

BHAGABATI PATHAGAR



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At Bhagabati Pathagar, we empower marginalized communities through inclusive development rooted in dignity, equity, and justice. Our focus on sustainable rural livelihoods includes natural resource management, farmer collectives, and eco-friendly practices, along with initiatives in health, youth development, plantation, and education. We believe lasting change begins when communities lead their own progress.

- Ashok Kumar Dash (President)

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INTRODUCTION :-

Message from the Executive Director..... 

Dear Friends and Supporters,

With immense pride and heartfelt gratitude, we present to you the Annual Report for the year 2024–25. Since its inception, **Bhagabati Pathagar** has remained committed to driving meaningful change in the lives of marginalized communities across Odisha—particularly in the districts of Puri and Bolangir.

Over the past year, we have continued to deepen our grassroots engagement through diverse programs in **health, education, women’s empowerment, sustainable agriculture, and natural resource management**. Each initiative has been a step toward building resilient and self-reliant communities.

Our journey would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, the dedication of our team, and the trust and participation of the communities we serve. This report is a reflection of our collective efforts, the Thank you for standing with us on this journey of transformation.

As we look ahead, our resolve to build inclusive, sustainable, and empowered communities remains stronger than ever. We are committed to learning, evolving, and scaling up our efforts to reach those who need us most. Your continued support, encouragement, and collaboration will be vital as we navigate the path forward.

On behalf of the entire team at Bhagabati Pathagar, I invite you to read through this Annual Report—not just as a document of accomplishments, but as a testament to the power of collective action and community resilience.

With warm regards,

Shailesh Chandra Nag

Executive Director, Bhagabati Pathagar

ABOUT US :-

Bhagabati Pathagar is a community-rooted organization committed to fostering inclusive development across rural Odisha. Our focus lies in transforming the lives of marginalized communities—particularly in Puri and Bolangir districts—through a holistic approach that integrates health, education, livelihood, and social empowerment.

Since our establishment, we have worked hand-in-hand with grassroots communities, building pathways for dignity, opportunity, and sustainable growth. Through collaboration, innovation, and compassion, we aim to create long-lasting impact where it's needed most.

Our Vision –

To create a just and equitable society by empowering rural communities through inclusive and holistic development in the areas of healthcare, education, and livelihood. We envision a future where every individual, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to live with dignity and self-respect.

Our Mission –

Our mission is to promote self-reliance and resilience among marginalized groups by raising awareness, building capacities, and encouraging sustainable and participatory practices. We strive to empower individuals—particularly women, children, and farmers—to become agents of change within their communities.

Our Core Values –

At the heart of our work are values that guide our every action and decision:

- ❖ **Community Participation:** We believe that sustainable development is only possible when the community takes ownership of the process. We ensure all voices are heard and included in decision-making.
- ❖ **Gender Equality:** We are committed to creating equal opportunities for women and men, and we actively promote gender-sensitive approaches in all our programs.

- ❖ **Education for All:** Education is the cornerstone of empowerment. We promote lifelong learning opportunities, especially for children, youth, and women from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- ❖ **Women Empowerment:** We champion the rights, voices, and leadership of women—supporting them to overcome social barriers and become pillars of strength in their families and communities.
- ❖ **Uplifting the Youth:** We invest in young people as change-makers, equipping them with skills, mentorship, and platforms to lead, innovate, and drive progress.
- ❖ **Friend of the Poor:** We stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable, striving to eliminate poverty and injustice through compassion-driven, inclusive action.
- ❖ **Environmental Sustainability:** Protecting natural resources is central to our vision. Our initiatives emphasize ecological balance, climate resilience, and responsible stewardship of the environment.
- ❖ **Transparency and Accountability:** We maintain high standards of integrity and openness in our operations, ensuring that resources are used effectively and impactfully.

Operational Areas -

- ❖ Puri District, Odisha
- ❖ Bolangir District, Odisha

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Health Initiatives :-

Promoting health and well-being has been a cornerstone of Bhagabati Pathagar's mission. In 2024–25, we focused on both **preventive and promotive health care**, especially for women and underprivileged groups in rural areas. Our health initiatives aimed at increasing awareness, improving access to services, and encouraging holistic wellness.

1. Health Camp in Puri

A comprehensive health camp was conducted in the Daspurusottampur & Nuasantha village of Puri district, offering much-needed medical attention to underserved populations.



- **Beneficiaries:** 120+ individuals
- **Services Provided:** General health check-ups, free distribution of essential medicines, and one-on-one consultations with medical specialists
- The camp helped identify and address common health concerns, while also referring serious cases for further treatment at government facilities.

2. Women's Health Awareness Program

Recognizing the critical need for women-centric health education, we organized awareness sessions in Daspurusottampur, Taraboi, Kholhana & Bamanal villages of Puri district.



- **Reach:** 200+ women
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Menstrual hygiene management
 - Nutritional awareness and dietary guidance
 - Maternal health and antenatal care

- Information on government health schemes (e.g., Janani Suraksha Yojana, Mamata Yojana)
- The program empowered women with knowledge to make informed health decisions for themselves and their families.

3. Yoga, Naturopathy & Physiotherapy Sessions

To promote alternative and preventive health practices, two interactive wellness sessions were held in Sandhagorada & Bayabar of Puri focusing on Yoga, Naturopathy, and Physiotherapy.



- **Participants:** 40+
- These sessions combined practical demonstrations with expert-led discussions on:
 - Breathing techniques and yoga postures for stress relief and flexibility
 - Natural healing practices using local herbs and dietary changes
 - Physiotherapy exercises to address joint pain, mobility issues, and age-related ailments
- The initiative was particularly impactful for elderly and chronically ill participants seeking non-pharmaceutical healing options.

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Livelihood & Training Programs :-

In 2024–25, Bhagabati Pathagar strengthened its efforts to create sustainable livelihood opportunities by equipping rural communities—especially women and youth—with practical skills and knowledge. Our programs focused on income generation, food security, and sustainable farming, empowering participants to build a more self-reliant future.

4. SHG Training on Income Generation

To promote financial independence among rural women, we organized training sessions for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across Bamunal, Nuasantha, Ucchupur & Kothukasanga in Puri and Sialbahali, Haripali, Duanpali & Kutumdola villages in Bolangir.



- Focus Areas: Tailoring, food processing, packaging, and local marketing strategies
- Participants: 160 women
- The training helped participants explore small-scale entrepreneurship opportunities. Several women have since started income-generating activities, contributing to their household economy and gaining confidence as community leaders.

5. Kitchen Gardening Training

Recognizing the dual benefits of improved nutrition and cost savings, we conducted two kitchen gardening trainings in Puri.

- Women were taught how to grow seasonal vegetables at home using organic methods.
- Support Provided: Starter seed kits, compost, and basic gardening tools
- The initiative encouraged self-sufficiency in food production while also reducing household expenses and promoting healthy eating.



6. Mushroom Cultivation Training

In Bolangir, we introduced mushroom cultivation as a low-cost and high-return livelihood option.

- Participants: 25 rural youth and women
- Training covered: Substrate preparation, environmental control, harvesting techniques, and market linkage
- This initiative provided a practical, space-efficient income source that is especially suitable for women and landless families.



7. Training on Sustainable Agriculture

To build climate resilience and improve agricultural practices, eight farmer training sessions were held in Sialbahali, Haripali, Duanpali & Kutumdola villages of Bolangir.



- Topics Covered:
 - Organic farming techniques
 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
 - Efficient water uses and soil health management
- Participants: 120 small and marginal farmers
- The sessions aimed at reducing input costs, protecting natural resources, and enhancing crop yields through eco-friendly methods.

Environment and Conservation:-

Environmental protection is central to our mission of building sustainable rural communities. In 2024–25, Bhagabati Pathagar carried out several awareness and training initiatives focused on conserving natural resources and promoting eco-friendly practices in both Puri and Bolangir districts.

8. Water Conservation Awareness Campaign

In response to growing water scarcity and changing climate patterns, two community awareness campaigns were conducted in Puri district.



- **Focus Areas:** Water-saving techniques, watershed management, and rainwater harvesting
- **Methods Used:** Street plays, poster displays, and community discussions
- The campaigns effectively mobilized villagers to adopt better water-use practices and protect local water bodies.

9. Plantation Awareness Program

To promote green cover and educate communities about the importance of trees, a plantation awareness drive was conducted across Puri and Bolangir.



- **Participants:** School children, youth groups, and SHGs

- **Outcome:** Over 500 saplings planted
- Environmental messages were shared through interactive sessions, encouraging long-term stewardship and eco-conscious behavior among the younger generation.

10. Natural Resource Management (NRM) Training

Four capacity-building sessions were organized in Bolangir to enhance local knowledge on sustainable resource management.



- **Topics Covered:**
 - Soil health improvement techniques
 - Efficient water management practices
 - Community-led planning for resource conservation
- **Participants:** 80+ villagers, including farmers and community leaders
- These sessions helped participants understand the link between healthy ecosystems and rural livelihoods, equipping them to manage local resources more effectively.

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Women Empowerment :-

At Bhagabati Pathagar, we believe that empowering women and youth is key to building resilient communities. Our 2024–25 initiatives focused on strengthening leadership, entrepreneurship, and participation among women and rural youth, while also investing in our own team’s capacity to serve better.

11. Women Empowerment Workshops

To enhance the voice and agency of women in rural areas, four workshops were conducted across Puri and Bolangir.



- Key Themes:
 - Leadership and decision-making
 - Financial literacy and savings behaviour
 - Awareness of gender rights and legal protections
 - Access to government entitlements and schemes
- Women were motivated to take active roles in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and local governance bodies, fostering grassroots leadership and greater community engagement.

12. Training on Agri-Entrepreneurship for Rural Youth

Two focused sessions were organized to encourage young men and women to view agriculture as a business opportunity, rather than just subsistence work.

- Topics Covered:
 - Basics of agri-business planning
 - Value addition and packaging
 - Collective marketing through producer groups or cooperatives
- These sessions inspired rural youth to pursue entrepreneurial pathways in farming, agro-processing, and related activities.

13. Staff Management & Capacity Building

Recognizing that strong teams are the foundation of effective programs, we conducted two capacity-building workshops for our field staff in Puri.



- Focus Areas:
 - Community engagement and participatory facilitation
 - Accurate project documentation and report writing
 - Use of Management Information Systems (MIS) for better data tracking
- These workshops improved staff efficiency, accountability, and their ability to support communities more effectively.

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Education and Awareness :-

Education and awareness are powerful tools for social transformation. In 2024–25, Bhagabati Pathagar continued its commitment to providing educational support to underprivileged children and raising awareness on rights and government entitlements in rural and tribal communities.

14. Abhinaba Sikhya Kendra – Learning Support for Disadvantaged Children

To bridge educational gaps among children from marginalized families, we operated learning centres in rural Puri.

- These centres offered remedial education, creative learning activities, and life skills sessions, helping children build foundational literacy and confidence.
- Special attention was given to slow learners, first-generation school-goers, and children at risk of dropping out.
- The centres provided a safe and engaging environment where learning was fun, inclusive, and child-cantered.



15. Awareness Program on Government Schemes

To improve access to public welfare programs, four awareness events were conducted across Puri and Bolangir.

- Focus Areas:
 - Social security schemes (e.g., old-age pensions, widow pensions)
 - Health insurance programs like BSKY
 - Agricultural subsidies and farmer support services
 - Women-focused schemes such as Mission Shakti and Mamata Yojana
- These sessions enabled villagers to understand eligibility criteria, application processes, and how to approach local authorities for assistance.

16. Awareness on Land and Forest Rights

In tribal areas of Bolangir, we conducted community sessions on land and forest rights.



- Topics Included:
 - The Forest Rights Act (FRA)
 - Rights of Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers
 - Land ownership documentation and how to apply for pattas
- The sessions helped tribal communities become aware of their legal entitlements, and empowered them to begin the process of securing tenure for homestead and agricultural land.

Community Engagement :-

Fostering a sense of community spirit and collective responsibility is a vital part of our work. Throughout the year, Bhagabati Pathagar organized events that brought people together to reflect, celebrate, and raise awareness on important social and environmental themes.

17. Special Day Celebrations

In 2024–25, we marked 11 significant days across Puri and Bolangir districts, including:

- International Women's Day
- World Environment Day
- Independence Day
- Children's Day, National Education Day, and others



These celebrations featured a variety of engaging activities such as community rallies, drawing and quiz competitions, plantation drives, cultural performances, and group discussions on key issues like women's rights, environmental conservation, and national identity.

- Participants included school children, youth groups, SHG members, local leaders, and elderly citizens.
- These events not only promoted awareness and inclusion, but also strengthened community bonds and encouraged active citizenship.

Natural Resource Management through MGNREGA

Convergence :-

In 2024–25, Bhagabati Pathagar facilitated **Natural Resource Management (NRM)** activities in convergence with **MGNREGA** in the villages of **Sialbahali and Haripali** (Jhankarpali GP) and **Duanpali and Kutumdola** (Kutumdola GP) in Bolangir district.

Structures Created:

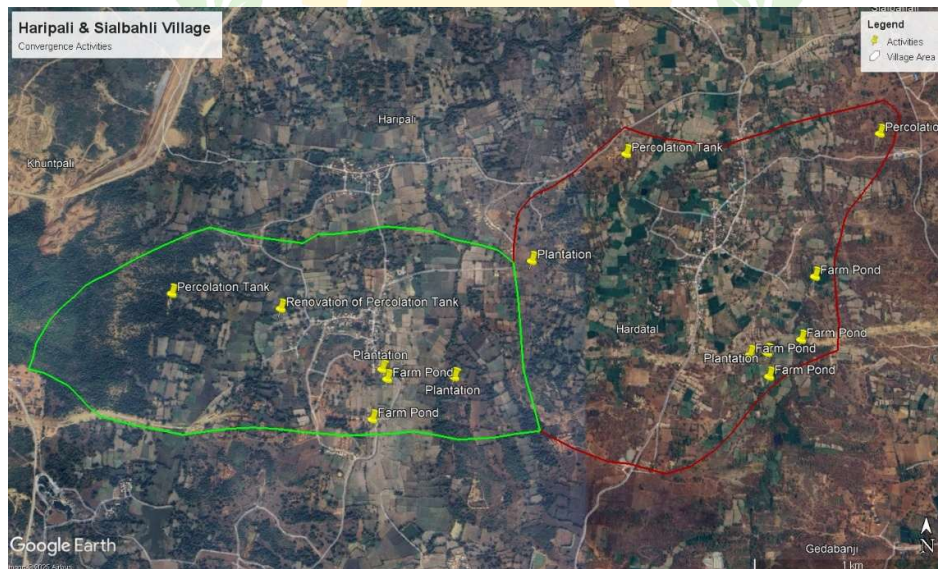
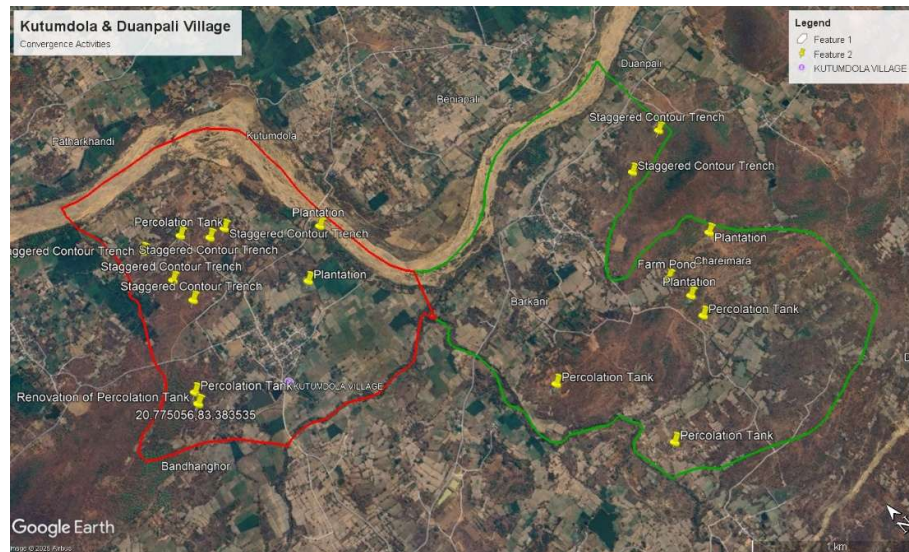
- **Staggered Contour Trenches (SCTs)** – Constructed along upper slopes to reduce runoff and enhance soil moisture across ~35 hectares, benefiting 85+ farmers
- **6 Farm Ponds** – Created for rainwater harvesting, supporting irrigation over ~18 hectares
- **4 Percolation Tanks** – Built to improve groundwater recharge, covering ~22 hectares
- **Plantation Activities** - Plantation of 1,500 saplings along trench bunds and degraded patches was carried out to prevent erosion, restore green cover, and improve microclimate. Saplings included fruit-bearing, timber, and native species, maintained by local communities and SHGs.

These soil and water conservation structures were implemented with **community participation** and **MGNREGA labour convergence**, promoting both employment and ecological restoration.



GIS-Based Tracking:

All sites were monitored and recorded using Google Earth Pro, allowing real-time tracking of construction, landscape changes, and planning for future interventions.



Expected Impact:

- Better moisture retention and groundwater recharge
- Reduced soil erosion and improved crop yield potential
- Strengthened climate resilience and livelihood sustainability

This initiative showcases a successful blend of government convergence, community involvement, and technology-led monitoring for sustainable development.

Future Plans 2025–26 :-

As we move forward, Bhagabati Pathagar aims to strengthen and expand its development initiatives across rural Odisha, with a focus on sustainable impact, community ownership, and strategic convergence.

1. Partnership with NABARD

We plan to collaborate with NABARD to implement:

- Watershed Development Projects
- Climate-resilient agriculture and livelihoods
- Capacity building of SHGs and community-based organizations
This will enhance long-term rural resilience and natural resource management.

2. Expanded NRM & Water Conservation

- Scaling up Staggered Contour Trenches (SCTs), farm ponds, and percolation tanks
- Promoting agroforestry and dryland horticulture
- GIS-based planning and monitoring for improved transparency and impact

3. Women & Youth Empowerment

- Advanced training for women in micro-enterprise and digital skills
- Promotion of agri-entrepreneurship and leadership among rural youth
- Strengthening SHG networks and financial literacy

4. Health & Education Initiatives

- Expanding Abhinaba Sikhya Kendra learning centers
- Organizing health camps and nutrition awareness programs
- Campaigns on menstrual hygiene, mental health, and access to government schemes

5. Environment & Sustainability

- Plantation of native, fruit-bearing, and timber species on community and private lands
- Promoting climate-smart agriculture and eco-friendly practices
- Awareness drives on waste reduction and water conservation

Bhagabati Pathagar remains committed to inclusive rural development through innovation, partnerships, and people's participation. Together, we envision stronger, greener, and more self-reliant communities in the year ahead.

-:Acknowledgements:-


We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the community members, field staff, local authorities, and our partner organizations who have stood by us throughout this journey. Your unwavering support, trust, and collaboration have been the backbone of our work. You inspire us to dream bigger, work harder, and continue striving for inclusive and sustainable development in rural Odisha.

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Together, we build empowered and sustainable communities.

