



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

DEMOCRATIC ACTION

Empowering the Excluded Communities





A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY....

It is my great pleasure to present the Annual Report 2023-24, highlighting our team's dedicated efforts and impactful interventions. We express heartfelt gratitude to our co-workers, partners, and supporters for their unwavering cooperation. While acknowledging our shortcomings, we remain committed to continuous improvement and meaningful community development

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sushanta Garada". The signature is written in a cursive style.

MR. SUSHANTA GARADA
FOUNDER & SECRETARY
DEMOCRATIC ACTION, ODISHA



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ABOUT DEMOCRATIC ACTION

Nabarangpur district, carved out of Koraput on 2nd October 1992, is a land of natural beauty and rich cultural heritage dominated by tribal communities who preserve their indigenous traditions. Covering 5,294 sq. km, the district is surrounded by Nuapada, Kalahandi, Bastar, Rayagada, and Koraput, and is named “Nabarangpur”—the place of nine colors—originating from the era of King Krishna Dev (1814–1843) of the Jeypore Estate. The district frequently faces natural calamities such as flash floods, droughts, lightning, and fire accidents. The severe drought and epidemic of 1998 devastated livelihoods and led to malnutrition and starvation. Inspired to act, Mr. Sushanta Garada founded Democratic Action in 1999 to support affected families through nutrition and livelihood programs. Beginning with women’s Self-Help Group formation, the organization now reaches 150 villages across Nabarangpur, promoting empowerment and welfare initiatives.

Vision:

A society where excluded communities live with dignity, equality, and self-reliance.

Mission:

To empower marginalized and tribal communities through livelihood, education, health, and social justice for inclusive development.

Value:

Promoting equity, dignity, and participation with transparency and compassion for self-reliant, inclusive communities.

THEMATIC AREA:

1. Livelihood and Food Security (SDG-1 & SDG-2)
2. Environment and Climate Resilience (SDG-13)
3. Women Empowerment and Gender Equality (SDG-5)

Brief Objective of Democratic Action:

To empower marginalized and tribal communities through sustainable livelihood, quality education, improved health, and gender equality initiatives, fostering dignity, self-reliance, and inclusive development at the grassroots level.





GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF OPERATION

The organization operates in the Nabarangpur district of Odisha, covering the development blocks of Kosagumuda, Papadahandi, and Dabugan. These areas are predominantly tribal and rural, where focused interventions are implemented to improve livelihoods, health, nutrition, and education for marginalized communities through community participation and sustainable development initiatives.

REVIVING MILLETS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS IN TRIBAL ODISHA

Traditionally, tribal and indigenous communities in Odisha cultivated millets as a staple crop. However, during and after independence, focus shifted toward rice and wheat to combat food scarcity. This led to the neglect of millet cultivation, despite its resilience and nutritional value for small and marginal farmers.

The environmental challenges posed by water-intensive crops have renewed interest in millets as a sustainable alternative. Promoting millet cultivation not only conserves natural resources but also strengthens food security. Recognizing this, millets have now been included in the Public Distribution System (PDS) under the National Food Security Act, ensuring their wider adoption.



COMBATING MALNUTRITION AMONG UNDER-FIVE CHILDREN IN NABARANGPUR

Supported by the Jiv Daya Foundation, USA, this initiative provides milk and nutritious snacks like millet and rasi ladus to 200 under-five children across five villages in Dabugaon block, Nabarangpur. The program aims to reduce stunting, wasting, and underweight conditions among children aged six months to five years.



The intervention engages community volunteers and Women Self-Help Groups for monitoring. Mothers actively participate by maintaining kitchen gardens using bio-inputs to ensure continuous nutrition. Along with health check-ups under Arogya Plus, children receive uniforms, and volunteers receive training to enhance the program's impact and sustainability.



STRENGTHENING FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Farmers' Associations are village-based informal groups formed to promote collective action in addressing agricultural challenges. Democratic Action mobilizes small and marginal farmers into these associations, empowering them to adopt improved practices, access extension services, and strengthen local marketing systems for better income and sustainability.

The initiative provides farmers with quality seeds, training, and guidance on crop intensification, diversification, and organic farming practices to reduce chemical dependency. Members also gain eligibility to become licensed input dealers and access subsidized loans from local banks. The long-term vision is to evolve these groups into Producer Companies for value addition and market expansion.



PROMOTING DIGITAL FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Lack of digital financial literacy in rural areas remains a significant barrier to achieving a cashless economy. To bridge this gap, Democratic Action organized awareness programmes on IMPS, UPI, PoS machines, and other digital services for local youth, SHGs, and the general public. These sessions, supported by community contributions, educated participants on government initiatives, safe digital transactions, and the benefits of online banking. The initiative empowered rural citizens to confidently access digital financial services, enhancing transparency, financial inclusion, and participation in India's evolving digital economy.





BUILDING CLIMATE-RESILIENT FARMING THROUGH IMPROVED AGRONOMIC PRACTICES

Under the Improved Agronomic Practices initiative, smallholder farmers received extensive training on climate-resilient farming, soil health improvement, and productivity enhancement. The program integrated soil and water conservation techniques with agronomic and mechanical measures like contour bunding and terracing. Emphasis was placed on practices such as mulching, crop-residue management, improved seed varieties, balanced cropping systems, and soil fertility management. Horticulture, tree plantation, and silvopastoral systems were promoted to meet fuel and fodder needs while maintaining ecological balance. Farmer meetings, exposure visits, demonstrations, and fairs further strengthened awareness on watershed management, climate-smart agriculture, and sustainable livelihoods through collective community action.

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AT-GANDHI NAGAR, PO/DIST-NABARANGPUR, ODISHA, PIN-764059
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT IN RS	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT IN RS.
Opening Balance		Programme Expenses	
Cash in Hand	3,944.00	Expenses on Odisha Millet Mission Prog	16,85,591.16
Cash at Bank		Expenses on JIV Daya Foundation	12,86,181.50
General A/c(UBI)	2,927.10	Awareness Survey for Plantation	1,45,600.00
O.M.M (UBI)	5,85,725.05	Welfare Programme	
JIV DAYA-BOI	35,284.80	Child Nutrition & Education	10,650.00
FCRA-SBI	<u>4,142.30</u>	Nutrition for Children with Disabill	15,460.00
	6,28,079.25	School Enrolment to drop out	12,520.00
Bank Interest	25,931.11	Children	10,260.00
		Quality Education for Tribal	10,260.00
Grant in Aid Non-FC Fund		Children	10,260.00
CDAO Cum-PD ATMA, Nabarangpur	14,70,600.00	Screening Camps for Children with Disabilities	<u>12,450.00</u>
			61,340.00
BGPPL PVT LTD		Livelihood Programme	
for Awareness & Survey about Plantation	<u>2,00,000.00</u>	Strengthening Farmer's Organisation	10,530.00
	16,70,600.00	Capacity Building of Womens & Farmers Groups	12,540.00
Grant in Aid FC Fund		Practices of Agronomical Measures	13,250.00
JIV-Daya Foundation USA	15,38,540.00	Traditional Agriculture Practices.	9,450.00
JIV Daya Foundation Grant Receivable 22- 23	42,460.00	Promotion of Backyad Kitchen Garden.	<u>13,740.00</u>
			59,510.00
		Capacity Building Programme	
Members Subscription	1,08,000.00	Training to Staff Capacity Building	12,650.00
Service Charges	1,13,200.00	Training to farmer on Organic menur	12,340.00
Miscellaneous Sources	10,640.00	Training to Farmers on Mix Cropping.	6,360.00
Donation	1,86,072.00	Training to Crop Specific (Kharif & Rabi)	<u>8,780.00</u>
			40,130.00
		(A) HEALTH & DISABILITY PROGRAMME:	
		Orientation on Mother & Child Health.	13,150.00
		Workshop on Malaria & Diarrhea Mittigation.	14,850.00
		Interface Workshop on Person with Disability (PWD)	16,570.00
		Rising of Medicinal Plant Seedlings	20,468.00
		Cultivation and Conservation of Medicinal Plants	18,400.00
		Training to Farmers on Plantation and Plant Care	14,560.00
		Orientation on Advocacy for malnutrition children.	<u>16,542.00</u>
			1,14,540.00




EDUCATION PROGRAMME:

Special drive to Check dropout of girls.	27,460.00	
Interface workshop for Quality Education	32,520.00	
Inclusive Education for CWSN	<u>12,120.00</u>	72,100.00
Annual General Body Meeting Expenses		6,250.00
Executive Committee Meeting Expenses		11,860.00
Travel & Coordination		36,500.00
Repair & Maintenance		10,560.00
Office Rent		64,800.00
Cash in Hand		184.00
Cash at Bank		
General A/c(UBI)	3,011.51	
O.M.M (UBI)	3,91,574.89	
JIV DAYA-BOI	3,35,393.30	
FCRA-SBI	<u>2,340.00</u>	7,32,319.70

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As per report of even date attached

Place-Bhubaneswar
Date-06/07/2024for SUBRAT & CO
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Child Nutrition & Education	10,650.00	Grant in Aid FC Fund	
Nutrition for Children with Disabil	15,460.00	Opening Unspent Grant	74,868.80
School Enrolment to drop out Children	12,520.00	Add-During the Year	<u>15,38,540.00</u>
Quality Education for Tribal Children with Disabilities	10,260.00 <u>12,450.00</u>		16,13,408.80
	61,340.00	Bank Interest	25,931.11
Livelihood Programme		Less-Interest to be refunded to CDAO, ATMA,	<u>3,319.00</u>
Strengthening Farmer's Organisation	10,530.00		22,612.11
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Depreciation		13,475.30
Excess of Income over Expenditure		6,91,040.00

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As per report of even date attached

for SUBRAT & CO
Chartered Accountants

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Place-Bhubaneswar

Date-06/07/2024



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The institutions that have supported us in various activities for which we have made a meaningful journey during last two decades.

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- Voice for Child Right Odisha.
- FEVERED Net Work - Odisha.
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