

Atmashakti  
TRUST

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

# WHO WE ARE

Atmashakti Trust is a Right-based organisation , registered in 1995 and began its interventions in Odisha in 2008. Atmashakti Trust was started by Mr Manmohan Singh to work towards the marginalised people and community so that their rights and entitlements can be ensured. The Trust has been working with more then 9 lakhs marginalised families in Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.

Atmashakti Trust facilitates self-organised groups or Sangathans across these two states where people are awakening and working towards their socio-economic empowerment and political rights.

# OUR PRESENCE

Atmashakti Trust works in 17 districts of Odisha and Sonabhadra district of Uttar Pradesh with more than 400 employees and a front runner in ensuring people's access over resources, rights and entitlements in these states.





## HEALTH KIT INTERVENTION

Kandhamal is a hilly terrain with 71% forest land and faces a plethora of public health issues. People do not have access to health services and also lack knowledge on basic preventive medicine which further deteriorates the health of patients in tribal belts.



Looking at how difficult challenges, piloting of health kit was initiated and tested in 20 villages of Daringibadi, Kandhamal. Health kit is a concept where basic preventive medicine would be given to the community by trained village based Swasthya Sathi (Health worker). The broader objective behind the initiative was to locally sustain it through community contribution and active participation. Apart from introducing health kit, another task is to link the communities to the state and central government health schemes and entitlements. After experimenting health kit in Daringibadi, 4 more blocks have also been added after 2 years' learning in Baliguda, Tumudhibandha, Kotgarh and Khajuripada.

## Achievements



Total 55 HKs formed by the end of march in two Blocks (27 at tumudibandh & 28 at Kotagada) whereas 51 HK are running in Daringibadi & Baliguda block. Team members briefing to the swasthya sathis on HK Management (Running training) 190 Swasthya Sathis are managing 106 Health-kits in for blocks and the photos are shown in below:



During the last 4 quarter in four blocks 5114 person got benefited from Health-kit from four blocks some of them visited multiple times and population from kotagada block were treated most in comparisons to others blocks . they were visited to health-kit particularly for followings reason :among the children





### HANDWASH PROGRAMME

A maximum no. of villages are still not connected with our Health-kit process but the need for better health practices remains. Jan sangathan members are trying to promote the importance of Health-kits in those interior villages. It is well known that many diseases are caused by not washing our hands properly. Children are the most vulnerable and due to low immunity, catch infections easily. The teams had repeated discussions with their parents during the village meetings and how they could avoid many diseases and illnesses by preventive measures. Thus, sangathan



decided to initiate Hand-wash practice in schools after having consulted with the SMC members and school teachers visiting them and planned to cover 12 schools whereas only 2 schools were successfully oriented - where 28 boys, 22 girls and 5 teachers participated



### RIGHT TO SAFE DRINKING WATER

Water is the core of sustainable development and critical for socio-economic development but there is a gap in availability against minimum requirement in day to day life of people and in coming days as summer season is coming so people will suffer more in comparisons to other season in this context sangathan member decided to collect a status of different sources of drinking water and its present conditions from each village during their regular visits. From that survey, our team found that 90 out of a total 292 in these 10 GPs.

Out of 90 defunct bore wells, 6 were fixed after sangathan's intervention and the rest of the villagers have met the BDO and submitted their applications.

### FUNCTIONALISATION OF ANAGANWADI CENTRES

Basically, Anganwadi centers provide basic health care at village level, these centers provide supplementary nutrition's, non-formal pre-school education, immunizations health check-ups & referral services to children below 6 years of age, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescents by convergence with public health system.

But the villagers of Bungari and Uhangpata of Sirlagram panchayat of Tumudibandh block are deprived from above services since last two years. As per our village survey, the report says out of 71 Anganwadi centre's only 44 are functional and remaining 27 are not functioning regularly hence the sangathan has decided to meet CDPO for resolving this issue. After few days CDPO visited to the village and made an inquiry and instructed to the Anganwadi workers to provide all the services without any fail. And now the centre's is working well.



# AGRICULTURE

## FARMER TRAINING AND ORIENTATION:

Orientation training to interested farmers on organic farming was conducted by AAEM Boudh. The training was conducted by Mr Parija, an organic farming expert about the following

Seed treatment – Priming – Application of Khajara khaat – Pot Medicine.

Senior team members from OSM & Atmashakti visited the field and regular reports were circulated among team members for peer review of progress. The agriculture expert Mr Parija has visited time & again to field. He patiently answers queries of farmers and guides them. His contact number was circulated among farmers so that they can call him at any time to get advice.

## HOW DOES THE TEAM FACILITATE THIS PROCESS

Obtained seeds from the agriculture department free of cost distributed among 1785 numbers of farmers	78 land developments through MGNREGA facilitated	24 individual dug wells constructed
137 Local issues & old age pension case resolved	274 IHHL constructed in Kantamal & Harbhanga	25 farm ponds made and 36 new tube wells dug
Training on Paddy, Arhar, Mung, Onion and Diary Development	Exposure to CRRI – Cuttack	Loan Linkage with national banks
Training on Process of Seed treatment, preparation of pot medicine, Preparation & Use of Khajara khaat	Input subsidy from different scheme	Demonstration field for farmers exposure

- Seed treatment, khajara khat & pot medicine preparation is sourced from locally grown leaves and is thus free of cost.
- Organic farming breaks the dormancy of seeds if any. Organic Seeds germinate earlier than hybrid/ non organic seeds. It matures 7-10 days earlier.
- It has more drought tolerant capacity than other seeds – Seedlings are healthy so that pests & diseases attack is much less
- As a result more than 38,017 farmers have adopted the process till date
- Minimal Investment: Yield rate of Organic is 12 Qtl/Ac. And non organic is 12 Qtl./acre. So, the yield rate is almost same.
- Returns on organic are Rs. 6625/acre where as non organic is 4782/acre.
- As a result Rs.1843 more benefit comes from organic farming per acre.
- In non organic investment cost per acre is Rs.17171/- while in organic it is Rs.12080/-. So the investment cost is Rs. 5000/acre lesser than non organic.





MGNREGA is the beginning of our intervention in rural areas because it covers the marginalized sections of the society and gives a huge scope to work in the lean period during agriculture; also it gives the 100 days guaranteed employment after issuing the job card otherwise the person would get unemployment wage after 15 days of issuing the job card. MGNREGA is to be implemented mainly by Gram Panchayats.

With the help of grass root people's organization, Atmashakti started working to make community aware about this livelihood generation act and provided training to the grass root to write application and petitions to ask for work and to create the necessary assets by collecting 14th CFC and 4th SFC plans and presenting them in Gram and Palli Sabha. Meanwhile, the people at the grass root were building organizations to prepare for a larger movement from village to the state level.

The process of demanding and getting the work has been running smoothly but there remain many discrepancies in the process of MGNREGA:

- Government is not fulfilling the demand of work
- Government offices are not opening on time
- After issuing the job card, government is not able to provide the work on time, this leads to migrating to other places in search of job – which is the unique provision of the act itself.
- Late payment issues.
- The delay in payment of wages is due to implementation issues – inadequate staffing, non-timely recording and reporting of attendance, measurement, data entry, generation of wage list, fund transfer order(FTO).

#### **Kaam Dio Abhiyaan Campaign:**

Atmashakti has initiated a process of demand of work under MGNREGA under which community has become able to send the work demand directly to the authority and they have to provide the work, thus it has started a campaign for that in which people from all 15 districts were mobilize to share their demand to the department for work.

From April 2018 till March 2019 total 6754 number of households were able to work under MGNREGA due to Sangthan's intervention.

- They have contributed 5,99,170 INR as a contribution – Rs. 88.17 per household was contributed towards Sangthan to make it more sustainable.





Though MGNREGA works are supposed to be made available all through the year, works under the scheme tend to wind down during monsoon as farming begins – among the many even reasons shared by the villagers regarding not getting jobs under MGNREGA when they need. Also we have found many issues from the villages regarding the implementation of this scheme – they get jobs but they get their wages in cash whereas it is mandatory to pay through bank transaction. A majority of people don't have job cards when they seek jobs, who they have job cards still they are with the contractors not with the owner of cards, people who they are applying for new job cards and meeting to the officers frequently but still they have not received. Hence JSM-Kandhamal organized a campaign on MGNREGA in 59 villages in two blocks called "Kama Dia Avijaan" [Kaam Dio Abhiyaan] and as a whole, 6020 participants partook in this campaign and out of them 2199 were male & 3821 were female participants. The teams spoke on the process beginning from applying for new job cards to how to get unemployment allowances. Till today with the support of the team 320 CI are filled up and out of them 191 are deposited in GP office and 529 HHs are seeking for jobs.

### **Achievement of this year's work-**

- 2846 number of applications was submitted for unemployment allowance.
- 1297 bank accounts have been newly opened through Sangthan's process.
- 1289 applications for new labour cards were submitted in which 281 have been received.
- 360 numbers of lands have been developed through sangthan's process.
- Total 975 numbers of assets have been generated through sangthan's intervention in the coverage areas including compost pit, check dam, bathing hat, cowshed, goatary shed, pollutary, vermin compost, irrigation canal, dug well and plantation work CC road, bridge work etc.
- In 2018-19 a total of 3,37,116 households have demanded work under MGNREGA.
- Against the demand made to the government, 2,98,075 households were provided with work.
- On an average, one person worked for 43.47 man days during this period – it includes 9229 households that have completed 100 days of work and on an average one person worked for 43 to 44 days.
- This year total 9229 households have completed 100 days of allotted work under MGNREGA.
- In 2018-19, 23635 more households have applied and demanded work under MGNREGA in comparison to 2017-18.
- In comparison to 2017-18, 34385 more households have got the work.
- In 2018-19, 262 more number of households have completed their 100 days of work in comparison to 2017-18.







In 2014-15, with the support of Arghyam, Atmashakti started its work in the area of Rural drinking and safe water to drink in the 6 blocks of Odisha but later till 2018 all 15 districts had started campaigning to demand safe drinking water. During this work Atmashakti helped the community to leverage the Individual household latrines to promote the hygiene. Local leaders were selected and give training to bring the issue forward through collective action to demand their rights and entitlements.

We did 'Rights to safe to safe drinking water' campaign to demand right to safe drinking water as an act under Article 21. Applications and demand petition were coming from different parts of the state Odisha, by building the people's perspective, we have managed to solve the problems by bringing entitled assets through MGNREGA and SBM and National Rural Drinking Water Programme. Here is the report of Water Availability of Drinking water resources in 15 districts of Odisha.



### **Status of Drinking water in 15 districts of Odisha Vs operational area of Atmashakti in 2018-19**

This year government brought 103 schemes for covering the need of drinking water in the 15 districts of Odisha in which 5254 number of programmes covered.

1349 number of schemes were brought for Piped water supply in which 1311 schemes are being covered this year and 4566 schemes were targeted for hand pump/tube well construction in which 4454 number of schemes are covered.







At community level committee members through village meeting made the community to understand the water as a core issues and they all went to meet with the District administration to raise their concerns also at Palli and Gram Sabha level, they have organized the rally and dharna in-front of the department offices. After that the local administration visited the village to understand the village issues and to do the needful. The community has leveraged the water assets through MGNREGA also Only constructing new hand-pump are not a concern but we have to maintain the existing assets so that we had started orienting the Jansathis about that and now community have become able to sustain the existing assets by own, thus here are the highlights from the working area of Atmashakti; From the 15 districts of Odisha, community has submitted 2908 number of applications/petitions with the department and concerned authorities for hand pump repairing, construction of new hand pumps/tube wells and for piped and solar water supply system.

Total 1495 hand pumps were repaired, 636 number of defunct piped water supply has been repaired 651 new hand pumps constructed and 294 system of solar water supply has been repaired along with that 183 numbers of small ponds have been constructed to fulfill the water need of community.

Under MGNREGA, 294 applications for soak and recharge pit, 64 applications for village drain were submitted out of that 87 Small ponds constructed and 784 were repaired, 344 recharge pit and 531 village drain have been constructed.

Also 9363 number of families have applied for IHHL and SBM and 3797 IHLS have been constructed.

### Impact:

Due to community support and hard work community has become able to understand the issue and now their life have becomes more easy and happy as they are getting healthier life due to safe water and also now they can get water just in their own villages also now 198 villages are clarified as 100% availability of safe drinking water.





### CAMPAIGN ON FOREST RIGHTS ACT (FRA)

Though Indian government enacted the Forest Rights act in 2006 to correct the historic injustice done to tribal people & forest dwellers, when we talk about the implementation of this act its actually not up to the goal, still many eligible individuals have not got the rights under this act. Since the sangathan has been working on FRA issues since a long time hence during this quarter the sangathan decided to hold a campaign on FRA issues. The result of last year's shows that many claims are rejected by the district administrations due to various reasons but the claimants are ignorant of it only the few could be resubmitted their claims who those were in touched with the administrations.



Again the issue was who allotted forest lands they only got 1.5 acres each only when the act says for 2.5 acres and again still the allotted lands are not demarcated. Hence the sangathan organized a village level camps and created awareness among the people of 30 villages in two blocks and on 20th of March 310 IFR claims have been submitted to the Nodal Officer.

## FOOD SECURITY



Odisha is one the poorest state with large number of children suffering from malnutrition, to address the issues of malnutrition amongst women & children, to ensure food security to the needy families, relentless campaign was launched by Odisha Shramajeebi Manch in 2012 throughout state. The campaign includes consultation with district and state administration, coordination with like-minded civil society organizations, post card campaign and representations to various govt officials, rallies dharna and protest demonstration. The campaign could finally force the govt to announce the 8 point exclusion criteria for the selection of the beneficiaries.

Apart from that continuous handholding support is provided to the eligible households at the village level though our Sanghathan so that not a single eligible HH is left out of NFSA.

The OSM and its member organizations have played major role in spreading the awareness about NFSA and implementation process among the beneficiaries. As a result 78% of total population of state as per 2011 census is covered under NFSA. In our working areas the percentage of achievement against target as per GOI norms is close to 100%..





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## Achievements/activity highlights of Odisha Sramajeebee Manch

- 271 Orientation to JS, JC and committee members about the importance of Social audit and Public Hearing.
- 191 trainings on perspective building on Government schemes and provision to Jansaathis and Junior Coordinators.
- 24 community leaders and members of Sangathan were oriented about the Sangathan's Agenda.
- 4 health workers got orientation on organizing health camp and liasing with line department
- 13 trainings have been organized for organic farming.
- 6 on job training to prepare pot medicine, khajarata & seed treatment
- Orientation to 7 Js regarding Health initiative and the same had been sent for exposure



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# MAHILA SRAMAJEEBEE MANCHA, ODISHA (MSMO)

The larger and long-term vision of the sangathan is to create a system and space for women based on participation, collectivism and sustainability – where JUSTICE, LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY prevail beyond all rhetoric of differences.

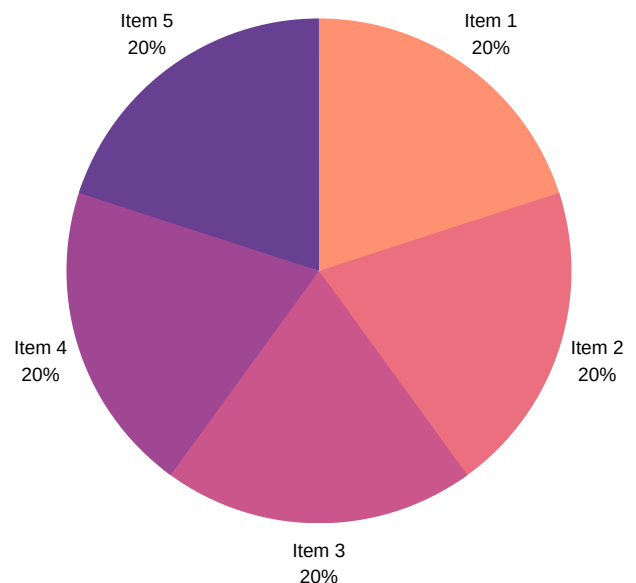
To achieve this, the sangathan will mobilise and organise the indigenous women (both Dalit and Adivasis) into a strong organised federative structure across Odisha in the initial phase and extending it to other parts of India at a later stage.

Now, MSMO is working with 13 Jan Sangathans in 33 blocks of 11 districts (Sundergarh, Sambalpur, Deogarh, Kandhamal, Nayagarh, Malkangiri, Koraput, Balangir, Nuapada, Kalahandi and Mayurbhanj) with a coverage of 2559 villages.



## Achievements/Highlights of the year

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## TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

### Centre for Learning and Development

Centre for Learning and Development which was known as Activist school is a planned approach to highlight **Activist Intervention Strategy (AIS)** which was conceptualized after prolonged discussions, field experiences and with a strong vision.

The centre will sensitise/orient/train our community leaders on democratic processes, about rights and entitlements, constitutions and etc.. to help them grow as a vibrant community leader. Along with that, internal staffs, senior management team will also benefit from CLD by gaining conceptual understanding on various issues/subjects which will help them build perspectives on those issues which will drive them to work with renewed spirit. Now, CLD provides Foundation course, refresher course and Human rights course for the participants and more than 100 staffs of Atmashakti have already benefited from the programme.

### Birsa Vahini

**Birsa Vahini** (the creative warriors) will be the catalyst force in taking this initiative from state to regional level and ensure that activism education is delivered to the leaders/staffs at grassroots level so that they become a conscious committee member and better understand their roles and responsibilities.

According to the decision taken on 06.08.18 focusing to Capacity Building and Training, the house formulated one Birsa Bahini who is responsible for Capacity Building of Sangathan members, especially those who are working at Grassroots. Here, this is having 2 categories contains Internal & Grassroots. And again those two consists of 2 characteristics i.e. Operational and Perspective. Here, Perspective Building would be justified by Regional and State level CLD. But as far as Operational Capacity building is concerned, it directly deals with the Village, GP, Block, District Sangathan where the mechanism kind of thing would support Grassroots to strengthen the Sangathan at all level through Participation and decision making from organizing Village, GP, Block and District meeting by resolving different thematic area issues followed with addressing before concern line department and others.





## TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

### IDENTIFYING NEEDS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING:

Writing Skills on Meeting Resolution, Filling different issue based and need based applications. Information Collection with regards to different Governmental schemes and programs, Skill for organizing and managing/presiding village meeting, Coordinating and networking with different line department, Advocacy to serve Constitutional Rights, Preparing VDP and presenting it in PS, GS and others as per requirement., Issue Identification and Prioritization, PRI Training to Community Members Women Empowerment and RTI.

### Regional Centre for Learning and Development (RCLD)

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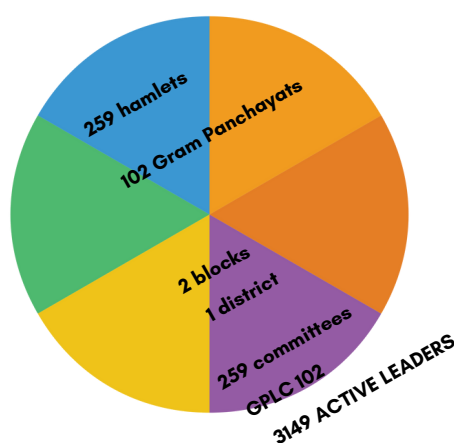
### Resource Centre

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## SONBHADRA VIKAS SANGATHAN

**Uttar Pradesh**

### Coverage and Manpower of Sonebhadra Vikash Sangathan:



#### Manpower details

Team leaders-2  
Coordinator-2  
Jr Coordinator-2  
Jansathi-12  
Consultant-2

#### Combined Activities

##### planned for Nagwa and Chatra blocks for 2018-19

- 2603-Village level Sangathan meetings
- 660 Panchayat Meetings
- 6 block level committee meeting
- 14 Panchayat level camps with people on Sangathan building

MGNREGA: Last year Atmashakti decided to run a campaign to demand work under MGNREGA, known as Kaam Diyo Abhiyan in which community has been trained and mobilized to write their demands through petitions to the government.

### Achievements of the campaign

- 14297 household has demanded work under MGNREGA out of which 13216 household have got the work.
- Total person days generated in this year is 515388 which is 34% higher in comparison to the last year. is a great success as we become able to mobilize community to complete to work for more days so as to sustain their financial and economical needs.
- Also, the average man days generated in this year has increased to 39 days from 29 days in the last year.



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### **Leveraging Water assets**

We can see that;

- Total 63 applications were submitted to the department for repairing of defunct hand-pumps and 63 numbers of hand-pumps were repaired by department.
- Community has applied for *Individual Household Latrine (IHHL)* in which they have submitted 1140 applications and against the applications total 965 IHHL are fully completed and rest are in under construction.
- 4. 30 dug-wells were repaired and renewed for drinking water purpose.

### **Other initiatives**

1. 21 PCC road and 8 number of Medbandi
2. 297 number of road were repaired
3. 297 number of land development works have been done

### **Activities undertaken to solve the local issues**

Highlights;

- Total 462 applications were submitted for new gas connection out of which 196 households have got new gas connection.
- 138 applications were submitted to enroll under pension scheme and 23 people have started benefitting.
- For PMAY, 189 applications were submitted but only 20 people were found eligible for this and they got benefitted.
- 12 applications were submitted for Pulia construction and 2 got succeed.

## **UFAAN- an initiative of Social Change**

UFAAN is an initiative of Atmashakti to bring social change through art and culture, also through UFAAN Atmashakti wishes to bring the interest in the local art form of singing and dancing and theater. UFAAN is an initiative to reform the society after neglecting the current issues present in the society, so that to fight against the current issues and society can be reformed with the help of folk arts/dance/music and songs.

### **No of public meetings-46**

### **Meetings with Local artists-61**

### **Cultural events-40**

### **Activities and Achievement of UFAAN:**

Met with nearly 80 local artists, intellectuals, sangthan members, local leaders, community people of 24 panchayats of 2 blocks and there they had discussion on UFAAN and its style of working and the challenges to be faced during the process in 61 meetings

With the help of UFAAN, a campaign run in 4 GPs and 2 blocks in which 360 male female participated, the focus was on environmental awareness.

We had done 40 cultural events and highlighted the issues present in the society through plays and songs.

### **Hara Bhara Tariya Programme**

To make better the decreasing level of ground water in upcoming years and disappearing forests in the 4 panchayats (Chanani, Chakariya, Briahmor and Pindari) through making sure the participation of people under Sonbhadra Vikash Sangthan through collective efforts so as to develop the green area via step wise plantation and water harvesting so as to make life, health and to avail the essential environment for life along with livelihood generation and making the people living in those areas financially strong via collective efforts.

Currently we have taken 12 revenue villages of those 4 panchayat to develop green area.

Activities and progress done;

- Public meetings on creating awareness among communities towards environment-16
- We had done 30 meetings with likeminded people, 3 meetings with government officials, 3 meetings with public representatives and 3 meetings with other stakeholders to make them interested about this work for more cooperation.
- We had contacted 4 local institutions for this.
- We are trying to mobilize community to grow plants in their house premises with own sources so as to make this programme successful and sustainable. Thus community has grown 4500 plants with local grain and resources available with them.



**Atmashakti Trust** is engaged in creating awareness among the most marginalized and oppressed communities for their rights and entitlements. Forming community based organizations, at villages, panchayats, block and district level and empowering them to tackle issues and obtain entitlements with minimal external influence, we facilitate self-organised groups or Sangathans across Odisha and Uttar Pradesh to ensure their access to rights and entitlements. With our felicitation, thousands of villagers in Odisha and Uttar Pradesh are fighting are now aware about their rights and entitlements and their efforts are bearing fruits in terms of increased access to rights and entitlements.

To help these groups sustain and fight for their own rights and give them a sustainable and socially just future, please support our work and join us as a change maker. Lend your support to strengthen our work. Your support creates a big impact! **Donate Now!**

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