different scheme projects and the consequent achievements. The bigger and crucial contribution for what we achieved this year came from the generous cooperation of government, donors, public and more importantly our beneficiaries.

Yours Truly,



Executive Director
HOLY HOME

GENESIS

HOLY HOME is a secular not for profit organization registered under Society Registration Act 1860 in the year 1995, that works on key development concerns with the tribal and the poor in remote location of Western Odisha, i.e., Nuapada district. As an organization, it endeavours to bring professionals into the development arena, believing that quality human resources are critical to ensure sustainable changes in the lives of rural, backward and tribal communities.

The organization was conceived as an effort of a few social sensitive people who came from different backgrounds, charged with the vision of working with the vulnerable sections of the society and addressing issues giving rise to such vulnerabilities. In this context, youth, women, children and elderly that remain as its prime focus realizing that they are the potential agents of social change and other sections can also be reached through them.

Being inspired in thoughts and imbibed with values of the father of our nation; Mahatma Gandhi and visionary Mother Teresa that development of poor can take place when the rural people participate in their own development, HOLY HOME is committed to concentrate on the empowerment of vulnerable segments.

The organization has empowered rural, backward and tribal communities in western Odisha, over the past 24 years by giving people a chance to collaborate and march ahead towards transformative social change. The report bears the humble achievements of the organization during the year 2019-20.

REGISTRATION & AFFILIATION

- ▶ Registered under SRA XXI of 1860 vide Regd. No. 6353/35, dated 21.04.1995 and also registered under IGR vide Regd. No. 20942/81 dated 17.06.2000.
- ▶ Registered under FC (R) Act. of 2010. Vide No. 105110041 dated 08.03.2018 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
- ▶ Registered under Income Tax Act of 1961 under section 12A vide No. 82/2002-03 dated 13.03.2003.
- ▶ Registered under Income Tax Act of 1961 under section 80G vide Regd. No. 26/2013-14 dated 31.03.2014.
- ▶ PAN No. AAATH2379F & TAN No. BBNH00468G.
- ▶ NGO DARPAN (NITI Aayog, Government of India) Unique Id: OR/2009/0021751.

VISION

Aspires to see every person irrespective of caste, creed, sex and religion enjoy equal rights and equal access to natural resources. It envisions a future for all people devoid of exploitation and poverty and where every person will live with dignity, respect and peace and will have equal opportunity to shape his/her life justifiably.

MISSION

Socio-economic and educational empowerment of groups/communities/sections of the society by:

- ▶ Transfer of skills with respect to cultural and traditional knowledge into applicable techniques and institutionalizing developmental initiatives ensuring sustainability.
- ▶ Influencing administration at policy making level.
- ▶ Creating a consensus and bringing about modifications in popular behavior so as to stand against any oppression/exploitation and deterring cultural environment, ensuring social justice and harmony.

GOALS

- ▶ Emancipation of the underprivileged class from the evils of exploitation, superstition, stigma, fear and helplessness.
- ▶ Enlightenment as well as empowerment of the backward classes and the downtrodden by transforming them to adopt the process of social change and the development gains.
- ▶ Make them conscious of their role in the integrated development of the community and to generate sector respect/self reliance.

VALUES

- ▶ **Apolitical:** Does not associate itself with any political ideology or political party.
- ▶ **Respects gender and equity:** Promotes gender parity and equity, strives to ensure equity of the three genders (Male/ Female and Third Gender as defined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India).
- ▶ **Development is a process:** Development is a natural process. We give it a direction, with innovation and take it to a desired and acceptable destination.
- ▶ **Respects tradition and culture:** We build upon existing traditions; cultural values so that the community understands and accepts the interventions, make it sustainable.
- ▶ **Believes in sustainable development:** Sustainability is the basic component of any intervention commencing from planning to phasing out.
- ▶ **Democracy that accelerates development:** Democratic attitude ensures inflow of better ideas, ensures acceptance or rejection and thus accelerates development in a sustainable manner; we believe so.
- ▶ **Open to new ideas:** Novelties, shifts; without having to hamper the traditions, the environment are welcomed at HOLY HOME as and when they filter in.

STRENGTH

- ▶ Young, energetic, hard working and committed staff.
- ▶ Ever ready to learn approach.
- ▶ Project staff members mostly hail from the local community.
- ▶ Team spirit; believe in the philosophy of democracy.
- ▶ Participatory decision making process.
- ▶ Transparency and accountability.

Major Activities of the Year 2019-20

EDUCATION

Girls are undoubtedly an indispensable part of our society. No society or culture can progress without the presence of girls. Until few years ago, people in India and several other underdeveloped and developing countries used to think that girls should stay at home, cook food and look after the kids and elderly. But now the mindset has been changed; girls in India are bringing accolades to their parents and they are doing well in every field such as academics, sports, politics, etc.

This could only be possible through encouraging girls' education. Education is the only weapon that can empower girls and consequently strengthen the society. It is good to see that the modern age is changing its attitude towards girls and giving them all the support to prove their potential. Gender equality plays an important role in this change of attitude. Every girl is capable of doing extraordinary work provided they get proper education and upbringing.

HOLY HOME takes initiatives to enhance access of tribal and dalit girls to education and operates education program to provide access to education to all girls in eligible age. HOLY HOME establishes facilities for providing education to girls of remote villages where services do not exist. HOLY HOME also works to empower communities to provide educational facilities for Secondary Level for ST Girls and for SC girls (both at Sinapali village of Kurumpuri GP, Nuapada District).

Educational Complex for ST Girls

HOLY HOME EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX; a residential school is operational at Sinapali village in Komna Block of Nuapada district; provides residential education facility from VI to X to Scheduled Tribe girls of villages in the district inaccessible to existing schooling facility. The Educational Complex picks up tribal girls from inaccessible pockets for mainstreaming in education, gives enrolment and provides opportunity to complete secondary school education. Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India provides financial support to the Educational Complex for a capacity of 221 Scheduled Tribe student inmates. During the year 2019-20 the institution is over populated with students; another 79 more number of students (ST girl) are accommodated excess than approved capacity. The organization has to bear cost of those excess boarders which has been duly recommended by the District Magistrate, Nuapada to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India for sanction.

Board of Secondary Education, Odisha prescribed course curriculum, school hours schedule and working days is adopted in the institution. Apart prescribed curriculum, co-curricular activities and extra-curricular activities as a part of institution's activities. Competitions are organized periodically among the students for drawing/painting, singing, dancing debate, quiz in order to help developing their potentialities. Extra-curricular activities: athletics (races & jumps), skipping and music chair game, etc competitions are also organized among students on occasion of annual sports event. As periodic activity, the students/inmates are taken out on outing tour / excursion every year to places of importance in history, natural phenomena, biodiversity and sanctity.

Health & fitness practice; as indispensable for living healthy; the institution promotes through practice of yoga among the inmates regularly in the morning in order to develop habit for maintaining good health and fitness among the students. Vocational Training; as very useful for skill development; it imparts training on different trades such as soft toy making, chalk making, phenyl making, and candle making and tailoring to students who are desirous in the trade training.

A parents-teachers assembly meets four times in a year to discuss and monitor the overall growth of the children. The school is running with support from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Non-Residential/Residential School for SCs

An educated girl is an asset to the society in the form of a daughter, wife and mother and most importantly she is an example for herself. Women are gaining great recognition on national as well as international platform. Educated girls are working in every sphere of society such as banks, hospitals, private firms and government offices. They are also earning name and fame in sports, such as wrestling, cricket, shooting, etc., and most of them have brought accolades to the country on an international level too. Only education has made it successful.

HOLY HOME's Non-Residential School at Sinapali village in Komna block of Nuapada district is running for scheduled caste girls students. During the reporting period (2019-20), there are 113 SC girl students are continuing their secondary schooling (Class VII to X). Services include teaching-learning materials, school uniforms, food and nutritional support and health check-up, etc., are provided to the students. In addition to this, the organization has imparted teaching learning and other activities based on curricular and co-curricular activities.

Residential Hostel Facilities for SCs w.e.f. 2016-17

Considering the poor conditions of the of the SC girl students and to minimise the absent to ensure 100% attendance in the school, our management took a decision to run the school as residential from the year 2016-17. In the year 2018-19 a proposal was also recommended from the District Administration, which could not be rooted through to Government of India because it was treated as new one. In this regard, we have requested to the Ministry through our Local Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) for giving permission for this conversation, so that the proposal can be rooted through in the e-ANUDAAN portal as ongoing proposal. It is still pending at Government of India level.

Parents teachers meet are also organized to discuss on the progress of their children. The teachers use different innovative methods to teach the children and enhance their level of learning. The school is running with support from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

HEALTH

Drug abuse is a widespread problem that makes individual drug users the prime victims. But drugs also affect all of us, wherever we live and whatever we do. Drug abuse can cause serious physical and mental deterioration. The problem can tear apart the family structure and make it hard for learning. Difficulties on the job due to drug abuse make it hard for employers to run their businesses. Stealing from employers or from individuals to get money for drugs causes pain and economic loss to the victims.

Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts

The alarming rate of drug consumption has always been a problem and has detrimental effects on the society. Personal and family problems also lead to drug abuse among youngsters who fail to deal with personal problems. Addiction is not just a health problem; it is a social and public health problem. Drugs are chemicals that affect the body and brain. Different drugs can have different effects. Some effects of drugs include health consequences that are long-lasting and even permanent.

Considering the consequences of drug abuse and its impact on the society, HOLY HOME decided to work for the prevention of drug abuse in our society especially in tribal dominated remote areas of Nuapada district & set up a project called as IRCA-Jeevan Dhara (Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts), popularly known as drug de-addiction centre which is running with support from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. During 2019-20, a total of 200 (145 in IPD & 55 in OPD) patients were benefitted in IRCA - Jeevan Dhara.

The centre is treating the alcoholic as well substance drugs addicts. The composite centre is a 15 bedded hospital having the facility of indoor and outdoor treatment. The medication includes yoga therapy, ayurveda enriching the full body and mind treatment for early recovery of

addicts. There is the provision of counseling the addict & their family members, the peer groups and the co-worker of the work place. The program consists of group therapies, individual therapies, meditation, family classes, community gatherings for awareness generation, and physical activities such as yoga and recreational programs. In IRCA, patients are given important knowledge in life skills, and they are also made aware of their strengths through empowerment sessions. Skilled counselors help patients develop their personalities in order to fight against addictive habits. IRCA continues to keep patients accountable by making home visits, and follow up appointments. IRCA is committed to creating an environment where patients can become successful addiction free individuals. This program is being supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

AGED CARE

The increase in the life span that has been possible due to up-gradation brought about in medical science has created a new problem. It is that now we have so many senior citizens everywhere and their number is increasing day by day. With the rise in elderly population, the demand for holistic care tends to grow. Although senior citizens cannot do strenuous work, they have other merits. They are highly experienced persons and can guide the young people on the right path. They can tell them the secrets of success in life and pitfalls that may be there.

Old Age Home

With the modernization the minds are becoming narrow and the people are becoming selfish. They are forgetting that they are refusing to take care of those persons who gave birth to them and who take care of them from many years. These old persons have hand behind the success of their children. In order to lend the helping hand and provided these sections of neglected mass a secured and fruitful end life HOLY HOME's Old Age Home is an institutional service delivery program has been the mostly welcome program for the destitute elderly of Nuapada district. This is 'a home away from home' for the inmates of the old age home; where HOLY HOME is providing the services like shelter, food, clothing, medical check-up free of cost to 25 beneficiaries. During the year 2019-20, a religious outing was organized for the inmates of the home.

Apart from these, television and recreational facilities are also provided to support their moral strength. Also the capable & interested beneficiaries are being given the scope for keeping themselves engaged through self meditation and small exercises which will keep them healthy and happy. This program is being supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

50 Bedded Senior Citizens' Home for Elderly Women & Men

Elderly women senior citizen of our society faces various types of discrimination which is compounded during old age. Due to our social ambiguity they face discrimination and become the victims of neglect and torture. In order to assist these disadvantaged sections of the society. HOLY HOME has been managing a project named as "Senior Citizens' Home for Elderly Women and Men" exclusively meant for rehabilitation of destitute elderly. The project is located at Sinapali village of Komna Block, Nuapada district. A total of 50 nos. of neglected widower women/men; elderly women and men neglected in their family; elderly population isolated by successors; and deserted rural elderly are staying in the center & receiving integrated support & care services like lodging, nutritious food, healthcare, recreational services and assistance for productive engagement. Other activities of the project include participation in spiritual talks, Yoga & Shramadan. A proposal for financial support under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSc) scheme has been submitted to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in the current year.

Our organization has been managing the project by mobilizing resources on its own. We are making necessary effort to avail financial assistance from Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under the scheme "Integrated Program for Senior Citizens".

Mobile Medicare Unit for Senior Citizens

Continuous increase in life expectancy means that more people are now living longer. General improvement in the health care facilities over the years is one of the main reasons for continuing increase in proportion of population of senior citizens. Ensuring that they are not merely live longer, but lead secure, dignified and productive life is a major challenge. Due to prevailing degradation in moral values among the younger generation, traditional system of living togetherness is declining rapidly. So, the older persons are facing lot of problems in the absence of adequate social security. This clearly reveals that ageing has become a major social challenge and there is a need to provide for the economic and health needs of the elderly and to create a social milieu, which is conducive and emotional needs of the elderly.

To improve health status of senior citizens to assume active role in maintaining their day to day life and to improve access of senior citizens to basic health care & referral in underserved area, HOLY HOME through mobile medicare check-up attendance, a total of 2,421 senior citizens were attended in different remote tribal villages of Nuapada district for diseases like eye infection, joint pain, gastritis, weakness, headache, fever, diarrhoea, cold & cough, respiratory problem, skin diseases, diabetes, etc. All have been provided with free counselling and some medicines were distributed free. The critical patients were referred to the nearest PHCs, CHCs and District Headquarter Hospital.

VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

The development of nations requires skilled manpower and vocational training prepares them for the job. Also, the demand for skilled labour has increased manifold in both the business and government sectors. Furthermore, over the year the vocational education has diversified immensely. Moreover, vocational courses come as surprise packages as the target beneficiaries get the opportunity to enhance and get trained to improve their natural talents and skills. Besides, they become highly successful in their field and fetch good packages.

Bee Keeping

Beekeeping contributes to rural development by supporting agricultural production through pollination and by providing honey, wax, and other products for home use and sale. It offers a good way for resource-poor farmers to obtain income, as it requires only a small start-up investment, can be carried out in a small space close to the home, and generally yields profits within a year of operation. A modern approach to bee management, using frame hives and focusing on high quality, will help farmers benefit most fully from beekeeping.

During the reporting year, HOLY HOME organized a Bee Keeping training program at Sinapali village of Komna block in which a total number of 30 women and youth trained in two batches and trained on both theory & practical on bee keeping and also on marketing strategy.

Non-Timber Forest Produce Collection, Value-Addition and Marketing

Odisha is a rich source of forest produce but the Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) has been given a mere importance by the people and the government. Most of the tribes of rural areas basically depend on NTFPs for their livelihood and it support as a backbone to them. Women from different tribes in Odisha are traditionally involved in NTFPs collection to run their family need.

HOLY HOME organized a training program on Non-Timber Forest Produce Collection, Value-Addition and Marketing at Komna block of Nuapada district in which the local tribal women were participated and trained on forest produce preservation and marketing. This training programme was well accepted by the tribal people.

Embroidery

Embroidery training provides self-employment at their homes of our women beneficiaries, can give them a daily income and can capable our beneficiaries to manage their day-to-day expenses. Embroidery training to the under privileged women, below poverty will give a real meaningful life, save their children and a secured life to them.

A total number of 30 women beneficiaries under this training were imparted embroidery skills. During this training, beneficiaries learned and develop skills in embroidery work on sarees, blouse pieces or on long cloth. They used their creating ideas and their own design. During the training program, the beneficiaries are given training on Chain Stitch, Herringbone Stitch, Satin Stitch, Stem Stitch, Blanket Stitch and Cross Stitch by the instructor.

Mushroom Cultivation and Marketing

Mushrooms produce a wide range of enzymes that can degrade complex agricultural, industrial waste that can be utilized for production of protein rich food. Large quantities of renewable lingo-cellulosic residue are generated every year as a result of extensive agricultural practices. Mushrooms on the other hand, have the ability to transform nutritionally useless waste in to highly acceptable nutritious food. The cultivation of mushroom in addition is labour intensive and provides employment opportunities to the landless labourers and weaker section of the society.

Keeping in view the above, HOLY HOME organized a Mushroom Cultivation training program at Sinapali village of Komna block, in which paddy straw mushroom and oyster mushroom cultivation training is provided to 20 nos. of beneficiaries along with the marketing process. Postharvest handling and packaging followed by the disposal of the produce is also trained in the training program.

Food Processing

India's culinary tradition is constantly changing. With urbanization, rising incomes, more working women and a proliferation of fast food outlets, the acceptance of packaged and ready-to-eat food products is increasing, especially among the urban middle class. Demand for specialty and high-value processed or packaged and ready to serve/ready to cook or reconstitute food items has increased.

Keeping this in view, HOLY HOME organized a training program on Jam, Jelly & Ketchup Processing and another is Pickle Making. In Jam, Jelly & Ketchup Processing a total of 15 beneficiaries were trained on cleaning, crushing, and chopping, pasteurizing the fruit, cooking the jam and jelly, filling the jars and packaging. And, in pickle making 15 beneficiaries trained on process, preservation of carrot pickle, green chill pickle, ginger pickle, amla (Gooseberries) pickle, mango pickle, drumstick pickle and mixed pickle.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Road Safety Awareness

Millions lose their life and millions get injured in road accidents every year globally; mainly, due to lack of awareness about traffic rules or a behavior of flouting them. Therefore, to make people more aware of the traffic rules and to persuade them to follow rules while on road; the Road Safety Awareness program is being observed by the organization. A week-long awareness campaign during 31st Road Safety Week 2019 was celebrated by HOLY HOME from 11th January to 17th January, 2020 in different places of Nuapada and Komna Block of Nuapada district.

The main objective of the campaign was:

- ▶▶ To promote and initiate the road safety measures in the community, schools, colleges, on roads.
- ▶▶ To encourage all the travellers to follow the traffic rules and wear helmets and wear the seat belts while driving.

- ▶▶ To make the people aware about the speed limit of the vehicles to prevent road accident.
- ▶▶ To encourage all the citizens to donate blood which is needed at the time of road accidents.
- ▶▶ To reduce noise pollution and air pollution to a minimal level.

Credit Linkage Support to Entrepreneurs

HOLY HOME has been providing support linkage with banks for credit to those neo-literates and semi-literates who completed the vocational training for setting up ventures for income generation and self employment. About 50 women and girls are linked to banks for credit and to setup ventures every year. About 100 women and girls are taking up agarbati making, 20 women and girls are taking up tailoring and stitching and 28 women and girls are taking up appliqué work at their home with the financial support of bank and earning their livelihood.

Producer's Group Formation

HOLY HOME has formed women producer group among Agarbati (incense stick) makers/ producers, Candle makers and Applique makers in the district for marketing of the products. Producers group facilitate marketing of products of individual women producers and tie up with trading organization. Forty-eight Producer groups of women producers are operational. HOLY HOME provided training and guidance to producers group on maintaining quality standards, product finishing, packing of products, marketing and support in maintaining of books and records.

Library Services

Rapid urbanisation is causing problems for the rural poor and their children in Odisha, who live without civic amenities like power (electricity) and sometimes water. For their social and agricultural development, the best answer is improved education, through reading materials like books and periodicals including text books. To support the villages, a library has established by HOLY HOME at Sinapali village of Komna Block. At present it has newspapers, magazines, mythological books, newsletters, biographies, etc. It is open for all age of readers in all official hours to the library, in their leisure and enjoy the books by reading there. The library has also books for young children and students. The volunteers of HOLY HOME organize group discussions on different issues at regular intervals among the village people, local youth and students. Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata is giving book assistance to the organization. And, for Library Building, the Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha Sri Prashanta Nanda has provided Rs.5,00,000/- from his LAD fund. We sincerely thankful for this assistance.

Observations

The days celebrated by HOLY HOME are as follows: Utkal Divas, World Health Day, World No-Tobacco Day, World Environment Day, World Population Day, Independence Day, International Literacy Day, Gandhi & Shastri Jayantis; World AIDS Day, Children's Day, Republic Day, International Women's Day, World Consumer's Day, besides other important days suggested by the Government of India from time to time.



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