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Progress begins with small actions that slowly shape a bigger future



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Community Health Care

Maternity Waiting Home

Shakti Organisation's Maternity Waiting Home (MWH) team in Kashipur block, Rayagada, is strengthening maternal healthcare for tribal women through coordinated community-based efforts.

- Key Highlights:
- Mobilizes women from remote villages for screening camps
- Conducts awareness sessions on maternal health and nutrition
- Facilitates regular health check-ups and timely referrals for high-risk cases
- Provides a trusted, safe space for learning and support
- Offers monthly care to 20-30 pregnant women
- Encourages institutional deliveries for safer pregnancies

Overall, the MWH is significantly improving maternal health outcomes and ensuring safer, well-supported pregnancies for underserved women in the region.



Empowerment

Care

Nutrition



Pre-School Nutrition & Education Program

Shakti Organisation distributed school bags and essential study materials to over 150 children across six villages in the Ramanaguda block of Rayagada district. Along with hot milk and biscuits to encourage regular learning, the initiative supports marginalized children by providing basic tools, nutrition, and motivation to continue their education with dignity. Through these efforts, Shakti is strengthening a positive learning environment and empowering rural children toward a brighter future.



Women Empowerment

MPOWERED Project - Micro-entrepreneurship Development training



Shakti Organisation, with technical support from Trickle Up and VDK, trained the Jhansirani Self Help Group in Karoda village on value addition, product preparation, and market linkages. Following the training, the group began producing tamarind chocolates and ragi laddus, achieving a production capacity of 40–50 kg per day with regular sales to local schools and markets. The SHG has since emerged as a successful women-led micro-enterprise and learning centre for rural entrepreneurship.

Empowering Women Through Sustainable Plate-Making Units

Shakti Organisation established a Paper Plate Manufacturing Unit in Sundidhamani village, Ramanaguda block, through the Maa Jagat Janani Self Help Group. Members received hands-on training in machine operation, power management, raw material sourcing, record-keeping, storage, hygiene, and basic marketing. The unit has initiated production of approximately 3,000 plates per day, with plans to scale up to 5,000 plates daily. This initiative has created sustainable livelihood opportunities while strengthening women's self-reliance and entrepreneurship at the community level.



Strengthening Rural Women-Led Microenterprises

Shakti Organisation strengthened rural women entrepreneurship by training 30 Micro Enterprise Group representatives from nine SHGs in product development, value addition, packaging, and market pricing. The initiative improved market access for groups producing 1,500–2,000 kg of organic products daily, supporting sustainable income growth.





Promotion of Millet Cultivation

Shakti Celebrate the Spirit of Millets and Women Empowerment

Shakti Organisation participated in the District-Level Millet Day Celebration organised by the District Agriculture Department, Rayagada, on 7 November 2025. Smt. Rina Aprika of Ramanaguda block was honoured as Best Women Progressive Farmer, and BLF Ramanaguda received the Best Federation Award. These recognitions highlight women's leadership and reflect Shakti Organisation's 30 years of work in women's empowerment and entrepreneurship.



Watershed - Reward

Women Lead the way with Azolla



Shakti Organisation is promoting Azolla cultivation in villages of Ramanaguda block. So far, 56 women SHG members have developed Azolla pits with support from the Shakti project team, and the initiative will be expanded to all villages. Azolla farming is helping farmers adopt organic practices, reduce chemical inputs, and improve soil fertility. Surplus Azolla is sold for additional household income, while its use as high-protein cattle feed lowers costs. This low-cost, sustainable practice is empowering rural women and promoting eco-friendly agriculture.

Community Forest Right



Shakti Organisation, Rayagada, with support from the Foundation Security (FES), conducted a one-day orientation for district and block coordinators under the "CFR & Commons Management" project. The session strengthened understanding of Community Forest Rights, CFRMC roles, and sustainable commons governance, supporting effective implementation in Padampur, Gunupur, and Ramanaguda blocks.

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