

President's Message

Dear friends,

Greetings from PREM !

This is the volume 25 of E-news, we are presenting to you from PREM. PREM along with the members of its network has been involved in multiple development programs at various levels- village to the state - for the last 34 years. We have reached out to the unreached in 12 other states of India also working in greater net work. We are very glad to say that our network efforts have been effective enough to benefit 5000000 people over the years by means of various development programs and campaigns.

This is the time for PREM and the groups in network with it to ponder over and analyze critically the development scenario of our country, particularly of the tribal and other economically back ward communities. Seemingly enough we need not work as intensively as we did in the 80's and the 90's, for a lot of development has occurred in our country, especially in the lives of the poor. The state and the national governments have several welfare programs in place for the development of these communities. There are more than 40 welfare schemes implemented in the villages mainly in the spheres of education, health, livelihood and skill development.

Hence the time has come for us for a paradigm shift in our approach from charity to empowerment, particularly for women and the youth. It has to be the responsibility of the Civil Society Organizations now to see to it that the government programs are implemented to benefit reach of the people in letter and spirit divorced of bottlenecks and corruption. The communities need more capacity building training for management of their resources and shaping their villages into models that would consist of all the attributes and components of education, health, livelihood and sustainability in all aspects. The model villages are necessarily to be found with an atmosphere of amiable relationship and peaceful coexistence among one another in the communities.

I think, it is also very crucial to look at the status of the lower middle class families who avail themselves of no benefit whatsoever. Many of these families fall into the poor section and are unable to cater to the needs of their children's education and food security as is the plight of the people Below Poverty line who are deprived of benefits from many Government programs and schemes despite their rights over them. It is imperative then at this juncture for the Government and INGOs, who support civil society organizations, to get into greater insight and realize the empirical ground realities.

Thanking you all.
With best regards.

Dr. Jacob Thundyil,
President, PREM.

Highlight of the Month

Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, has selected People's Rural Education Movement (PREM) for setting up a **DISTRICT PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT UNITS (DPMUs)** for department of sports & youth services, government of Odisha. People's Rural Education Movement (PREM) has set up a District Programme Management Unit (DPMU) for cluster-B covering Ganjam, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Boudh & Nayagarh Districts to facilitate the implementation process of Sub Scheme BIJU YUVA VAHINI under the ongoing flagship program BIJU YUVA SASHAKTIKARANA YOJNA for Department of Sports & Youth service, Government of Odisha. As per the guideline 105 staffs have been deployed by PREM to facilitate the implementation process of Biju Yuva Vahini program in cluster-B, covering 5 districts.

The broad objective of the project is “to promote leadership and spirit of volunteerism among youth through social actions at panchayat and ULBs and to promote sports, art/ culture and scientific temper among youth across all panchayats/ ULBs”.

At the outset the Department of Sport and Youth Service Govt. of Odisha had organised orientation program for DPUM team on BYV programme on 7th March, 2018 at Kalinga Stadium Conference hall, Bhubaneswar. Block coordinators, NAC coordinators, District youth coordinators, Project officers, Mobilization & social campaign and Project Officers Sports and Culture of 5 districts of Cluster- B had participated in the program.

After this training all DPMU team joined and reported to the PDs BDOs and EOs, to facilitate the implementation process of Sub Scheme Biju Yuva Vahini under the ongoing flagship of Biju Yuva Sashaktikarana Yojna of Department of Sports and Youth services Government of Odisha.

The major activities conducted through this program are Formation of district level BYV steering committees, formation of block level BYV steering committee, formation of municipality level BYV steering Committee, formation of municipal corporation level BYV steering committee, clubbing of wards of the NACs and municipalities, block wise of 1st Biju Yuva Vahini meeting, ULB wise 1st Biju Yuva Vahini meeting, block wise organizing of 2nd BYV meeting, ULB wise organizing of 2nd BYV meeting, social action programs at block and ward level.

Districts	Blocks	No fo BYVs	ULBs	# of Wards NACs & MP	Municipal Corporation(MC)	# of wards OF MC
Ganjam	22	503	17	240	1	40
Gajapati	07	149	02	29	0	0
Kandhamal	12	171	03	39	0	0
Nayagarh	08	194	05	72	0	0
Boudh	03	69	01	17	0	0
Total	52	1086	28	399	1	40

Social actions by Biju Yuva Vahini at Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC)

Four no of ODF Campaign were organised by the BYVs of ward 36, 12, 21 and 20 of BeMC the main objective of the campaigns was to create awareness among the people on the consequences of open defecation and also the government provisions for the construction of individual and

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community toilets. During rallies, the BYV members, women, school children, BYV staff and community people participated. The participants were holding the banner and placards with



messages on the consequences of open defecation and on the way the participants had given slogans and motivated the people for the construction of individual toilets and community toilet if there is no space for individual toilet by the support of government. In the following days the Biju Yuva Vahini members met with Commissioner regarding their issues and based on Commissioners, BeMC advice they collected the copy of Adhar Cards and beneficiary details and submitted at BeMC. Planning Process has been made by BeMC to construct toilets at the wards after physical verification by concerned Engineer and Swachha

Bharat Abhiyan officers. This program created awareness among the participants and their ward residents.

Social Action by Biju Yuva Vahini at Ganjam District



Similarly A Swachhata Rally was organized by Kavisuryanagar NAC “Biju Yuva Vahini” Members dated 10th April 2018. A total 50 BYV members participated in this Swachhata rally. The main objective of this rally was to keep cleanness and pollution free environment and make a Clean & Green town. In this occasion BYV members also did a campaign on Open Defecation Free and Say no to Plastic.

There was a pond in Haradapadar village but which was very unclean as a result people of the village were facing water disease and facing problem in the summer. Keeping this in mind the BYV



of Haridapadar GP and Block were came forward to initiate a social action program on this issue. Before the program the Youth coordinator oriented the members of BYV on their role and responsibilities and on social action activities. After this orientation program the members of Haridapada GP BYV cleaned the dirty pond and now the entire villagers are using this pond and they are very happy than before.

PREM Program Activities

International Women's Day

PREM celebrated the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2018 at Dandimaha, Daringbadi. 173 participants participated collectively and observed the day enthusiastically. The participants were women—SHG leaders, students, adolescent girls, women, PRI members and government officials—of the project area. The objective of the program was to *create awareness on equality, development and peace especially for women and girl children; to create awareness among the families and community to stop family violence against women and girl children and also take necessary steps against this kind of violence.*

The theme of International Women's Day 2018 is “ **Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's live**”.

On that day a big meeting was organized where all the participants took an oath for bringing solidarity among the women of the world and they conveyed their best wishes to each and every woman of the world on this day. The meeting covered topics such as the status of women in family, home and community, independence of women, their dignity in this world and the struggle of women for existence, participation of youth and adolescents girls in Panchayat raj system which is followed with girl child rights and protection, world peace, social progress, womens right, participation and equality, 5 milestones of development of the child and Water and Environment Sanitation.



The chief speaker honorable MLA Mr. Jacob Pradhan in his speech highlighted on women empowerment and the role of education in bringing change in women life. He also focused on women empowerment though socio-economic and political development of the women. The women group also reflected their issues and submitted the memorandum to the MLA. He pleased with the initiative

taken by the women of Kandhamal district with the support of PREM.

Women's Lobby and Advocacy

PREM regularly organizes different orientation programs for empowerment of the women in its operational area. Similarly to discuss the needs and issues of their respective villages and how to address them around 70 women from program villages came together at project office Daringbadi on 30th January 2018.



In the meeting the women prioritized the issues of their respective villages such as drinking water facility, construction of approach road, electrification, construction of community house, issues of ration card etc. The women advocacy committee discussed the issues and decided to meet the block administrator and concerned officials at the block and the district administration on the grievance day. This program created a platform for the women group to identify their issues collectively and present at block level for redressal.

3rd Quarter end internal examination

[[PREM in association with Development Focus (DF) has successfully completed its 4th quarter in implementing Computer based Adult Literacy Program in 9 Gram panchayats of Daringbadi block of Kandhamal district of Odisha. This project strives to address the functional literacy of adults, women



between 16 to 60 years in particular. This program aims to develop higher self-esteem and self-confidence among the learners enabling them to engage in economic/livelihood activities. In the end of 3rd quarter PREM in association with Development Focus (DF) under Computer based Adult Literacy Program conducted an internal assessment examination of the third quarter batch on 15th April 2018 for all the learners of 50 centres in 100 batches. The question paper was prepared by the resource team of PREM for individual learners. The

internal examination date was intimated to each learner before one week and accordingly the examination was conducted where all the learners present and appeared the examination. The question pattern was divided into three parts such as reading (40 marks), writing (30 marks) and arithmetic (30 marks). After the examination the facilitators of all centres collected the answer sheets and valuation was done as per the learner's performance.

Advance agriculture training

PREM organized a 20 days residential Agriculture training program for five batches—10 days each batch—at Agriculture training centre, Chandragiri

A team of progressive farmers consisting of 60 female and 30 male members from Mohana Block of Gajapati District under gone and successfully completed Organic farming training at Chandragiri. The trainees were from agricultural background and practicing farm and off farm activities in their respective communities.

Basically the theory and practical sessions were based on Organic farming, Organic Fruit cultivation, Organic vegetable cultivation, Organic Spices cultivation, Grafting techniques and nursery raising, Animal husbandry and non-farming activities.

There were 30 Class room sessions, 10 field demonstrations / practical classes and an exposure visit organized during the training period. Different methods adopted in the training programs were class room teaching, one to one Interaction, group discussion and plenary presentation, practical classes and field demonstrations, exposure visits, visual aids and power point presentations.



Health Checkup Camps



There were 5 health checkup camps held during February and March 2018. The camps conducted by Bal Vikash project for children from 13 program villages. The camps being organized in the center place for convenient and accessible to the patients. 420 children attended the camps, got checked up and supplied appropriate medicines. The chief medical officer of the local Community Health Center, Daringbadi was diagnosis and gave proper medication to the patients.

CMCJ Exposure visit

The 5 members CMCJ children club, 2 state coordinator and advocacy coordinator Bal Vikash project visited the CeFHA organization at Tuni on 24th and 25th March 2018. The members interacted with the staff and CMCJ members at the office and visited the program area and discussed with the children group on child marriage and rights of child. Interacted with the community, SHG members and children on World water day and the way managed the children club like monthly meeting, awareness creation on health and hygiene practice.



Class Transaction under Adult literacy program

Regular class transactions have been organised for the 2000 learners of the 3rd quarter in 50 centres in two batches. The learners are attending the classes regularly in two batches for five days in a week at the places allotted as per the decision of the village committee. Each batch consists 20 members and the classes also are conducted in a stipulated time as per the convenience of the learners. To enhance the capacity of the learners the facilitators taught the reading, writing and arithmetic subjects to the learners as per the lesson plan.



to live their day to day life decently.

To assess the knowledge of the learners the revision classes also took place by the facilitators in every three days of class transaction. The facilitators used various context specific TLMs during class room transaction for easy understanding of the learners. Besides the topics, the functional literacy knowledge also provided to the learners

Strengthening of Self Help Groups

PREM in association with Axis Bank foundation formed SHGs in its operational areas. Though SHGs have been formed to strengthen the socio- economic condition of the rural women by different NGOs /Government agencies but it requires lot of handholding support for strengthening. Lack of proper accounting, poor maintenance of books, quality governance, internal capacity & skills of the members in managing the groups are the problems resulting in the deterioration of quality SHGs. In this connection capacity building of SHGs is the part of on going Gruhini women training program. For smooth and effective functioning of



SHGs project gives more importance on different components of SHG management. Those are as follows:

- Ideal meeting
- Local government and bank officials to be invited for attending the meeting as resource person
- Writing of records/registers and its timely maintenance
- The members savings and inter lending should be recorded clearly
- The loan preferably be given for productive purpose
- Minimum savings Rs 100/ per month for each member
- Create the competitive spirit among the groups
- Collective marketing of agro based products and forest produces.
- Bank and credit linkages
- Liaisoning with Government and non-government agencies for tapping the resources

Case study

Education brought a ray of hope in life

“I am feeling very happy that now I can read newspaper and able to know different news of my area which is a miracle for my life in the age of 36 years.” Said Renuka Pradhan of village Colony Sahi.

Renuka Pradhan aged about 36 years of Colony Sahi of Daringbadi block, Kandhamal is one of the learners of 2nd quarter and she has successfully completed the three months course through Computer Based Adult Literacy Program of PREM. She was unable to write even her name. She got the opportunity of learning through CBLF program which is the turning point of her life. She was dreamt for reading books and news paper and now her dream is fulfilled. She is very happy for this and in her leisure time she is practicing reading books and writing at home.

Renuka expresses her gratitude to PREM and Development Focus for such an excellent program which brought her and community for miraculous change in her life.



“I am feeling very lucky and proud to be a part of CBAL program and learnt the system of counting, which helped me to get rid of middleman exploitation”. Says Sarmita Pradhan of Siripanka village of Daringbadi block.

Sarmita Pradhan, 48 years of age, wife of Alta Pradhan of Siripanka village of Daringbadi block, Kandhamal has successfully completed the three months course under Computer Based Adult Literacy Program in 2nd quarter. She is very happy that she could calculate her daily earnings from the leaf plate making business. While discussing with her she expressed her heartfelt gratitude to PREM and DF for giving such an opportunity to read, write and count in this stage of her life.

She was associated with the same business but unable to count her daily earnings and depending on others for the said work. As a result the people were cheating and exploiting her and was could not get her rightful earning. She was unhappy and living in a miserable condition by which she was unable to meet her daily needs in spite of her hard labour.

Now I am confident enough to do my business independently and get my earning rightfully.



Photo Gallery



Goatry program for



Grihini program in Puri district



Business skill programs of Grihini program



Ward level BYV 2nd meeting, BeMC



Ward level Fortnight meeting at BeMC



Learners of Adult literacy program



Able to use mobile after receiving CBAL



Village level meeting of CBAL



CMCJ meeting at Daringbadi block



Plantation Drive on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June 2018

Quote of the Month

“The youth is the hope of our future”

--Jose Rizal(19 June 1861- 30 December 1896)

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