

BHAGABATI PATHAGAR



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INTRODUCTION -

Message from the President.....

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are proud to present the Annual Report for 2022–23. This year has reaffirmed our commitment to uplifting marginalized communities in Odisha, especially in Puri district.

From health and education to women’s empowerment, sustainable agriculture, and resource management, our grassroots initiatives have grown in impact and reach—building resilience and self-reliance among the people we serve.

These achievements were made possible by the unwavering support of our donors, the dedication of our team, and the trust of the communities. This report is not just a summary of milestones but a celebration of collective progress.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on inclusive and sustainable development. Thank you for standing with us—your support fuels our mission every day.

With warm regards,

Ashok Kumar Dash

President, Bhagabati Pathagar

ABOUT US –

Bhagabati Pathagar is a community-rooted organization dedicated to inclusive development in rural Odisha, with a primary focus on Puri district. We work to uplift marginalized communities through a holistic approach encompassing health, education, livelihood, and social empowerment. Since inception, we have partnered with grassroots communities to foster dignity, opportunity, and sustainable progress.

Our Vision

To build a just and equitable society by empowering rural communities through inclusive development in healthcare, education, and livelihood—ensuring dignity and self-respect for all.

Our Mission

To promote self-reliance and resilience among marginalized groups—especially women, children, and farmers—by raising awareness, building capacities, and encouraging sustainable, participatory practices.

Core Values

- **Community Participation:** Ensuring inclusive decision-making and ownership.
- **Gender Equality:** Promoting equal opportunities and gender-sensitive programming.
- **Education for All:** Advancing lifelong learning for disadvantaged groups.
- **Women Empowerment:** Enabling women to overcome barriers and lead.
- **Uplifting the Youth:** Investing in youth as change-makers.
- **Friend of the Poor:** Standing with the vulnerable through inclusive action.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Advocating for ecological balance and climate resilience.
- **Transparency & Accountability:** Ensuring integrity and impactful resource use.

Operational Area

Puri District, Odisha

Social and Cultural Engagement-

1. Sports and Cultural Programs

To promote community harmony and preserve local traditions, 7 sports meets and 4 cultural events were organized in rural and tribal areas of Puri district. Traditional games were revived, while events such as folk music, dance performances, art contests, and tribal storytelling brought cultural vibrancy to life. More than 750 children and youth actively participated, fostering teamwork, self-expression, and cultural pride.



2. Celebration of National Days

Commemorating national spirit and civic responsibility, 13 observances were held, including Republic Day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti, and Women's Day. Events featured flag-hoisting, themed rallies, skits, and community dialogues, drawing over 1000 participants. These celebrations helped deepen civic awareness and unity among rural populations.



3. Youth Club Formation and Awareness Drives

Three new youth clubs were established to encourage social responsibility and leadership among adolescents and young adults. With targeted awareness drives on topics such as drug prevention, hygiene, and civic duties, more than 80 youth were

mobilized into action, leading campaigns and volunteering for social causes in their respective villages.



Women Empowerment and Inclusive Development-

4. Women Empowerment Initiatives

A total of eight capacity-building workshops were conducted, reaching 290 women from marginalized backgrounds. Topics included gender equality, digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and access to welfare schemes. Many participants have since initiated income-generating activities and taken active roles in Self-Help Groups (SHGs), supported through mentoring and follow-up support.



5. Promotion and Formation of Elderly Self-Help Groups

Through focused mobilization, 6 Elderly SHGs were formed or strengthened, benefiting over 75 elderly women. Group members were trained in basic financial management, collective savings, and small-scale enterprise, contributing to greater financial autonomy and intergenerational respect within households.

6. Disability Inclusion Campaigns

To uphold the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (PWDs), three inclusive drives were held in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department. As a result, 22 individuals received disability certificates and assistive devices. Community members also received sensitization on accessibility, inclusion, and respect for differently-abled persons.

7. Senior Citizen Awareness Programs

Recognizing the needs of elderly citizens, three awareness camps engaged over 100 participants, focusing on eldercare, pension entitlements, and mental well-being. These sessions helped bridge the gap between government schemes and rural elders, while also strengthening family and community support systems.

Health, Wellness, and Sanitation-

8. Community Health Camps

Two general health camps were organized in underserved areas, providing free check-ups, medicines, and health counselling to over 250 individuals, including women and children. Common ailments related to nutrition, anaemia, and hygiene were addressed, with follow-up referrals provided in critical cases.



9. Water and Sanitation Awareness

To improve public health, six sanitation campaigns were held across schools and community spaces. Using visual storytelling, handwashing demonstrations, and participatory discussions, more than 380 people—including schoolchildren and homemakers—were educated on safe water use, toilet hygiene, and disease prevention.



10. Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Preparedness

In light of increasing climate risks, four DRR training sessions were held in flood- and cyclone-prone villages. Around 100 participants, including SHG members and youth, were trained in emergency response planning, mock drills, and first-aid techniques. Local disaster task forces have since been formed to respond quickly and effectively during emergencies.



Agriculture, Horticulture & Climate Action-

11. Sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture Training

To support climate-resilient farming, seven hands-on training programs were conducted for 210 farmers, including women cultivators.

Trainings focused on organic inputs, crop diversification, composting, and pest control. The initiative led to better adoption of eco-friendly practices and improved productivity across participating farms.



12. Plantation Drives and Nursery Development

With a strong push for environmental restoration, over 800 saplings (fruit, medicinal, and native species) were planted on village lands, bunds, and public spaces. Two community nurseries were upgraded, producing 1000+ seedlings. These nurseries now serve as both learning hubs and income-generating



ventures for youth and SHG women.

13. Climate Change Literacy and Action

To build grassroots climate awareness, five interactive sessions were held, reaching 350 farmers and youth. These covered the effects of climate change on agriculture, water availability, and local livelihoods, along with actionable solutions like water harvesting, soil conservation, and carbon-smart agriculture. Community leaders were encouraged to integrate adaptive strategies in local development plans.



Awareness and Capacity Building-

14. Consumer Rights and Protection Programs

In an effort to protect rural citizens from exploitative practices, three consumer awareness drives were conducted using street theatre, visual posters, and village Q&A sessions. Over 90 community members were sensitized about their rights, grievance redressal platforms, and practical steps to avoid fraud in daily transactions.

Future Plan: 2023–24

Bhagabati Pathagar aims to deepen its impact in rural Odisha with the following priorities:

1. Livelihoods & Women's Empowerment

- Expand SHG formation and training in digital literacy and enterprise development.
- Facilitate market linkages for rural women entrepreneurs.

2. Youth & Child Development

- Form new youth clubs for leadership and community engagement.
- Conduct life-skills and career guidance sessions in remote villages.

3. Inclusive & Social Development

- Intensify disability inclusion efforts and elderly care awareness.
- Promote gender equity and mental health campaigns.

4. Education & Digital Literacy

- Set up rural digital literacy centres.
- Provide after-school support and creative learning activities for children.

5. Climate Resilience & Natural Resources

- Promote climate-smart agriculture and low-cost water conservation.
- Organize plantation drives and eco-awareness programs.

6. Partnership & Capacity Building

- Strengthen collaboration with government and civil society.
- Enhance training for staff and volunteers to ensure quality outreach.

Our Vision for 2023–24

We aspire to empower more lives through sustainable, inclusive, and participatory development, rooted in the realities and aspirations of rural communities. With the continued support of our partners, stakeholders, and the communities we serve, we are confident in moving closer to a future where dignity, opportunity, and justice are within everyone's reach

Acknowledgements

We sincerely thank the community members, dedicated field staff, local authorities, and partner organizations whose steadfast support and collaboration have guided our journey. Your trust and commitment have been instrumental in driving our mission forward.

Together, we've not just implemented programs—we've nurtured hope, resilience, and meaningful change in the lives of rural communities across Odisha. Your partnership continues to inspire us as we strive for a more inclusive and sustainable future.


We look forward to walking this path with you in the years to come.

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