



October Newsletter

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Welcome to October month's edition of Shakti's newsletter! I'm proud to share our recent initiatives that are making a positive impact in our community. From our Preschool Nutrition Program to the Forgotten Food Festival, each effort strengthens our commitment to health, education, and sustainability.

A special thank you to our donors and volunteers—your support is crucial in helping us provide essential resources and training. This month, we also celebrated International Elders Day, honoring our seniors and their dedication to cleanliness through the Swachh Bharat Mission.

As you read through this newsletter, I encourage you to engage with inspiring stories like Jatan's journey. Together, we can continue uplifting our community and nurturing potential.

Thank you for being part of this journey!

Stay tuned! Stay Blessed!

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This month, seed money has been provided to the MEG group to assist with initial business setup costs, including machinery, equipment, and raw materials. Additionally, a two-day non-residential training on essential soft skills—such as leadership, negotiation, and decision-making—was conducted at the block level. Monthly coaching sessions on life skills, including negotiation and leadership, are also being held for Self-Help Groups, with at least two one-hour sessions scheduled each month.

Women Empowerment



Shakti Organisation is excited to share that our Self-Help Group (SHG) members are making great strides in sustainable pisciculture. Through dedicated training and support, our members are actively learning the best practices in fish farming, including pond management, breeding, and harvesting techniques. This initiative not only helps promote economic independence for the participants but also plays a key role in enhancing food security within our community. By engaging in fish pisciculture, our SHG members are creating sustainable livelihoods while contributing to local development.



Child Right

Under Access to Justice project, we have successfully reached 45 villages, where 1,613 individuals have pledged their support to end child marriage. Additionally, 30 child marriage cases have been registered, marking a significant step toward protecting children and ensuring justice.

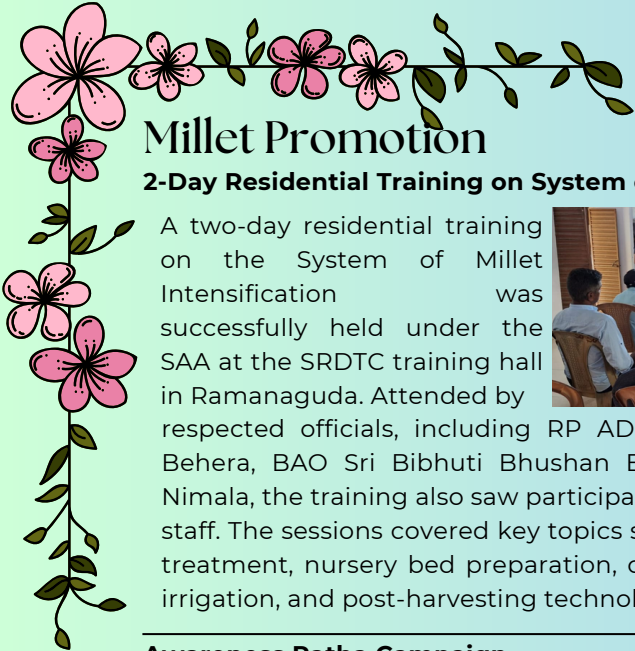
We thank all the villagers, supporters, and our team for their commitment to this important cause.



Nutrition program

We're delighted to share that as part of our Preschool Nutrition Program, all children have received new uniforms and shoes! This initiative aims to enhance their sense of community and ensure they feel comfortable during their activities.

The uniforms help create a cohesive environment, while the new shoes are perfect for all the fun and exploration ahead. We believe that dressing appropriately contributes to their confidence and well-being.



Millet Promotion

2-Day Residential Training on System of Millet Intensification

A two-day residential training on the System of Millet Intensification was successfully held under the SAA at the SRDTC training hall in Ramanaguda. Attended by respected officials, including RP ADO Gunupur Sri Brundaban Behera, BAO Sri Bibhuti Bhushan Bisoi, and AAO Sri Jagdish Nimala, the training also saw participation from 20 farmers and FA staff. The sessions covered key topics such as millet varieties, seed treatment, nursery bed preparation, organic manure application, irrigation, and post-harvesting technologies.



Awareness Ratha Campaign

Shakti Organisation has launched a three-day awareness campaign from Mandia Rath, directly engaging villages in Ramnaguda Block to promote millet. The team is distributing pamphlets and explaining the grain's nutritional value and its role in sustainable agriculture. Community members have responded positively, showing great interest in learning about millet and its contribution to food security.



Harvest Festival for promotion of millets

SHAKTI Ramanaguda held a Field Day (Harvest Festival) training at Aramada Village in Nilamguda, led by Project Coordinator Mr. Santosh Samal. About 100 participants, including local farmers and WSHG members, attended. Agricultural Officer Srmt. Gouri Sabar and progressive farmer Nimala Kasturi taught techniques for the crop cutting experiment (CCE) for finger millet. Participants were eager to apply their new knowledge in their fields and share it with their communities.



Anna and the Forgotten Food Festival

A Block Level Event on Shree Anna and the Forgotten Food Festival took place at the SRDTC Training Hall in Ramanaguda. Attended by agriculture staff, ADPC from WASSAN, MBK, CRPs from Mission Shakti, and local leaders, the event highlighted the importance of forgotten foods and the health benefits of millet. Participants enjoyed displays of traditional foods and millet tiffins, with Maa Manikeshwari SHG winning first prize and Maa Majhigouri SHG taking second. The event showcased the community's dedication to reviving traditional foods and promoting healthy eating.



SC Hostel Balashram



At Shakti Balashram, managed by the Shakti Organisation, our students are making a meaningful impact on the environment while learning. Their dedication to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan reflects their love for our planet and future generations.

Through clean-up drives and tree planting initiatives, they demonstrate that even small efforts can lead to significant change. Together, we are paving the way for a cleaner and greener future for everyone.

Maternity Waiting Home



In October, our maternity home admitted 39 new mothers, raising the total number of pregnant women to 43, including 4 continuing from the previous month. We provide comprehensive support, including regular health check-ups, prenatal classes, nutritional counseling, and emotional support. Our facility ensures a safe and nurturing environment with access to medical professionals and emergency care, promoting the health and well-being of both mothers and their babies.

Old Age Care

Matrushakti Senior Citizen's Home



International Elders Day

Matrushakti Senior Citizen Home in Rayagada joyfully celebrated International Elders Day, honoring the elder community. Guest Sri Basanta Acharya emphasized the importance of community support. The event featured inspiring speeches, a candle-lighting ceremony, awards for residents, and vibrant cultural performances.



Swachh Bharat Mission

Senior citizens from the Matrushakti Senior Citizen Home, managed by Shakti, have pledged to clean their neighborhood and planted trees. Their dedication promotes cleanliness and sets a wonderful example for us all, inspiring our generation to contribute to a cleaner, greener environment.

Shakti Senior Citizen's Home



International Elders Day

Shakti Senior Citizens' Home celebrated International Elders Day 2024 with special guests, including Vignan Vidyalaya students and NCC cadets. Chief Guest Mr. Subrata Acharya emphasized "ageing with dignity," while Mr. Binod Panda highlighted the wisdom of elders. The event concluded with lively dance performances. Special thanks to all participants and Mr. Sangram Patanaik for coordinating. Let's continue to honor our elders!



Swachh Bharat Mission

Shakti Senior Citizen Home engaged in a meaningful tree planting activity as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. With the slogan "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," the initiative honors the elders of our community. This activity promotes environmental sustainability and fosters a sense of responsibility towards maintaining clean and green surroundings. The residents actively participated, highlighting the importance of a healthy environment for everyone.

Miscellaneous



This Diwali, Matrushakti and Shakti Old Age Homes celebrated the festival of lights with great enthusiasm. The homes were adorned with diyas and colorful rangoli, creating a vibrant atmosphere. A special feast featuring traditional sweets and snacks brought everyone together. The celebrations not only strengthened the bonds among residents but also embodied the true spirit of Diwali — the triumph of light over darkness and the importance of community.

Upcoming Event

We are excited to announce that next month, in honor of Children's Day, Shakti Balashram Hostel will host a special program for our children. The event will include various competitions aimed at inspiring creativity and showcasing talent.

We warmly invite everyone to join us in this joyous celebration! Your participation will make the day even more special for our children. Stay tuned for more details!



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Stories of impact: this month's story is about Jatan's Journey from a Rural Village to a Bright Future

Jatan Kumar Naik, a determined student from a rural village in Rayagada, Odisha, faces significant challenges in his education. With a family of six living on a monthly income of just ₹4,000, Jatan struggles to walk nearly five kilometers to Gopabandhu Municipality High School, often feeling exhausted and missing classes, especially during the rainy season.

He also lacks essential school supplies, relying on borrowed textbooks and struggling to keep up with his studies. This situation has left him feeling demotivated about his dream of becoming a doctor.

Hope emerged when his cousin Gopinath shared his experiences at Shakti Balashram Hostel, a facility dedicated to supporting students from economically weaker backgrounds. Gopinath emphasized the nurturing environment that allowed him to thrive academically and personally. Inspired by Gopinath's positive transformation, Jatan is eager to join the hostel, where he believes he can find the support and resources he needs to succeed in his education and achieve his dreams.

Thank you for reading!



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