

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra & SAHAYOG

SAHAYOG is a voluntary organization based in Bhubaneswar, Odisha established in the year 2008 and registered in the year 2012 under society registration Act-1860. Each year fulfilling the mandate for gender equality the organization has been celebrating women's day with different activities by own or in association with other NGOs or INGOs or any institutions either in community or any formal institutions. This year on the eve of International Women's Day with the support of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, (VYK), New Delhi SAHAYOG decided to organize the programme with two different stakeholders one in community level and second one institutional level. First programme was a community rally which concluded with small interaction and felicitation to women with outstanding contribution towards upholding women's rights.

On 2nd March 2022 three community level meetings were organized with Manpur, Karadapalli, Minchinpatana and Angarpada people on planning for IWD-2022. It was decided because many women have been engaged in sowing paddy and they are getting some income. We should not disturb them. Instead those who remained at home, young adolescent and senior women participated in the programme. In those meeting it was decided who will be those people to felicitate for their contribution towards women's empowerment, health and education. The women who come forward and involved in



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politics to develop their village, panchayat and wards need to be acknowledged so that others will follow their footprints. Those continuously working or supporting female education, working against early marriage and health their name first enlisted. Unanimously it was selected that Sukanti Behera Ex Sarpanch, passionate social worker and ASHA worker, Female Health Worker Sanghamitra Panda who has



been living in such a tribal area and a household name relentlessly working for mother and child health, newly elected Sarpanch Mamata Sahoo, three women ward members, AWW of Minchinpatana and Angarpada Sandhya Naik and Meena Rani, Prafullabala Nayak Ex Ward member senior lady, Dur Samantray a mother of six daughter after her husband's death educated all daughters and married them single handedly and never complained about not having son. Same day the team of SAHAYOG meet Principals of Bauribandhu Junior and Degree College, Chhatabar, Khordha. Thankfully both the Principal readily appreciate SAHAYOG's proposal for sensitization to their college students and gave their consent for a youth engagement program. Accordingly a slogan writing competition was organized. It was decided that before 4th March 2022 the selected slogans by the college should reach SAHAYOG for placard writing.

Events Report : On 6th March 2022 @ 8.30 a.m adolescent girls club members and ICDS worker, helper, ASHA worker gathered at Minchinpatana U.P School. With slogans and placards they covered the village road and reached Angarpada UGME School crossing one kilometer on the way. Senior ladies, young women joined with them in UGME School for consultation and felicitation programme. Those believe in true sense on gender equality and contributed towards women empowerment. Before that all participants refreshed themselves with snacks and desserts. Sarpanch Mamata Sahoo, FHW Sanghamitra Panda greet them. In the beginning Sukanti Behera Ex. Sarpanch welcomed all women. The Sarpanch Smt Mamata Sahoo was the chief guest of the occasion. Bijayalaxmi Rautaray, Secretary of SAHAYOG organization addressed the distinguished women, adolescent girls and spoke about the aim and objectives of International Women's Day and the importance of gender equality for sustainability of development. Sarpanch pledged to strengthen the standing committee for women which is often neglected and ensure she will be the chief



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of standing committee working for women and children issue. The organization felicitated Sarpanch Mamata Sahoo, other women PRI members, Ex.Sarpanch and ASHA Sukanti Behera, ANM Sanghamitra Panda, Prafullabala Nayak and others. The meeting closed with vote of thanks of Rashmita Swain followed by community lunch.

On 7th March 2022 team SAHAYOG reached Bauri Bandhu College before 10.30 a.m for proper arrangement. BB College is a small rural college with minimum halls and infrastructure. But they arranged everything smoothly. In the college programme more than 150 both male and female students joined and discussed patriarchal norms, status of women and the skills to combat gender inequality. In the beginning Jyotirmayee Nanda, Principal addressed the pupils to have proper interaction to break the bias and taboo of gender norms. Bijayalaxmi Rautaray, Secretary asked the young minds to think positively and have self-analysis on their perception on societal gender norms and how they can break chains with correct attitude, temperament. This is the time to quit the cocoon of patriarchal norms and think logically from the perspective of a human being. Lecturer Ambika Prasad Mishra and Sudhir Pattnaik address and engage the youth interaction with debate and discussion. They hoped similar type of youth engagement programme with college students SAHAYOG will organized in future and thanks SAHAYOG for giving the opportunity to observe women's day for the first time in their institution. Falguni Barik, Pradyumna Jena, Poornima Samantray, Loknath Behera were the key young speakers and winners of slogan writing competition of the day. Young students pledge for gender equality with slogans. Sibaprasad Behera, Lipu Swain and Janmejaya Swain of SAHAYOG were there.

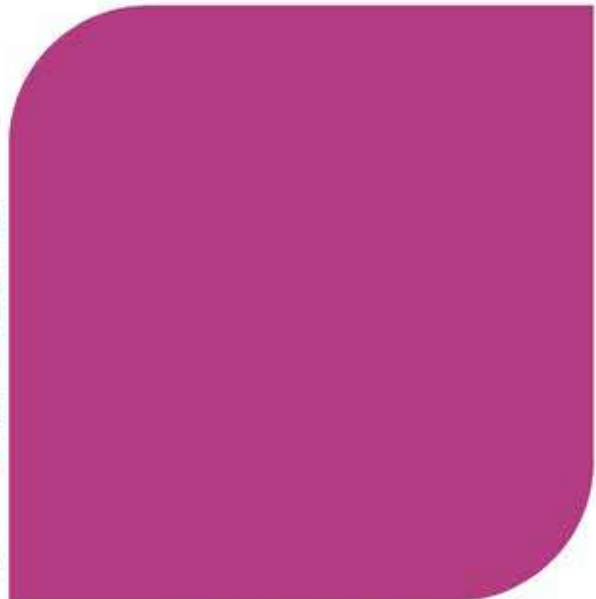




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