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## OLD AGE CARE

### Celebration of Republic Day

Shakti Organisation celebrated Republic Day with residents of the Old Age Home, Balashram students, staff, and board members, reflecting a spirit of unity and inclusion. The National Flag was hoisted by General Secretary Mr. Akhil Ranjan Panda, followed by an inspiring message on constitutional values and civic responsibility.

Cultural performances and sweet distribution created a vibrant and intergenerational atmosphere. The celebration reinforced democratic values, equality, and Shakti's commitment to inclusive and value-based social development.



## Renewable Energy

### Solar Lanten support to children & Family

Shakti Organisation provided solar lamps to 100 vulnerable children and their families across four remote villages of Ramanaguda Block. The initiative has reduced dependence on kerosene, improved indoor air quality, and enhanced household safety. With reliable lighting, children are now able to study in the evenings, strengthening their learning continuity. Families also reported reduced fuel expenses and improved comfort at home. This impactful initiative was made possible through the generous support of Jiv Daya Foundation, USA.





# Community Health Care

## Bringing Mental Health Care Closer to Communities

Shakti Organisation supported persons with suspected mental illness to access mental health care through the **E-Sanjeevani Telemedicine Programme in Rayagada and Kashipur blocks**. The initiative focused on early screening and counselling, with community awareness efforts encouraging families to seek help without fear or stigma.

In January, **195 persons with mental illness (PWMIs)** were mobilised and accompanied for screening at different E-Sanjeevani centres across Rayagada district, Odisha. Trained professionals conducted assessments and provided timely counselling and referrals for further care. The programme helped reduce stigma, build community trust, and improve access to mental health services in remote and underserved areas.

We sincerely acknowledge the generous support of The Live Love Laugh Foundation, Bangalore, for making this meaningful initiative possible.



## Walls that Speak: Mental Health Awareness Campaign



Shakti Organisation implemented an innovative **awareness campaign to break stigma** and silence around mental health, through **100 wall writings and 10 Pictorial paintings** in Rayagada and Kashipur blocks. SHAKTI painted simple, relatable messages in prominent public spaces such as village walls, schools, and community centres.

These visual messages encouraged open conversations on mental wellbeing and reduced fear around seeking help. Villagers began discussing stress, depression, and emotional health more openly. The initiative transformed ordinary walls into platforms for awareness, empathy, and collective responsibility, contributing to a supportive environment for mental health at the community level. The Live Love Laugh Foundation, Bangalore supported this initiative.

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## Sarpanches Trained to Lead Tobacco Control at Village Level

Shakti Organisation trained **30 Sarpanches** from Ramanaguda and Kolanara Blocks on the role of Gram Panchayats in **tobacco control**. The one-day training, held at the Ramanaguda Block Conference Hall under the National Tobacco Control Programme, focused on Tobacco Control at the village level. The **sessions were facilitated by Dr. Mamata Sahoo, Satya Tripathy, and the Shakti team**. Sarpanches learned about tobacco control laws, health impacts, and their responsibility to enforce regulations locally. Interactive discussions strengthened their ability to create tobacco-free public spaces and monitor violations. They also took oath to implement the Tobacco control measures in their respective Gram Panchyats. The training built stronger grassroots leadership, with PRI leaders showing renewed commitment to implementing NTCP guidelines and protecting community health.



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

### Empowering Women Through Millet-Based Livelihoods



Shakti Organisation organised a **three-day training programme** at its Training Centre in Ramanaguda to strengthen women-led livelihoods. Fifty women representatives from Micro Enterprise Groups were trained as master trainers in millet product development, value addition, grading, and basic packaging skills. During the training, participants learned and practically prepared nine different **millet-based recipes, building their confidence to produce quality products for local markets**. The programme opened new income opportunities for women and strengthened their role in the local economy. This initiative was supported by Trickle Up India Foundation under the Empower Scale-up Cluster Programme.





## Economic Empowerment of Women *Bridging Buyers and Women Producers*



Shakti Organisation organised a **joint workshop bringing together local traders** and Women Self-Help Groups to encourage fair trade and stronger economic collaboration. The sessions focused on basic marketing literacy, transparent pricing, quality standards, and building market linkages. A structured Buyer-Seller Interface created a direct platform for interaction between **96 SHG producers and buyers**, helping reduce dependence on middlemen. The initiative strengthened women's negotiation skills, improved market access, and boosted their confidence in managing their enterprises.

## LIVELIHOOD & CLIMATE ACTION

### Trellis and Mulching: Climate-Smart Farming

Shakti Organisation introduced **trellis systems and straw mulching** as climate-smart farming practices through field demonstrations and farmer orientations in **50 farmers** fields in Rayagada Block.

These methods are helping farmers in retaining moisture in the soil, control weeds naturally, and enhanced vegetable productivity. **Farmers used water more efficiently** and made good use of organic residues available on their farms. As a result, crop yields will be increased and farming costs will come down.

This initiative encouraged sustainable farming and helped farmers cope better with changing weather conditions, leading to improved farm income and confidence.

With a noble heart, Ashraya Hastha Trust extended generous support to make this initiative possible.





## LIVELIHOOD & CLIMATE ACTION

### *Shakti Facilitated the Ragi Mandi of Shaktimayi FPO*

Shakti facilitated the Ragi Mandi for Shaktimayi Farmer Producer Organisation by mobilising farmers, organising aggregation systems, and linking buyers. The initiative ensured **transparent transactions** and **fair pricing, reducing distress sales**. Farmers benefited from the Govt. declared MSP. The mandi strengthened millet-based livelihoods while promoting nutrition security. The programme is ongoing, with a **target of 700 farmers for FY 2025–26**. This initiative highlights Shakti's role in strengthening farmer institutions and sustainable agri-marketing systems.



## CFR & Biodiversity

### *Community Celebration of Biodiversity*

Shakti Organisation organised **three Block-level Biodiversity Festivals** in Ramanaguda Block, Gunupur Block, and Padampur Block.

During these festivals, forest-dwelling communities proudly displayed a wide range of **Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP)** collected from nearby forests. **More than 800 youth, women, Community Forest Rights Management Committee members, and local leaders** came together to share their traditional knowledge and experiences related to forests and biodiversity.

The programmes helped spread awareness on the importance of biodiversity conservation, sustainable use of forest resources, and building resilience to climate change. **Cultural performances, open discussions, and community interactions** created a sense of belonging and collective responsibility towards protecting forests.

This initiative strengthened community ownership and encouraged people to take the lead in forest governance and long-term conservation efforts. Foundation for Ecological Security provided valuable support for making these initiatives successful.





## Rice Fallow (CRFM Programme)

### *Pulses Promotion in Koraput*

Shakti Organisation is facilitating Pulses cultivation in all **14 Blocks of Koraput District** under the Comprehensive Project on Rice Fallow Management System (CRFM) Rabi 2025-26 targeting **7,800 hectares**. Farmers and area identification, Enrolment in E-demo portal, free seeds distribution, inputs with DBT and handholding support and continues field follow-up is going on. This intervention helped in expanding pulse acreage and improved productivity. This intervention strengthened climate-resilient farming systems and reduced risks associated with single-crop agriculture. Shakti's facilitation helped farmers effectively utilise rice-fallow land for sustainable livelihoods.



## Pulses Cultivation Drive in Rayagada Dist.

Shakti organisation is **facilitating the pulse-based farming in Rayagada** district under Comprehensive Project on **Rice Fallow Management System (CRFM) Rabi 2025-26**, covering a target area of **6,657 hectares** in five blocks. Through awareness programmes, demonstrations, and technical support throughout the cultivation cycle, farmers adopted improved practices. The initiative resulted in improved soil health, and utilization of Rice fallow Land. Pulse cultivation also strengthened climate resilience and food security at the household level, contributing to sustainable rural livelihoods.

## *Pulses Cultivation Bolangir Dist.*

Shakti Organisation is facilitating Pulses cultivation of grass pea, green gram, lentil, Bengal gram, and black gram in **Gudvela** and **Bolangir blocks of Bolangir District** under the Comprehensive Project on Rice Fallow Management System (CRFM) Rabi 2025-26 programme. With the seed support, technical guidance, and regular monitoring, farmers cultivated pulses across a **targeted 4,370 hectares**. The intervention diversified cropping systems in rice-fallow areas, improved soil fertility, and enhanced household nutrition.

The initiative strengthened sustainable agriculture practices and reduced dependency on paddy monocropping.





## Watershed Programme

### *Convergence of Potato Cultivation*

In **Jujomora Block of Sambalpur District**, Shakti Organisation facilitated **100 farmers** to take up **Potato cultivation across 34.5 acres**, providing quality inputs and close technical guidance. Through convergence with the Horticulture Department under the **REWARD programme**, we promoted diversified farming suited to local conditions.

Farmers also **cultivated Onion in 14 acres, Mustard in 11.5 acres, and Green gram in 14 acres**. Regular handholding support helped them adopt improved agriculture practices with confidence.

As a result, farmers experienced increased productivity, diversified income sources, and reduced dependence on mono-cropping strengthening livelihoods and encouraging sustainable agriculture.



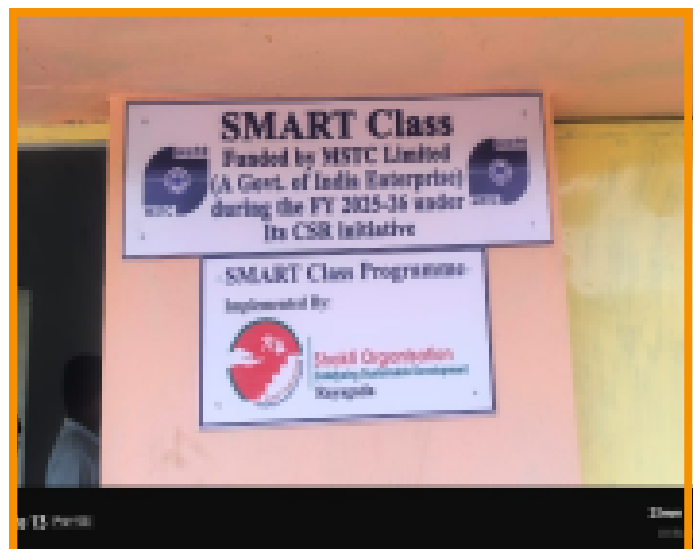
## EDUCATION & CHILD WELFARE

### *From Chalkboard to Smart Board: Opening Digital Doors for Underprivileged Children*

The initiative **eShakti Organisation** implemented the Smart Classroom Initiative in **10 schools of Rayagada block and municipal area for classes 6 to 8**, for empowering technology driven learning for **underprivileged ST, SC & economic backward children** with support from CSR-MSTC under Ministry of Steel Government of India.

Each school received interactive smart digital boards, white boards, and educational software. Teachers were oriented on digital tools, and students actively engaged with multimedia learning.

The objective was to enhance classroom interaction, improve learning outcomes, and bridge the digital divide. The initiative enriched the teaching-learning process and strengthened access to quality education.





## 100 Days Campaign on Child Marriage



Shakti Organisation continues its efforts to prevent child marriage and promote child rights across Rayagada, Kalahandi, and Malkangiri through focused community engagement.

- **Rayagada:** Candlelight rallies and pledge campaigns were held in **50 villages, engaging 5,000 women and adolescent girls.** Awareness sessions reached **3,247 school and college students**, with youth, parents, and faith leaders mobilised as child rights advocates.
- **Kalahandi:** **2,315 vulnerable families** were linked to government welfare schemes in Madanpur Rampur and Thuamul Rampur blocks. Awareness activities covered **50 villages**, involving **5,325 women/adolescent girls, 2,760 school children, and 50 faith leaders.**
- **Malkangiri:** Awareness programmes in remote villages sensitised **5,342 school children and 150 religious leaders.** Three child marriages were prevented, and five trafficked children were rescued.

These interventions continue to strengthen community vigilance toward a child marriage-free and child-safe society.

## Rescue of Child Labour - Rayagada

Shakti supported **child labour rescue operations in Rayagada** by identifying vulnerable children and coordinating with district authorities and child protection systems. Immediate rescue ensured the safety of affected children, **followed by linkage to rehabilitation services** such as education, counselling, and care support. Legal action was initiated against violations to ensure accountability. The intervention **restored children's rights to education and protection** while strengthening institutional response mechanisms. Community awareness on child labour laws and reporting mechanisms also increased. This effort reaffirmed Shakti's commitment to safeguarding children and promoting a protective environment for their growth and development.



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