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## Introduction :

It all begins in 1972. It was the holy birthday of great Gandhian leader Gopabandhu Choudhry “the Budha Purnima”. Late. Biswanath Patnaik, the visionary social guide took rest of his human spirit into convergent social action at Balliguda. His un-rest radical philosophy united the likeminded personalities to a social forum i.e. Banabasi Seva Samiti in Kandhamal district.

His greatness and marginalized thoughts of possible social alliance dreams out the dignified home for participatory people’s evolution.

It is the 53 year of our holy birth of Banabasi Seva Samiti. We salute our humble respect to the great social leader of our state Orissa Late Gopabandhu Choudhury, Maa Ramadevi, Nabakrushna Choudhury, Malati Devi, Sarat Chandra Maharana, Annapurna Maharana, Manmohan Choudhury and others.

It is the sacrifice and a promise to battle against injustice and in-equality for the sufferings in our community they are the tribal’s and dalit. We look for a healthy society with the ideology of Gandhi, Vinoba and Jayaprakash.

## Our Humble Philosophy :

People’s uniformity in other words a democratic social union envisaged is the visionary outlook to the inclined convergent social action of Banabasi. Building a “Gram Swaraj” and to translate the Gandhian ideology and Sarvodaya movement for grass root reality is the reformation **philosophy** of Banabasi Seva Samiti.

The core **objective** to secure the dignified values and social recognition of the classified class and caste as the common social beings in the society.

The fundamental **mission** of BSS is to mandate a conducive social environment for the development of a healthy society towards self reliance, equality, liberty, justice and democracy for all.

The disciplinary **vision** of BSS is to catalyse and to overcome the growing intolerance of narrow identity, blind fundamentalism, political instability, cultural erosion and adverse civic management at all level.

The prospective **goal** of BSS to enable the deprive sections of the society towards collective partnership and nation building exercises for their rights, equality, justice and freedom of voice. The question mark of actual social acceptance is always debating. We celebrate 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday ceremony of our institution. But about our basement we are steel interim in our journey. Our self assessment is ongoing.

## Our Social Look :

The drive to promote elementary education for the inaccessible and helpless children in the community is the promoting challenges to the history of Banabasi Seva Samiti. Before the crux of this emergent issue, the BSS focused strong initiatives in the field of educational activities like continuing of pre-schooling crèche centers in remote tribal pockets of the State. It has also actively involved in formal education in schools, formal residential school for SC and ST and special hostels for ST and SC girls in different parts of Orissa.

### ***Mission . . .***

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### ***Objective . . .***

- Supporting community based organization to affect their needs and manage their knowledge through self governance.
- To achieve social economic and political justice and equal assets to resources and opportunities on local national and international level.

### ***Core Values :***

- People centered and right based approach
- Partnership with the people at local, national and international levels
- Sustainable development
- Problem solving
- Maintaining neutrality from any religious and political affiliation
- Honesty, accountability and transparency at all levels
- Honour and mutual respect to the traditional knowledge system

### ***Strategies :***

- Collaboration with Government Departments, Agencies, NGOs, Media and individuals to address common development programmes.
- Initiation of debates on development issues and develops an effective mechanism for response.
- Work with mass organizations - both local and international towards information dissemination, awareness generation, advocacy lobbying to development of downtrodden people.
- Built up strategic alliance with bureaucrats.
- Promote and strengthen community based organizations.
- Mainstream Gender as an organizational strategy in all developmental intervention.

- **Human Resources :**

- Human resources are the major strength of organization to achieve the dream to reality. We have professionally qualified and profusely experienced personnel who have command over wide areas of development issues. The Staff strength of BSS is 252.

**Thrust Area :**

The organization works for ST, SC and downtrodden and socio-economically backward people and bring in different stakeholders like CBOs, NGOs, Government Departments & institutions. More particularly, the target beneficiaries include:

- Child Care
- Poverty Alleviation
- Community Management
- Health
- Women Empowerment
- Micro Finance
- Training & Capacity Building
- Lobby & Advocacy
- Natural Resource Management & Ecological Caring
- Caring of Helpless Older persons

**Operational Area :**

BSS is a leading organization in Odisha but the operational areas of the organization covers all blocks of Kandhamal district, Bahwanipatna and Narla blocks of Kalahandi district and Gunupur & Ramnaguda blocks of Rayagada districts.

## Child care

Social disaster and misshapeness are the precarious situation before our Indian children. More than 40% children are always the encounter of social disaster. Therefore the helpless children become destitute. At this out stake, the organization BSS focused to care and to protect the destitute children with homely love, care and education with long term caring up to self sufficiency. The statuses of the ongoing Sishu Sadan are follows.

Sl. No	Name of the scheme	Place & District	B	G	Total students	Staff
01	Children's Home	Balliguda, Kandhamal	52	98	150	19
02	Children's Home	Jakikia, Kandhamal	41	-	50	07
03	Children's Home	Rabingia, Kandhamal	43	-	50	07
04	Children's Home	Dangariguda, Kalahandi	50	-	50	07
<b>Total</b>			<b>186</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>45</b>

### **Maa Rama Devi Adivasi Kanyashram (Residential Hostel for 100 ST Girl Students), Rabingia:**

Looking at the poor educational standard of the tribal girls the Samiti had started Maa Rama Devi Adivasi Kanyashram at Rabingia in 1997 with 35 tribal girls at Rabingia in the memory of renowned freedom-fighter and women organizer, educator Rama Devi Choudhury. In the subsequent year onward, this Kanyashram is being supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs of Government of India. At present 100 nos. of Adivasi girls have been accommodated in Kanyashram, Rabingia. They are being provided formal education and the result of Annual HSC Examination 2024 was cent percent. 11 nos. of girls appeared and out of which 1<sup>st</sup> class- 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> class-6 & others are 3<sup>rd</sup> Division pass. Newly we provided self defense coaching to the inmates of the hostel for their seediness.

### **Bairu Gamango Adivasi Kanyashram, Kujendri, Rayagada :**

Bairu Gamango Adivasi Kanyashram has been established at Kujendri in Ramanaguda of Rayagada Dist. in the year 1999. It is interesting to note that Late Biswanath Pattnaik was able to change the mind and heart of Shri Bairu Gamngo & his fellow land-lords, who donated lands during Bhoodan Movement (Land Donation Movement led by Vinoba during 1950s). In memory of the land donor the Bairu Gamango, Adivasi Kanyashram is being managed from the corpus fund of the organization for 30 tribal girls.

### **Adibasi Kanyasram, Bandhagarh :**

With the initial support of Bharatiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, New-Delhi another residential School for tribal girls has been established in Phiringia Block in Kandhamal District in the year 1985. At present, 100 nos. of tribal girls are availing the formal education along with vocational course with grant-in-aid from the MoTA of Government of India.

*Table showing the strength of Children & Staff at Adivasi Kanyashram.*

Sl. No.	Name of the Kanyashram	Place & District	Supporting Agency	No. of students	No. of Staff.
01.	Maa Ramadevi Advasi Kanyashram	Rabingia, Kandhamal	Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.	100	12
02.	Bairu Gamango Adivasi Kanyashram	Kujendri, Rayagada	Own fund of Banabasi Seva Samiti.	30	05
03.	Bandhagarh Adivasi Kanyashram	Bandhagarh , Phiringia, Kandhamal.	Initiated by Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, New-Delhi.	100	12
<b>Total</b>				<b>230</b>	<b>29</b>

### **Special Hostel for ST & SC Students:**

50 nos. of poor SC & ST students are providing with special coaching with free food, boarding, clothing, medicine, educational support and vocational education in addition to formal teaching in school under this special hostel programme.

### **Formal Education (Banabasi Primary School, Balliguda :**

Banabasi Seva Samiti believes that the self reliance through education, so in this context the Samiti started a primary school to provide quality education to the children since 1994, this school is operating at Balliguda in Kandhamal District. The school is managed by Samitis own fund. During the reporting year total 101 students enrolled in school.

### **Banabasi M.E. School, Balliguda:**

This school is providing up to ME school standard education supported by Education Department, Govt. of Orissa, since 1977. Present student strength is 105 and it is a co-education school.

### **Banabasi Library :**

Banabasi Library runs with the support of Raja Ram Mohan Library Foundation and Department of Culture, Government of Orissa in side Banabasi Campus at Balliguda in Kandhamal District.

### **Special Sponsorship Programme :**

Special sponsorship Programme for children by EEDM France, supported to 94 nos. of needy children with free boarding, fooding, clothing, medicines and learning materials to complete their school education at Balliguda.

### **Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) :**

Since 1995, BSS is continuing a Shishu Greh (now SAA) to be treated as the home for delinquished infants and in country adoption center at Baliguda, Kandhamal. This center provides the safe rescue and care for the relinquished infants out of the increasing incidence of unwed motherhood and death of helpless mother in a tribal district. The organization under the collaboration of Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA), Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India runs the maintenance of these infants. The present status of the home is taking care of 12 nos. of infant's. during the reporting year total 14 adoption has been made out of the 9 male child and 5 female child as per the legal provisions.

## **Welfare of the PWDs**

Banabasi is more attentive for the welfare of the handicapped children in the community with support of free education and learning. From 1985 onwards, Banabasi has started its activities for the welfare of the handicapped. The ongoing programmes are;

### **Red-Cross School for the Blind:**

The Red-Cross School for the Blind is being run by this institution at Biswanath Palli, Balliguda since 1981. At present 88 nos. of children of visually impaired boys and girls are being provided with special care and educational support with free boarding, fooding, clothing, medicines and educational support to complete their education from lower primary to 10<sup>th</sup> class standard. This school also provides the skilled education on Braille prints and computer education. Other than this the accommodated children of this school are providing with the skill development knowledge for the production of chalk, candle, coir works, weaving crafts, fine arts etc. Also these schools promote the cultural activities of folk music, practice of songs and folk dance amongst the children.

### **School for the Deaf:**

This school is providing free boarding with food, medicine, clothing and educational support to 89 nos. of students having problem in hearing and speaking comprising to boys and girls. This school also providing skill development education to the children like fine art and weaving crafts.

### **Biswanath Memorial Mental Retarded School:**

The Samiti started a school for the mental retarded children from January 2001 in memory of Late Biswanath Pattnaik, Founder. At present there are 33 students enrolled in school. This school is managed by Samiti's own fund.

## **Health**

In spite of several interventions on health issues in our country, there is a long disparity to the common access of public health care. On these aspects, the Banabasi promote the concept of Public Private Partnership on Public Health Care. The ongoing intervention reduced the social discrimination and stigma at community level. The action programmes on health care.

### **Maa Greha ( Maternity Waiting Home)**

It is a temporary home for expectant motherws where they can wait for safe delivery preferably 7-10 days before EDD onset of labour, they are be shifted to near by health facility favoring at least Bemoc facilities for delivery.

Science 2013, BSS is continueing at K.Nuagaon, Kandhamal under the Collaboration of NHM & District Administration Kandhamal. during the year conduct 346 nos. of mothers delivery in 79 villages.

### **Reproductive Child Health - II**

Programme on RCH lunched covering to 3 GPs namely Budrukia, Mediakia and Parampanga under Baliguda Block with the support of NRHM to reduce the IMR and MMR ratio at village level. The ongoing activities of this year was majorly focused to social communication, immunization of infants and approached to antenatal care as well as post-natal care. These activities undertaken during the reporting year is distribution of normal delivery kit, strengthening of VHND, health camp, social marketing of contraceptives, orientation programme, celebration of full immunization day, wall painting, parivar kalia divas and observation of designated health days .

### **Asha Training Programme ( Dist. Training site) :**

Banabasi Seva Samiti is continuing District Training site (STS) for ASHA under the NHM, Kandhamal. During this year held HBNC (Round-4) training and NBNC + training. This year total NBNC (Round-4 ) 2 batch- Total- 76 nos. Asha, NBNC + 3 batch- Total 89 nos. of Asha & ANM.

### **Banabasi Dispensary & Ambulance Service :**

A public service dispensary is running inside Banabasi campus at Baliguda with the facilities of visiting Doctors, health workers and ambulance facilities. This center provides free health service for the poor and local people of the Baliguda Sub-division.

## **Skill Development Programme**

### **Computer Training Centre**

Now IT sector is fast growing sector in India and this sector will create more job opportunity it is a good sign for IT related students. Now it is the right time to learn computer education. So in this context Banabasi Seva Samiti run a special computer training centre since September 2009 with the help of NABARD for providing quality computer education to the ST& Orphan students of the Samiti. Under this activity till reporting period we have completed 6 nos. of batches in Diploma in Computer Application and 142 students were completed the course successfully.

## **Academic Empowerment**

### **Legal and Micro Legal Literacy Camp :**

The samiti always give emphasis to create awareness among the rural poor on law and legal aid to the poor. So in this context BSS organized several numbers of legal and micro legal camps in different villages of Balliguda and K. Nuagaon Block of Kandhamal district in collaboration with Taluk Legal Service Authority, Balliguda. The details is given below.

### **Campus Placement :**

BSS provides the facilities for campus placement for the easy access to the enrolled SC & ST students of the institution and to the trainees of the vocational units for placement in service. The total scheduled arrangement of employment under the campus placement service of Banabasi stated details.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Placement</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>No. of employment</b>
1	Health Deptt.	Govt.	30
2	Educatin Deptt.	Govt.	50
3	NGOs	Non-Govt.	190
4	Women & Child Development	Govt.	30
5	Postal Department	Govt.	1
6	Veterinary Department	Govt.	2
7	Statistical Deptt.	Govt.	2
8	ST & SC Dev. Deptt.	Govt.	12
9	Military & Home Deptt.	Govt.	12
<b>Total</b>			<b>329</b>



## Social Security

### **Jara Nivas (OldAge Home):**

Respect to senior citizen and support to helpless older person is also a focus of social issues with the ideology of Banabasi. An Old Age Home (Zara Nivas), supported by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI is running at Balliguda in Kandhamal district since 1990. This home is providing nutritious food, cloth, medicine, soap, health care and recreation facilities for 25 nos. of helpless older persons. One physiotherapy unit has been established in the Home for the benefit of inmates. One beautiful kitchen garden has been grown by able inmates. They enjoy their recreation through television, vajan, kirtan, audio music, playing indoor games, singing song etc.

Care & Health Service:- The Part time Doctor of the Oldage Home conducted regular health checkup & advised the staff and inmates to keep away from health. Recreational Activities for inmates: Reading religious books, Magazines and Enjoy with Musical instrumental cultural programme and television, playing the indoor games i.e. playing cards, chess, ludu etc. are the daily activities of inmates of home. They have made their own kitchen garden activities and use fresh vegetable in their food menu. Some inmates sewing leaf plates and cups and make rope.

### **JAGRUTI-II :**

Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI support this programme since 1994 to take care of the destitute women of the locality along with self rehabilitation approach. At present 30 nos. of women are the identified beneficiaries of the home. In the past more than 30 nos. of destitute women have returned to their back life, some of them are remarried and some of them are self employed with the support of Banabasi.

## Natural Resource Management

Conservation of Bio-diversity through Natural Resource Management is the conventional approach of Banabasi at village level. Since 1994 onwards Banabasi Seba Samiti deeply rooted its philosophy by doing multifarious activities on sustainable agriculture practice. BSS promoted an ecologically bio-village covering to 70 Acres of land area with organic farming and demonstration. This bio-farm act as the exposure unit for the visitors. Local farmers and also for others towards learning and practice. In the field of NRM, Banabasi invited the long partnership of UNDP, NR international and United Kingdom.

## Networking & Advocacy

Social Advocacy through people's networking is the process of BSS towards harvesting of social capital and to utilize the uniform of public interface. During the last with several social actions BSS, promoted a network civil society at Baliguda, Kandhamal to address different social issues at their level. Most of the times the civil society debated the issue like respect to senior citizen and sharing with Gramya Zara Sangha (help to grand parents) in different occasion.

Programme like **legal awareness** camp and interface meet of NGOs organized with the collective involvement of local civil society.

## Publication and Support

A fortnight publication on quarterly basis is being published in the style of “ADIBASINKA ANATASWAR” from Banabasi family regularly since 2006. This special publication addressed the good and bad happenings related to Dalit and Tribes and brought in media. The local intellectuals, social workers and journalist, media persons and civil societies support the publication as the mouth piece of tribal voice.

### *Banabasi Vikash Trust :*

A developmental trust in the style of **Banabasi Vikash Trust** is being inspired in Banabasi family and strongly devoted for the educational upliftment of down trodden SC and ST children in the area. The optimum achievement of this trust in this year with different financial support and activities. 25 nos. of students supported with Rs.21,200/- for their higher education in College. And support provided as the relief assistance during Natural Disaster. Winter clothes and medicines has been distributed to Leprosy patients.

### **ASHAKIRAN-JARMANI**

The programme has been started implementing in Kandhamal district through Banabasi Seva Samiti, Balliguda, with the support of Asha Kiran e.v. Germany since 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015. The project was highly needed for the targeted 24 MCH children of Kandhamal district, when they rescued by the district administration from Madhusudan Children’s Home Raikia. So under this project they provided emotional support and guidance, nutrition, medical aid, educational materials, Conveyance support etc. for their brighter future. To ensure it we have planned strategy plan. As per this plan we are getting positive response of parents / guardians of children, their teachers and neighbors. Ashakiran &D.H.I provide An environment in which children feel that they are nurtured and cared for, where they feel secure and are ensured that they are going to receive many more things.

## Celebration and Observation

Banabasi communicate the continuous messages and people’s call before the society with participatory approach. During the year 2022-23, this institution organized several workshops, public meetings, people’s rally and public interface on celebrating the National and International Days. The scheduled programmes of this year observed as shown in table.

Sl.	Programme	Date
1	Utkal Divas	01.04.23
2	World Environment Day	05.06.23
3	Malati Devi Jayanti	22.07.23
4	Independence Day	15.08.23
5	International Literacy Day	08.09.23
6	Gandhi Jayanti & International Non-Violence Day	01.10.23
7	International Day for Older Person	01.10.23
8	World AIDS Day	01.12.23
9	Rama Devi Jayanti	03.12.23
10	International Day for Disabled Person	03.12.23
11	Louise Braille Birth Day	04.01.24
12	National Youth Day	12.01.24
13	Republic Day	26.01.24
14	International Women Day	08-03-24

### Support Partnership

Our support partners for the year, 2023-24. For them we work for the people. The partners are:

- Ministry of W & C.D., Government of India.
- Ministry of Tribal Welfare, Government of India.
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.
- W&CD Department, Govt. of Odisha
- DPEP
- District Collector, Kandhamal
- National Health Mission
- Orissa Forest Sector Development Project, Government of Orissa.
- HelpAge International, United Kingdom and HelpAge India
- NABARD, RO, Bhubaneswar
- EEDM, France
- BAJSS, New Delhi
- Raja Ram Mohan Library Foundation, Kolkata
- Asha Kiran e.v., Germany
- Catalyst for Social Action, Mumbai

