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INTRODUCTION

PROJECT SWARAJYA from its inception in 1988-89 has been carrying out various activities on a diversity of fronts from year to year. Apart from the continuance of its previous activities, the organization carried out many other activities for the year 2007-08. The entire gamut of activities undertaken in course of the year 2007-08 is briefly presented under the following 13 broad-heads followed by 2 Appendices.

1. DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION.

The following kinds of services were provided by the Organization during 2007-08:

- Awareness of the public and sensitization of the media, officials and NGOS.
- Maintenance of two Drug De addiction Centres, one at Cuttack and the other at Silipur-Kendrapara with the facilities for OPD and Indoor Treatment, Counseling and Referral.
- Counseling of the Patients and their family members
- Practice of Yoga and Meditation
- Follow-up of the Patients treated in the Center
- Training of the Staffs
- Networking with concerned agencies

1. A Nishamukti Kendra (Drug De-addiction Centre), Cuttack

The “Nishamukti Kendra, Cuttack” continuing from 1992 and presently located at Ganesh Ghat, Bakharabad, Cuttack-2 entered into the 16th year of its functioning. In the year 2007-08, the total numbers of addicts registered were 454. Of the total, the single drug Brown Sugar claimed as many as 110 nos. followed by 160 Alcoholics, 25 nos. of Cannabis, 09 Opium addicts, 11 Buprenorphine (IDU) users, 02 Morphine users, 05 Sedatives and 132 Multiple drug addicts. Out of the total 454 patients, 24 nos. were detoxified under OPD while 185 under Indoor setup. As regards the source of referral of patients to the Center, as many as 199 were motivated by the their respective families, while 104 by the self and 47 by the friends, 21 by social workers, 05 by private hospitals, 21 by Govt. hospitals, 30 by Counseling/Awareness/De-addiction Centers, and 04 by law enforcement agencies. Among the treated patients 23 were ex-clients who were motivated by their family members. As regards the nos. of dropouts of the year, the total nos. was 04 only, who dropped out from the Indoor treatment regime. As regards the reasons of dropout, 02 were unable to cope with the treatment and 02 deserted the Centre due to lack of family support.

To monitor the recovery status of the patients treated in the previous year, the follow-up programs were undertaken routinely by the personnel of the Center through various means such as home visit, inviting them to the occasional meetings and postal and telephonic correspondence with them. A total of 51 nos. of patients of different drug groups were found to be leading a sober life, while 115 nos. of cases relapsed to their previous drugs of abuse.

1. B Nishamukti Kendra (Drug De-addiction Center) at Silipur, Kendrapara

Also known as “Nishamukti Kendra”, the Drug De-addiction Center presently located at Silipur, Marshaghai in Kendrapara district was set up in mid-1998 and entered into the 10th year of its functioning. In 2007-08 the total nos. of patients registered in the Center were 493 out of which 320 were under OPD and 173 under Indoor setup. Out of the total, the highest 203 nos. were addicts of Brown Sugar followed by 140 Alcohol, 52 Cannabis, 15 Opium, 27 Buprenorphine and 56 multiple drugs. As regards the source of referral, 186 nos. were self-motivated, while

157 motivated by their respective families, 68 by friends, 34 by social workers, 40 by ex-addicts, 05 by the treatment-cum-rehabilitation centers (NGO-run) and 03 by private doctors.

During the year the follow-up programs were undertaken to monitor the status of the patients treated in the previous year. It was noticed that 39 nos. of patients were leading a clean life. At the same time, a total of 74 nos of cases were found to have relapsed to their previous drugs of abuse. As regards the dropout, 04 nos. dropped out due to lack of family support, 01 due to some personal reason and 02 due to poverty.

1. C Observation of International Day against Drug Abuse Prevention

A Workshop on “Illicit trafficking of liquor and its Danger” was jointly organized by Excise Administration, Cuttack and PROJECT SWARAJYA in the Conference Hall of Cuttack Collectorate on 23rd June 07 to mark the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Eminent persons from various fields of the society who were invited to the occasion give their valuable suggestions on how to deal with and combat the social evil called drug abuse and alcoholism. The Sub-Collector, Cuttack Mr. Hemanta Kumar Das presided over the meeting. The meeting started at 10.30 A.M. with Ms. Dolli Dash; Secretary of Project Swarajya welcoming the invitees and participants. Introducing the significance of the subject she described briefly how illicit drug trafficking and abuse has been creating havoc across the world and how the young people are increasingly being trapped into the drugnet. In view of such a catastrophic situation it becomes the duty of the civil society groups to mobilize the community and instill awareness among them about this menace, she said. Eminent persons like Mr. Tarun Das Superintendent Excise, Dr. B.B. Panda Ex-DG Orissa Police, Dr. Gopal Kar Ex-Principal of S.C.B Medical College, Mr. C.R. Nanda Advocate Orissa High Court, Mr. Mohan Jena, M.P. Jajpur, Mr. Ashok Ku. Jena Ex-Excise Superintendent Cuttack and Mr. Chitta Ranjan Mohanty a renowned social activist addressed the meeting among others. About 250 participants who hailed from intelligentsia, political parties, legal practice, NGOs and media attended the deliberations and some of them gave their views too.

1. D Campaign for Prohibition of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

With the avowed aim of registering a collective protest against the opening of liquor shops in public places, **ORISSA NISA NIBARANA COMMITTEE** functioning in the premises of Project Swarajya and **ORISSA MADA MUKTI ABHIJAN COMMITTEE** jointly carried out several activities in course of the year like seminars, workshops and consultations in various places in and outside Cuttack district. A demand was also raised in these forums to reframe the excise policy of the State in tune with the interests and aspirations of the people at grassroots level. The Committee organised fact-finding field visits in the wake of the liquor tragedy that took place in Ganjam and Gajapati districts during the year and raised its concerns against the Government’s apathy towards the illicit liquor trade. Besides the Orissa Nisha Nibarana Committee has been meeting from time to time in the premises of Project Swarajya as a self-inspired watchdog on behalf of the civil society at large vis-a-vis the ambivalent excise policies of the Govt that benefit the liquor barons on one hand and vested interests of the excise officials on the other.

To strengthen the collective effort against opening of the liquor shops in the public places of Cuttack district, a District level Committee for Cuttack was also formed in a meeting held on 7th June 2007 in the premises of Project Swarajya.

The following persons were chosen as the members of Anti-liquor District Committee, Cuttack:-

1. Ms. Nayana Nayak, President
2. Ms. Umabati Samal, Vice President
3. Mr. Pravat Kumar Singh, Vice President
4. Mr. Biswaranjan Pani, General Secretary
5. Ms. Basanti Behera, Office Secretary

2. Programme on Prevention of HIV/AIDS

A program called 'Reducing High Risk Behavior among the Drug Users- A Peer-Led Intervention' has been initiated by Project Swarajya in collaboration with RRTC, Zone II, SPYM, New Delhi with the support of DFID for Cuttack district. Under this project there were several workshops and group discussions organized by the Peers of this project to focus on and popularize how to avoid HIV/AIDS while using the injecting drugs. There were around 50 nos. of IDU persons identified by the peers and they were counseled on a regular basis about the cause, consequence and remedy of high-risk behavior.

2. A. Organising Awareness and Training Camps on 'Drug Abuse, a pathway to HIV/AIDS'

A regular course on Intergating HIV/AIDS in Substance Abuse Prevention Programme through Peer Led Intervention Programme (PLI) was held in the premises of Project Swarajya under the aegis of RRTC, East-II Kolkata Samaritan. As a part of this course several training programmes were conducted among the IDU patients by the peer leaders in various slums in Cuttack during 2007-08.

2. B. Observation of World AIDS Day 2007.

On the occasion of the International day against prevention of HIV/AIDS, an awareness programme was organised by Project Swarajya in 1st Dec 2007 at Mallahsahi, Budhi Mangala Mandir Ground, Jobra Cuttack. The theme of programme was "How shall we be able to prevent HIV/AIDS?" Dr. Kali Prasad Pattnaik Assistant Prof. of Pharmacology Dept, S.C.B Medical College, Cuttack and Medical Officer of DAC of Project Swarajya inaugurated the occasion as its chief guest. Among others Ms. Dipti Pratihari Teacher of Police High School and Mr. Bhagirathi Sahoo Teacher Jobra Municipal High School were the Chief Speaker and Guest of Honour respectively. Mr. Purnachandra Bhuyan a social activist and a member of Swayamshree welcomed both the guests and participants. Mr. S.K. Kallimullah a social activist and as well a lecturer of Sudarsana Mahabidyalaya presided over the occasion. Ms. Sarmitha Rout and Ms. Sushama Rout, both of them coordinated the meeting. About 140 men and women along with their children participated in the programme. They were made aware about the dangers of HIV/AIDS. The discussion ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Basanti Behera, Women Co-ordinator, Project Swarajya at 6 P.M.

Apart from above several events and activities on Human Rights of Third Sex, Prevention of Women Trafficking and Women Centred Health were also conducted with the support CWS and NAWO where HIV/AIDS was a major component of the topic for discussions.

3. Women Empowerment and Child Development.

Project Swarajya has been continuing its campaign to empower the women through both service delivery activities and advocacy and lobbying at various levels since its inception. A Short Stay Home for Women and Children in Distress is being managed in the district headquarters of

Kendrapada. Besides the organization has conducted a series of activities in collaboration with such State level networks like NAWO, Task Force on Violence against Women, We Can Campaign and Lutheran World Service. Several fact-finding visits on atrocities against women were conducted during the year. Such fact-finding visits focussed cases of trafficking and violation of human rights of dalit women.

3.A. Management of SWARAJYA Short Stay Home in Kendrapada

The “Swarjya Short Stay Home” has been continuing from 1st January 2007 and is presently located at Barimul, Tilottamadei Pur, Kendrapara. It is functioning with the support of the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi and monitored by the State Social Welfare Board, Orissa. In the year 2007-08, the total numbers of inmates admitted were 67 including 6 Children Out of the total 20 nos. of inmates were rehabilitated and 2 nos were provided major health care interventions, and 18 nos were provided legal aid.

3. B Conducting Anti Trafficking Campaign.

In the post-super cyclone period commencing from 2000, Project Swarajya has been conducting a campaign against trafficking of women and children in the coastal districts of the State. The main activities of the campaign were spread in 3 Blocks and two Municipalities covered under the two Districts namely, Kendrapara and Cuttack. Specifically speaking, the campaign was undertaken in Mahakalapara and Marshaghai Blocks and Kendrapara Municipality under Kendrapara district and Cuttack Sadar Block and Cuttack Municipality under Cuttack district. The campaign was conducted with the support of a network called Jajnyaseni.

(i) Campaign against the trafficking of women and children

This year an exhibition-cum-awareness campaign stall was put up by the inmates of Swarajya Short Stay Home during Car Festival at Ichhapur, Rath Danda, Kendrapara from 15th July to 25th July 07 and again during Laxmi Puja from 27th October to 1st November 07 at Pallishree Mela-cum-Book Fair in Kendrapada. The focus of the campaign was **compulsory registration of marriage**. The following activities were done:

- Awareness raising among the public on the issue on trafficking of women and children.
- Distribution of posters and leaflets, display of banners and audio-visual presentation on women trafficking
- Pala (a folk medium of poms and songs performed by a team) was held on the topical issues.
- Teddy Bears, toys and other items produced by the inmates of Swarajya Short Stay Home were also exhibited and marketed by them.

Mr. Kashinath Sahoo, Collector, Kendrapara inaugurated the stall and Mr. Ashis Senapati, Advocate, Ms. Abanti Behera Social Activist, organisers of various Women S.H.G.s and Mr. Sailendra Mohanty a social activist made their presence in these events. These stalls were visited by numerous people who came there to attend the festivals or Palishree Mela or Book Fair. These stalls were managed by the staffs and inmates of Swarajya Short Stay Home.

(ii) Observation of Anti-trafficking Week

Like in the previous years, this year's a campaign week was observed by the organization during Baliyatra Festival at Cuttack with a focus on 'Dissemination of Information' from 24th Nov. to 2nd Dec 07. It was conducted in association with Lutheran World Service (India), Cuttack. Various informations on laws concerned with women and human rights were disseminated during the campaign week. Specifically the following activities were done:

- A stall was opened for 10 days disseminating information on various laws related to women and children and their human rights.
- Distribution of posters and leaflets, display of banners and audio-visual presentation on thematic issues were organized.
- Pala (a folk medium of songs and music performed by a team) and role play/street play were conducted. The role play mainly centred round the issues like women trafficking, compulsory marriage of registration, domestic violence against women, HIV/AIDS and female foeticide etc.
- Teddy Bears, toys and other fancy items produced by the inmates of Swarajya Short Stay Home of Kendrapara were also exhibited and marketed by them.

Choudhury Justice Mr. Pratap Keshari Mishra, former Judge, Orissa High Court inaugurated the stall. Besides Ms. Yogamaya Pattnaik eminent Gynecologist of the State, Mr Chitta Ranjan Mohanty social activist, Mrs. Saila Behera Secretary Basundhara and Mr. Mohan Jena, Member of Parliament Jajpur made their presence in the stall. The stall was visited by numerous people who came from all over the State to visit the Baliyatra festival.

(iii) Organisation of Youth Camp to Prevent Trafficking.

A District-level Youth Camp on Trafficking against Women and Children was organized by Project Swarajya in collaboration with Marshaghai College on 23rd January 2008 in the Conference Hall of Marshaghai College at Marshaghai in Kendrapara district. The objective of the camp was to sensitize the youth and commit them to get involved in the activities for prevention of the evil practice of trafficking of women and children for sexual and commercial exploitation which is fast spreading in rural areas of coastal Orissa. The participants were mainly the students of Marshaghai College and Bayababa College and Volunteers of NYK, NSS and Youth Clubs. Above 200 students and lecturers participated in the Program.

3. C. Building Network to Address the Issues on Violence against Women.

The organisation has been working among the people of weaker sections and marginalized groups for several years in the past. In the current year the organization sought to expand the activity networks for these people by roping in the college students. In this connection the State level forums namely Task Force on Women and Violence and We Can Campaign came forward to join hands with the organization for pursuing such a common objective, i.e. prevention of violence on women in any form. It was decided that these organizations shall work among the college students for the purpose through gender sensitization programmes. The following activities were done on this front:

(i). Workshop on Gender and Violence against Women

A Workshop on Gender and Violence against Women was jointly organized by Project Swarajya & Task Force on Women and Violence on 21st September 2007 in the premises of Project Swarajya. About 30 Lecturers from 6 Colleges took part in the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to sensitise the lecturers on gender related violence, so that they will teach their students accordingly. Mr. Ashok Ku. Behera member TFVW facilitated the conduction of

workshop proceedings. Mr Bijaya Kumar Panda and Ms. Namrata Chadha deliberated on the various forms through which gender discrimination and violence manifests itself.

(ii). Capacity Building Training on Gender:

A capacity building training on gender was organised jointly by Project Swarajya and Task Force on Violence on Women on from 30-31 October 2007 in Silipur for the district forum members of Kendrapada district. The objective of the training was to enhance the capacity building of the district forum members in the particular issue namely violence against women. 26 nos of forum members have been given training on Gender. The topics were Domestic Violence, Trafficking and Gender related violence. Mr Ashis Senapati, Ms Nalini Rout, Ms Bishnupriya Behera, Mr Prasant Parija from TFVW have conducted the training

3. D. Formation of District Resource Centre in collaboration with NAWO

A district resource centre for Cuttack district on gender issues has been founded in collaboration with National Alliance of Women's Organization (NAWO) and running in the premises of Project Swarajya since 2007. The objective of the centre is to provide resource support to women for their empowerment.

(ii). Demonstration on Female Foeticide in Cuttack.

In the wake of the revelation of mass scale female foeticide in Nayagarh, a demonstration to protest against the female foeticide in the State was jointly organized by Project Swarajya, Basundhara, Lisha and some other organizations with the support of NAWO, Orissa in front of the District Collectorate, Cuttack on 8th August 07. The demonstrators submitted a memorandum to the District Collector demanding legal action against the persons involved in female foeticide in addition to taking appropriate steps for enforcement of the concerned laws in place.

(ii). Demonstration on Female Feticide in Kendrapara:

A Demonstration on Female Foeticide was jointly organized by Project Swarajya, District Forum on Task Force, Bliss, Nature Club and some other organizations with the support of NAWO, Orissa in front of the District Collectorate, Kendrapada on 10th August 07. The demonstrators submitted a memorandum to the Collector demanding legal action against the persons involved in female foeticide besides taking appropriate steps for enforcement of the concerned laws in place.

(iii) Follow up meeting of SURAKSHYA Team on Women centered Health

Ms. Basanti Behera, Project Coordinator of Women Empowerment Programme who is the core team member of Surakshya team attended the various meetings and organized a Health Camp on Women centered Health at Swarajya Short Stay Home, Kendrapara. She also got checked up the inmates of the Home every month. Besides that she attended follow up meetings on women centred health.

(iv) Survey and status reports of NRHM in Kendrapara District:

The DRC, Cuttack surveyed information about NRHM of Kendrapara District on 24th May 2007. The survey covered 5 villages (Angulai, Purusottampur, Bharatpur, Khandia Bandhi and Mehendipur) falling under 2 Blocks (Marshaghai and Kendrapara). Apart from that the DRC

collected data from CDMO Kendrapara and also from workers of ASHA, ANM through the format, which had been developed by NAWO.

(v) Sensitisation Programme on Land Rights

Two numbers of Street Plays on the campaign for Land Rights were organized by Project Swarajya in collaboration with Ekta Parishad, Bhubaneswar on 11th August 07 in two different areas of Cuttack District. One was held in front of the Collectorate, Cuttack at 5 PM and the other at 7 PM at Badambadi Bus Stand. More than 1500 people from various parts of the district watched the plays and became aware about the concerned issues i.e. “Mo Ghar-diha, Mo Jami”.

Again, another two numbers of Street Plays on the campaign for Land Rights were jointly organized by Project Swarajya in collaboration with Ekta Parishad, Bhubaneswar on 7th August 07 in two different areas of Kendrapara District. One was held in front of the Collectorate, Kendrapara at 1 PM and the other at Marshaghai Market at 3 PM. About 3,000 people watched the plays and became sensitized about the “Mo Ghar-Diha, Mo Jami” programme launched by the Government.

Apart from the above activities the DRC, Cuttack surveyed land ownership in Fakirpada G.P of Cuttack Sadar Block through RTI Act. The data were collected on the following queries:

1. Total hectares of land under Fakirpada G.P:
2. Total no. of house holds of their caste, Gender and Religion
3. Total No. of Land less families
4. How many pattas have been provided to the landless villagers
5. Howmany pattas have been provided to the women-headed Landless households
6. How many pattas have been provided jointly to men and women (As husband and wife)
7. How many pattas have been provided to families belonging to SC and ST

3. E. Programme on Domestic Violence in collaboration with ‘We Can’

Project Swarajya was selected as the district partner for Cuttack district to join with We Can Campaign of Orissa. One of the main objectives of the campaign was to promote change makers and prepare them to work to end all sorts of violence against women. The new partners were selected in its first general body meeting held on 17th January 2008.

As a District Partner Project Swarajya has conducted the following activities in collaboration with various member organizations of the alliance. The topic for all the programmes was ‘End all violence against women’. As a result of these programmes:

- ❖ 292 Change Makers were identified among the NCC Cadets on 12th February 08 at their Naraj Camp.
- ❖ 810 Change Makers were identified on 7th March 08 at Ravenshaw University among the students following a seminar on “Prevention & violence against Women” organised in collaboration with Women’s Forum of Ravenshaw University.
- ❖ 594 Change Makers were identified on 8th March 08 at Dhobani Nal among the Women SHG Members on the occasion of International Womens’ Day organised in collaboratopn with CARR, Badamba.

- ❖ 500 Change Makers were identified on 22nd February 08 at Choudwar Women's College among the students of the College in collaboration with the alliance member named SHRADHA, Choudwar.
- ❖ 500 Change Makers were identified on 29th March 08 at Conference Hall of Mahanga Block among the Workers of Anganwadi and ASHA and ANMs in collaboration with ANIRBANA, Mahanga.
- ❖ 220 Change Makers were identified through occasions held on 8th March 08 & 19th March 08 among the Women SHG Members at Swayanshree Office in collaboration with the alliance member named SWAYANSHREE, Cuttack.
- ❖ 284 Change Makers were identified on 15th April 08 at Mallasahi of Jobra, Cuttack.

3. F Special School for Child Labour in Kendrapada

Project Swarajya has set up 2 nos. of Special Schools for Child Labour in Kendrapada Municipality area on 1st of February 2008. About 50 nos of working children have been admitted into each school. They are being provided with education, food and monthly financial assistance of Rs 100/- per head. The objective of these schools is to motivate the working children towards education in general and to mainstream them by way of admitting them the formal school system in particular.

4. Protection of Human Rights of Dalits:

Project Swarajya has been collaborating with Ambedkar Lohia Vichar Manch, a State level forum fighting for human rights of Dalits in Orissa. As a part of this collaboration the organisation has both organized and participated in different programmes related to human rights of dalit and women.

4. A Protection of Human Rights of Third Sex

It is well known that 'Eunuchs' lack any guarantee of their social security and human rights in our present social set-up. Project Swarajya rendering various services for the cause of the people belonging to 'third sex' and such services included provision of temporary shelter, arrangement of meeting place, sponsoring of their traditional rituals and lobbying for no harassment to them by the general public. The organization also wrote several petitions to the authorities at various levels for recognizing their civil and human rights as available to the common citizens of India. The efforts were constantly made to mobilize the various eunuch groups to coalesce into a single platform to continue and step up the advocacy activities for ensuring of their human rights. In course of such activities the organization also promoted the idea that the derogatory expression 'eunuch' should be replaced by a sober and polite one 'third sex' to describe the special gender to which the so-called 'eunuchs' belong. Besides, the organization in course of its multifarious activities on this front emphasized the need for awareness on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse among the people of third sex. They have been provided legal and moral support by the organization too.

4. B Participation in People's Tribunal against Poverty in New Delhi

A team comprising 5 persons from various parts of the State under the aegis of Project Swarajya attended a programme on people's tribunal against poverty on women in New Delhi. 2 nos. of testimonials were presented by the persons who were the victims of untouchability and trafficking. The team was invited by Wada Na Todo Abhijan

5. Consumer Protection Movement and Governance Reform.

On the front of consumer protection movement and governance reforms Project Swarajya undertook several activities during the year under review.

5. A Running of District Consumer Information Centre for Cuttack District

Project Swarajya has been running District Consumer Information Centre for Cuttack district in its premises since 2003. On behalf of the DCIC several activities were conducted in a collaborative manner involving the Govt and non-Govt agencies. Throughout the year the Centre continued to disseminate various kinds of information as and when required by the people from Govt or non-Govt agencies.

5. B. Setting up of Consumer Clubs in Cuttack District

Project Swarajya had set up 20 nos. of Consumer Clubs in 20 High Schools and Junior Colleges in Cuttack district. To make aware the children of these institutions about the consumer rights the organization has been conducting various activities such as essay, debate and drawing competitions among the students from time to time in collaboration with Cuttack district administration.

5. C. Organising One Day Consumer Awareness programme

A one day workshop on Consumer Awareness was held on 28th March 2008 in the premises of Mahanga Block in Cuttack district. The programme was jointly organized by Project Swarajya and Anirbana. About 150 participants including SHG members, Anganwadi Workers, ANMs, Panchayati Raj functionaries and teachers participated in the meeting. IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials i.e. Posters, guidelines and leaflets on Consumer Protection Act and Right to Information were distributed among the participants.

5. D Disemination of Information Centre in Baliyatra Festival, Cuttack

An Information Dissemination Center for Consumer Awareness was jointly organized by District Consumer Information Center and Lutheran World Service(India) on the occasion of Baliyatra festival from 24th to 2nd Dec. 07 at Baliyatra Ground, Cuttack. A stall was operated for 9 days and posters and leaflets on consumer rights were distributed among the people from various segments attending the stall. Banner display and audio-visual show were also arranged in various places at the festival ground to highlight related rules and regulations related to consumer rights and as well several human rights.

6. Environment Protection

Project Swarajya has been taking up various environmental issues since its inception. The organization has taken part in NEAC programmes in several years in the past. The organization has also been organizing seminars, workshops, sensitization sessions and educational programmes to highlight the need for protecting environment. From 2002 onwards the organization has been campaigning to promote an indigenous device called Trawl Guard to protect sea turtles and simultaneously to protect the interests of fisherfolk. The organization also has been campaigning against the pollution caused by chemical and fertilizer industries located in coastal areas.

6.A. Campaign for Adoption of Trawl Guard.

Since 2002 Project Swarajya has been campaigning for adoption of Trawl Guard as a substitute of TED as a better and indigenous device for protection of trawl nets from various hazards of sea fishing and as well for protection of sea turtles from their accidental entanglement in the trawl nets. The organization has done an experiment with the indigenous device called Trawl Guard for conservation of Olive redley sea turtle in the month of January 2006 on the sea near Gahirmatha sanctuary in collaboration with Dept of Forests and Environment, Dept of Fisheries, Fishermen's organizations, trawlers' associations and Green Peace etc. The programme was supported by WWF Nature India..Now the organisation is continuing the campaign for adoption of Trawl Guard in place of TED

6. B Study on Orissa's Bhitarkanika: a Unique Mangrove Ecosystem

A study was conducted by the organization with support from National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa and its report 'Status Paper on Orissa's Bhitarkanika: A Unique Mangrove Ecosystem' has come out in May 2007 and is available in electronic format.

7. Organisation of Cultural Programme

The organization has been conducting various cultural programmes from time to time under different projects. All the campaign activities including the consumer club programmes were conducted with a large cultural component in each. Some collaborating organizations extended their cooperation to the organization for carrying out the cultural programmes.

7. A Observation of Rakhya Bandhan

Rakhya Bandhan Uschhab was observed by the Inner Wheel Club, Cuttack in collaboration with Drug Deaddiction Centre at 4 p.m on 28th Aug 2007 in the premises of Project Swarajya, Cuttack. All the members of Inner Wheel Club along with several other social activists took part in the celebration. Starting the programme Dalli Dash, Secretary Project Swarajya gave a welcome address to all the participants. The invited guests interacted with the inmates about their problems. The inmates uniformly replied that they have no problems except the challenge to give up drugs. The staffs of the Centre shared their stories of how they have achieved success in a few cases. The visiting guests told the inmates that since every person in the world has pain and sorrow and passes through harassment, frustration and of this or that sort, one shouldn't take his present predicament arising out of addiction too seriously and shouldn't break down and rather boldly endeavour to overcome it. They tied Rakshi to the inmates of the Centre and the latter also tied Rakshi to them. All participants were served with snacks and the session came to an end at 5.30 p.m.

7. B Yoga School in the Campus of Project Swarajya

Project Swarajya has been running a Yoga School in its campus since 2005 in collaboration with Kalinga Yoga Association. Around 400 persons including students, children and women were trained and benefitted by the Yoga lessons during the year. Besides the organization organizes the Yoga competition every year in collaboration with the above named Association.

8. PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary of Project Swarajya has been selected as a member of district advisory committee of Neheru Yuba Kendra Sangathan since 2006. The personnels of Project Swarajya including its Secretary attended as the resource persons for the programmes organized by NYK on various

occasions. These programmes included District Level Workshop on “Matrutwa Sahaya Yuba Seba Sangha” and “District level Workshop on “Youth for Combating Child Domestic Work”

9. PARTICIPATION IN POST-LITERACY PROGRAMME

The organisation has been taking part in the post-literacy programme conducted by District Administration since last year. The organisation has set up PLP centres in 30 slums in Cuttack city. Through the PLP programme the women of the slum areas were being educated. The organisation conducted vocational training on various trades like ceramic and stitching (tailoring) in different PLP centres. The PLP learners have also become literate. After completion of vocational training especially on ceramic and paper weight, they produced their ceramic and paper weight items and sold them on the occasion of Baliyatra festival at Cuttack held from 5th Nov to 12th Nov 06 in the Baliyatra ground through a stall that remained open for 8 days. As a result, they earned some money and got further encouragement to go ahead in their production activities. Now they are able to produce ceramic items in their own homes. Apart from that, the organization has been running two child labour schools at Badahat and Kakat in Kendrapara town since last week of March 2008.

11. DOCUMENTATION AND NETWORKING.

The documentation on various social welfare issues continued this year as before in the form of publications, collection of materials from websites, government and non-government agencies, other development agencies and CD ROMs along with the maintenance of a Library. The interested journalists, NGOs, lawyers and scholars were provided with information on various topics as and when they wanted. The representatives of government were also provided information on various issues including drug abuse and trafficking of women and children. Besides the like-minded NGOs were provided with assistance in the matter of accessing information on different schemes, formulation of project proposals and reports, preparation of background materials and facilitation in holding of meetings and workshops etc.

On behalf of District Consumer Information Centre a library is running in the premises of Project Swarajya for last 6 years. There are copies of various schemes, guidelines and legal documents available in this library.
