



# **INTRODUCTION:**

BISWAS is a non-profit organization registered under the Society Registration Act of XXI of 1860 in 2010 vide registration number is BLS-8860-50. BISWAS is operating in 12 blocks of Balasore District having its office at Kalidashpur, Balasore, Odisha since 2008. The organization works for the socially and economically deprived and other vulnerable sections of the society comprising of women, youth, disabled and orphans.



# **INITIATIVES:**







Dignity March is an initiative by Rashtriya Garima Abhiyan to end sexual violence against women and children. Under this national march survivors and other stakeholders travelled 10,000 KM in 200 districts of 24 States/UTs in India.

BISWAS in collaboration with BSSS, received the sexual violence survivors and organised mega awareness campaign at the Balasore Railway Station.

Key dignitaries present – Collector, Balasore, District Social Welfare Officer, Balasore Railway Station Manager

Total number of participants - 150

## SNAPSHOTS FROM DIGNITY MARCH:





Awareness through sand art



Voice of the Survivors



Pledge against sexual violence

#### **IMPROVED AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES:**



Ensuring food security of the rural households through improved agricultural productivity and income generation opportunities.

#### Our activities

- Adoption of Improved agricultural practices
- Training on water and soil management
- Training on Soil testing
- Training on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)
- Training on Integrated Pest Management
- Adoption of draught resistance paddy seeds
- Model creation on Line Transplantation
- Training on sustainable Integrated Farming System (IFS)
- Model creation (Integrated Farming System)
- Orientation to Panchayat/ Block Members on Natural Resources, Agriculture, health and disaster risk reduction

### Principal Partners:

**BSSS** 

# SNAPSHOT OF OUR INITIATIVES:







Training on best agricultural practices and formation of Farmers club Kasafal GP, Sadar block

Total beneficiaries - 400

#### NATIONAL YOUTH DAY:

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On the occasion of birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and National Youth Day BISWAS recognizes the contribution of youths in different sectors of Balasore district and felicitates them in an effort to promote the exceptional work done by them. The selection criteria is done through panel of judges comprising eminent personalities of Balasore district.



#### **SNAPSHOT OF OUR INITIATIVES:**





Felicitating sand artist Tuna Behera, Jaleswar

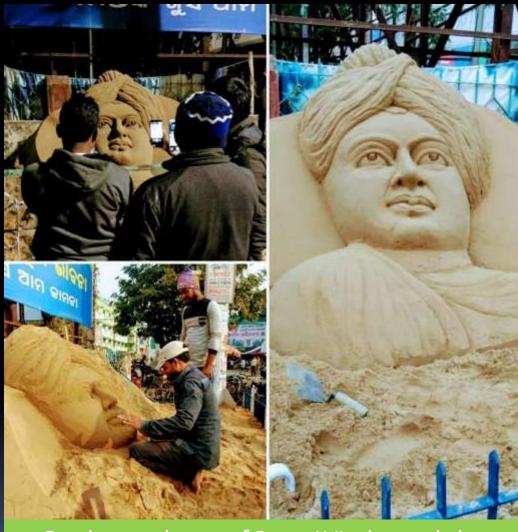


Felicitating ASHA worker Smt. Jamunamani Singh, Nilgiri

Tuna Behera is widely known for his craftsmanship in sand art. His art work has been acknowledged across the state. He stood 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Konark sand art festival.

Smt.Jamumani Singh, an ASHA worker from Tenda, Nilgiri has immensely contributed towards reducing the malaria cases. Her work featured in PM's 'Mann ki Baat' program.





Sand art sculpture of Swami Vivekananda by Tuna Behera

#### **JOB FAIR:**



Witnessing the difficulties faced by youths in availing jobs, BISWAS organised a job fair in collaboration with the Siddheswar College, Amarda, Balasore. We got 7 organisations from different fields. A proper training and orientation was given to all the applicants before applying for the job. The program was a first of its own kind organised by any NGO in Balasore district.



Total Applicants: 450

Total Recruited: 47

Post the recruitment process, those who could not qualify for the job were given feedback and training for a month.

## **SNAPSHOTS FROM JOB FAIR:**









# We at BISWAS are grateful to our advisors, collaborators and well wishers for their continuous support

- Late Rabi Narayan Das Sir, IAS (Retd). Former ED, Secretary to Govt. of India, Advisor to State Planning Board, Govt. of Odisha
- Late Managobinda Parida, Teacher (Retd.), Santia School Jaleswar
- Dr. Amulya Charan Lenka
- Fr. Jojo C.V, Former Director, Balasore Social Service, Former consultant to International Rice Research Institute
- Amit Behera, Director, NOCCI
- Balasore Social Service Society
- Balasore Citizen Forum
- NOCCI
- Balasore Alloys
- Sahayog
- Viroga Naturals
- District Administration
- Volunteers



# **Thank You**

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