

# Annual Report -2018-19



**Ruchika Social Service Organization**

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Ruchika Social Service Organization (Ruchika) is the brainchild of Late (Mrs.) Inderjit Khurana, an academic par excellence and a gallant philanthropist of Odisha. She started it in the year 1985 with a 'Sunday School' at the railway platform of Bhubaneswar. Her one and only objective was to educate the children wandering on and around the station. These children were begging, picking rags, empty water bottles and eating the left-over foods of passengers. Gradually the 'Sunday School' became regular non-formal education centre and got popular as '**Platform Schools**'. The innovative idea brought much recognition for Mrs. Khurana from all over the world.

Ruchika, following her footsteps, marching towards the goal of educating the slum children and reducing the rate of illiteracy from the society. It implements a number of innovative and unique projects in more than 100 slums of Bhubaneswar.

## **EDUCATION:**

For more than three decades Ruchika has been experiencing innovative and quality education for marginalized children. The objective is to transform the lives of these children to make them contributory members of the society.

- **Railway platform schools**

This initiative was started in 1985 for the children working in trains and living in and around the railway stations. The children are taught everyday for four hours with supplementary nutrition. Four Platform Schools are operating at Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri and Kendrapada Road and reached out to 112 children in contact with railways. The objective was to wean away the children from the hazards of the railway stations through education in a holistic approach.



- **Remedial Education Centers**

Government has made education compulsory for every child below the age of 14 years with enactment of 'Right to Education Act (RTE)'. But despite RTE and provisions of 'Mid-Day-Meal' (MDM), free books, uniforms, and development of school infrastructures, the dropout rate has not been checked. Engagement of children in household chores, wage earning occupations, lack of quality education in schools is some of the reasons of high rate of dropouts at primary and elementary levels.



To address the above problem, Ruchika initiated "Remedial Education" for the slum

children before and after school time to increase academic proficiency and to reduce dropout rate. Students of Primary classes are taught for 2 hours in morning and 2 hours in evening every day in the Remedial Education Centers. The proficiency is ensured by continuous competency tests. Forty (40) of these Centers are supported by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Fifteen (15) by Adoptions Centrum and Ten (10) by Reliance Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. In addition to provision of remedial education to low proficient children of slums, the parents are mobilized to send children to schools and ensure quality education in schools, schools teachers are sensitized to adopt all provisions of RTE Act and the adolescent girls are trained and empowered to take independent decisions. Friendship education, competency based studies, use of science to create interest of children in studies are some of the innovations of Ruchika which facilitate faster learning and creativity without any fear factor.

Sl. No.	Achievement for the year 2018-19	Total Number
1	No. of Remedial Centers	65
2	Total children covered	1799
3	Participation of slum people in Govt. School Management Committees (SMCs)	122
4	Numbers of slum intervened	65

- **Ruchika Play Schools**

The project is designed to give early childhood care & education to the slum children in the age group of 3-6 years of age who are deprived of going to private play schools. The children are provided with joyful early childhood education and are prepared to be enrolled in the formal schools at the right age. This year, 138 children enrolled in 10 Play Schools. Apart from joyful education, different competitions were organized to bring out the hidden talents of children. Regular Mothers and Basti Education Committee meetings were organized to make the slum people educated on safe and healthy environment.



- **OPEN SHELTER FOR CHILDREN**

A project of Govt. of Odisha, Open Shelter has been catering to the needs of children in need of care and protection e.g. children living on the streets, working in vulnerable occupations like begging, rag picking, orphaned, deserted, trafficked, run away etc. Rescued by



the outreach workers, Police and Childline they are provided with open shelter services with food, clothes, health services, bridge course education and counseling. Their families are traced and they are restored to their families with the order of Child Welfare Committee.

**Intervention through Open Shelter:**

No.	Services	Total
01	Received at Shelter home	743
02	Family restoration	561
03	Left without information	02
04	Hand-over to Police	46
05	Refer to other CCI	28
06	Refer to DCPO/ CWC	94

**CHILDLINE**

CHILDLINE (1098) is a national 24 hour toll free emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection which links them to long term rehabilitation. The CHILDLINE rescues the children in crisis and provides all necessary services like shelter, clothes, medical help, nutrition, counseling, education and restoration services to family. In order to prioritize and ensure rights of the children it works in collaboration with manyfold stakeholders like Police, hospital authorities, schools and other child protection mechanism like CWC, DCPU, SJPV, MSD etc.



This year CHILDLINE reached out to **1229** children. Details of the interventions are given below:

Sr. No.	Detail of Intervention	No. Of Children
01.	Medical Help	110
02.	Shelter	187
03.	Restoration	528
04.	Rescue from abuse	168
05.	Sponsorship	48
06.	Child Lost	02
07.	Parents asking for help	13
08.	Emotional Support & Guidance	173
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1229</b>

**CASE STUDY:**

Childline, Bhubaneswar got information about selling of a 4 year old girl child by her parents. Immediately CHILDLINE reached on the spot and rescued the girl. After inquiry it got to know that the father is a mentally unstable person and the mother is a daily laborer. Because of her meager income she is not able to treat her husband. To meet the cost of treatment of her husband she was trying to sell the girl child. She was staying in the hospital verandah at that time where her husband was admitted. CHILDLINE immediately reached at Capital Hospital and rescued the child. The buyer managed to escape. The child was produced before Addl. Child Welfare Committee, Bhubaneswar and by the order of CWC, the child is now residing at a Child Care Home and Sunita's husband is admitted in the hospital for his treatment.



**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT**

Inclusive Education Program was started on 2004 with the support of VZW Ruchika Thomas-Voor India, Belgium to address the need of slum children with disabilities. Owing to lack of knowledge, educational access and technology, children with disabilities used to be treated as unwanted and a liability to the family. In addition they suffered from social stigma and discrimination. Our continuous efforts and intense intervention a noticeable change has been brought about in the community. Mindset towards children with disabilities is gradually changing. Now many of these children are also attending the same schools as normal children.



<b>SERVICES PROVIDED</b>	<b>NOs</b>
Received physiotherapy	<b>68</b>
Mainstreamed in to normal school	<b>42</b>
Disable Certificate	<b>13</b>
Exposure visits organized	<b>02</b>
Included in Madhu Babu Pension scheme	<b>41</b>
Aids & appliances given to	<b>08</b>
Special Nutrition provided to	<b>21</b>
Community Awareness meetings organized	<b>62</b>
Aadhar Card provided to	<b>05</b>
Sad demise of	<b>04</b>

**CASE STUDY:**

V. Nageswar, aged about 15 years is the only son born to the poor parents who work as daily labourer. When he born, all the family members were very happy as a son came to the family. But their happiness disappeared when the child did not cry for some days after birth. He was in ICU for 12 days but no change in his condition. Parents are very poor and it is not possible for them to take him to the hospital regularly. When we came to know about Nageswar, we went to her parents and counselled them several times. Parents were convinced to take him to hospital. He was diagnosed as a Cerebral Palsy patient and doctor prescribed regular physiotherapy. But it was not possible for his parents to go to hospital every day. Eventually our Physiotherapist visited their home regularly and provides services. Our Health Worker attended him regularly and conducted follow up services. After two years of hard work, Nageswar is now able to stand by himself. We have also arranged Disable Certificate for him and Madhu Babu Pension Scheme. He has been admitted in the nearby government school and presently studying in Class-VIII. He is able to walk and play with other children and the parents are very happy.

**“SWACHCH SAMUDAI” Project at Choudwar Municipality, Cuttack**

Ruchika with the support of Practical Action has been implementing the project viz. “Swachh Samudai” (Healthy Community) Project in Choudwar municipality in Cuttack district in consultation with the Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha. The project intends to demonstrate sustainable models of water and sanitation system for small towns, strongly incorporating FSM techniques for on-site sanitation systems.



The overall purpose of this project is to improve the health condition of poor slum dwellers in Choudwar town by developing sustainable models for achieving improved access to effective water and sanitation services. It specifically seeks to: a) Improve access to safe drinking water, b) Improve sanitation service delivery and c) Safely manage faecal sludge. Furthermore, it seeks to: i) Demonstrate sustainable models in water and sanitation service delivery and (ii) Enhance capacity of the municipality and other state actors to deliver effective services in the area.



## **SMART Centre – Skill creates Opportunities**

This project was started with the support of Tech Mahindra Foundation in the year 2014 to eliminate unemployment through provision of skill development trainings through SMART Centres.

The selected marginalized unemployed youths are provided with four months training course on quality computer skills, Yuva English and skills for personality development which includes employment professionalism, team work, facing challenges in the jobs, setting up and meeting goals behavioral modulation necessary to deal with customers. After successful completion of the course the trainees are provided with placement services. During **2018-19**, total number of **227** students enrolled, out of which 185 completed the training. Total 130 trainees got placements in different corporate and retail sectors.



## **SPONSORSHIP FOR GIRL CHILDREN**

Due to poor socio-economic condition and family's inability to provide education materials, most of the bright girl students are dropped out of schools. Majority of them are good in education but forced to remain in house and help their mothers in household works. Ruchika started "Sponsorship program for slum girl's education" to address this problem in 2008. This year, 42 slum girls have been provided with education materials, school bags, shoes, umbrella etc. Parents are counseled to allow the girls to at least complete high school.



## **VOCATIONAL – SKILL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION**

Ruchika provides technical skill development training to poor unemployed youth in slums and assists them to be employed in dignified jobs or to setup their own independent enterprise. This year 105 youths (male and female) were enrolled, out of which 100 completed and 99 are placed in jobs or rehabilitated. Five trainees dropped out because of personal problems. After training they were provided with rehabilitation kits.



Sl. No	Course	Enrolled	Completed	Dropped out	Rehabilitated
1	Tailoring	75	70	5	70
2	Hotel Utility	20	20	--	20
3	Beauty Therapy	10	10	--	09
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>99</b>

**Swati is now a beauty therapist...**

Swati is a young girl in her 20s. She is from a very poor family. Both her parents passed away in a road accident. She is residing with her maternal uncle and was worried about her future and other siblings education. Being the eldest sister, Swati wanted to support her other siblings and was searching for a suitable job. She came to know about Ruchika's Beauty Therapy training and joined immediately. Her interest gave her success. She got placement in a well known Beauty Parlour in Bhubaneswar and receiving a salary of INR 7500/- per month. She is taking care of the family and her siblings who are studying in schools.



**“SCIENCE ON WHEELS” – an innovative idea to popularize science in slums**

Ruchika helps to instill scientific temper among school children especially those live in the slums. Education, health and hygiene issues are prime concerns for these underprivileged children. The daily application of science like the use of clean drinking water, knowledge to prevent contagious disease, cleaning of hands, taking cheaply available nutritious food, the knowhow of various agricultural practices to increase crop production including organic farming etc. are disseminated to the future generation. Presently we are running a bus full of scientific models called “Science on Wheels” – a mobile science centre for slum children. Everyday this is reaching to the slum children with knowledge, skill and idea on improved technology which they can use in their everyday life.



**SHELTER FOR URBAN HOMELESS (SUH) AT PARADEEP**

Ruchika Social Service Organization is running a Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) in Atharabanki at Paradeep City with the help of Paradeep Municipality since July 2018. The urban homeless persons contribute to the economy of the cities and thus the nation as cheap labour in the informal sector, yet they live with no shelter or



social security protection. They survive with many challenges like no access to elementary public services such as health, education, food, water and sanitation. The SUH caters to 25 persons. It is situated in a central place and people from nearby districts and cities who are coming to Paradeep in search of work and livelihood are taking shelter here at night.

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> INDERJIT KHURANA NATIONAL AWARD-2018**

The Inderjit Khurana National Award was instituted in the year 2015 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, the founder Secretary of Ruchika Social Service Organization. Mrs. Khurana was a pioneer in the field of social work and dedicated her entire life for the service of underprivileged children. This year, an NGO called “**ASHRAYA-The Shelter**”, Cuttack, Odisha received the national Award on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in a glittering ceremony at IDCOL Auditorium, Bhubaneswar. The award constitutes prize money of One Lakh Rupees cash and a citation. **Shri D. N. Padhi, IAS**, Former Chief Information Commissioner, Odisha graced the occasion as Chief Guest and **Ms. Urlika Oberg**, Program Manager, Adoptions Centrum, Sweden as Guest of honour.



### **❖ Ruchika tries to build public trust by enhancing its accountability and transparency**

All the money contributed to the organization is well spent and accounted for. The organization only works as the custodian of public funds, and is therefore totally accountable to the wider public for the efficient use of these funds.

### **LEGAL STATUS**

#### **REGISTERED UNDER**

- 1. Societies Registration Act of 1860**
- 2. Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. Of 1976**
- 3. Income Tax Act. 1961 U/s 12 (AA) & 80 (G)**
- 4. Niti Aayoga, Govt. of India**
- 5. Juvenile Justice Act. 2015**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS**

<b>SI No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
01	Mr. Bhabani Charan Pattanayak	Ex-M.P. (Rajya Sabha) & Freedom Fighter	<b>President</b>
02	Ms. Saveeta Mohanty	H.R. Consultant	<b>Vice-President</b>
03	Prof. (Dr.) Narayan Rao	Former Registrar of Brahmapur University	<b>Secretary</b>
04	Mr. R. P. Dwivedy	Social Worker	<b>Member</b>
05	Dr. Benudhar Senapati	Social Worker	<b>Member</b>
06	Mr. Uma Shankar Sarangi	Former Administrator, Govt. of Odisha	<b>Member</b>
07	Ms. Farhat Ahmad	Former Principal, Ruchika High School	<b>Member</b>

**GENERAL BODY MEMBERS**

<b>SI No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
01	Mr. Gouranga Ch. Tripathy	Retired District Judge
02	Mr. Balbir Singh Bhasin	Management Consultant
03	Ms. Praveen Nair	Social Activist
04	Ms. Ritu Khurana (USA)	Social Activist
05	Mr. H. K. Sahu	Social Worker

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:**

1	Padmashree Dr. D. P. Pattanaik	Educationist
2	Ms. Vimaljit Dua	Ex-Principal, Ruchika Preschool
3	Ms. Jaggi Mangat Panda	Industrialist
4	Dr. Herman Koppers	President, Vzw. Ruchika Tomas-Voor India, Belgium
5	Mr. Rajeswar Hota	Advocate, C.B.I. Court
6	Mr. Anil Kumar Pattanaik	Former District Judge
7	Prof.(Dr) Falguni Ray	Former Professor, SCB Medical College
8	Dr. S. N. Senapati	Oncologist
9	Dr. R. N. Ray	President, National Children's Science Congress

**HONORARIUM STRUCTURE**

<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>No</b>
< Rs.5,000/-	80
Rs.5001 -10000/-	34
Rs.10001 - 20000/-	06
> Rs. 20000/-	05
Lowest honorarium	2,500/- (Part time)
Highest honorarium	49,000/-
Total Staff = 125 Male - 43, Female - 82	

**Secretary works on an honorary basis**

**BANKER/ STATUTORY ADVISOR**

FCRA Banking :	State Bank of India , Main Branch, Bhubaneswar
National Banking :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SBI, Old Town Branch, Bhubaneswar</li><li>• H.D.F.C. Bank, Main Branch, Bhubaneswar</li><li>• Axis Bank, Samantarapur Branch, Bhubaneswar</li><li>• ICICI Bank, Vivekananda Marg, Bhubaneswar</li><li>• YES Bank, Bapuji Bhubaneswar</li></ul>
Chartered Accountants :	G.N.S. Associates, Bhubaneswar

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET As On 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Previous year (2017-18)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Current year (2018-19)</b>	<b>%</b>
Fixed Asset	1,16,29,717.79	21.80	1,07,83,887.57	21.24
Loans disbursed	21,12,911.31	3.78	10,65,501.31	2.09
Deposit and advances	3,01,43,929.00	53.91	3,38,74,743.91	66.73
Current asset	1,20,31,092.72	21.52	50,37,533.87	9.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,59,17,653.82</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,07,61,666.66</b>	<b>100%</b>
Liabilities				
Corpus/ Endowment	4,60,42,448.21	82.34	4,85,24,018.66	95.59
Current liabilities	98,75,205.61	17.66	22,37,648.00	4.40

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,59,17,653.82</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50761666.66</b>	<b>100%</b>
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**ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE As On 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2019**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Previous year (2017-18)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Current year (2018-19)</b>	<b>%</b>
Self generated income	3,76,107.25	1.32	4,44,923.00	1.44
Receive from national sources	97,35,148.06	34.10	89,97,376.29	29.19
Receive from international sources	1,36,37,132.87	47.77	1,75,43,257.27	56.91
Others	33,26,719.66	11.65	27,85,905.50	9.04
Excess of expenditure over income	14,70,744.68	5.15	10,53,123.18	3.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,85,45,852.52</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,08,24,585.24</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Education	79,33,246.72	27.79	7764715.29	25.19
Health, water, & sanitation	1,23,87,471.00	43.39	1,67,55,431.00	54.35
Nutrition	15,81,387.00	5.54	30,32,645.00	9.83
Depreciation	11,85,674.50	4.15	9,84,830.22	3.19
Others	54,58,073.30	19.12	22,86,963.73	7.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,85,45,852.52</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,08,24,585.24</b>	<b>100%</b>

**DONATION:**

Ruchika receives donation in cash and kind from local well wishers and overseas donors. We also receive donations in kind and services.

1. Mr. Gouranga Charan Tripathy
2. Mr. Sachitra Kumar Patra
3. Mr. Debabrata Mohapatra
4. Dr. Subhrajeet Narayan Sahoo
5. Ms. Rajashree Biswal
6. Ms. Kalpana Panda
7. Ms. Subasini Sahoo
8. Ms. Archana Mishra

We sincerely thank our support agencies, individual well wishers for their compassionate and timely contribution to help the children.

**OUR PARTNERS:**

			
			
			
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## VISION AND MISSION

To build a child-friendly society where a child is considered as the greatest asset of mankind, where all the human rights would be ensured for each child and where all children get the best possible environment in which they can grow without any obstruction or impediment.



## PURPOSE

**Advance opportunities for underprivileged children and youth through education, skills and other services to**

- i. create a society free of child labour, destitution, exploitation, abandonment, inequality and discrimination,
- ii. equip children with the knowledge and skills necessary to become active participants and positive contributors to their communities and
- iii. Provide all children with a joyful and creative school atmosphere that incorporates the education and skills relevant to a meaningful and dignified existence.

“Every child is important to me irrespective of their economic & social milieu. They are the future. Education for me is the only catalyst which will lead to upward socio-economic mobility. --- Inderjit Khurana