

ANNUAL REPORT (2013-2014)

The Odisha State Council for Child Welfare was established in the year 1959 under the provisions of the Society Registration Act, 1860. It is affiliated to the Indian Council for Child Welfare. In 1992, its bye laws were amended. At the district level, the District Councils for Child Welfare are supporting the State Council's programmes.

In its early years the State Council was the only organization working for the cause of the children with patronage from Hon'ble Governor, Odisha. He continues to be its Chief Patron. Hon'ble Chief Minister is the Vice Chief Patron and Hon'ble Minister, W&CD is the Patron of the organization.

The State Council plays a supportive role to the efforts of the State and the Central Governments in implementing various programmes for the Welfare of the children. The State Council has implemented several programmes during the year which are narrated in this report in brief.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES (Extracts from OSCCW (Amendment) Rule 1996)

- 1) To undertake welfare work for children, adolescents and expected and nourishing mothers without any discrimination.
- 2) To arrange proper education of children for their moral, spiritual, cultural and social development.
- 3) To encourage aesthetic appreciation, artistic taste, constructive imagination and creativity amongst the children.
- 4) To initiate, undertake and promote either directly or indirectly various schemes and projects for furtherance of Child Welfare.
- 5) To organize and maintain institutions for rehabilitation of orphan, abandoned and destitute children and for training of child welfare workers, volunteers and organizers.
- 6) To publish and propagate the literature relating to child welfare.
- 7) To co-operate and/or collaborate with national and international having similar objectives and to depute or receive representatives to and from such organization.
- 8) To co-operate with other agencies, both governmental and non-governmental in the organization and administration of schemes and funds for furtherance of child welfare.
- 9) To fulfill the objectives and implement the policies and programmes of the Indian Council for Child Welfare.

FUNCTION (Extracts from OSCCW (Amendment) Rule 1996)

For fulfillment of the main objectives specified herein before, the State Council can:

- i) Hold and acquire land, building and other movable properties.
- ii) Acquire, maintain and develop all places of interest for the purpose of child welfare.
- iii) Receive grants, donations, fees, subscriptions and to manage and administer the funds or the society.
- iv) Manage otherwise dispose of or deal with property of any kind, which may be at the disposal of society.
- v) Enter into agreements, contracts and such other arrangements in connection with and for the purpose of the society.
- vi) Raise and acquire funds and other assets for and on behalf of the society.
- vii) Create and establish trusts and special funds for child welfare.
- viii) Maintain the Utkal Balashrams as home for the orphan, destitute and abandoned children.
- ix) Implement the plans and programmes that may be funded by Indian Council for Child Welfare.
- x) Do all such thing for fulfillment of the objects of the United Nations' declaration of the rights of child.

PROGRAMMES

A. UTKAL BALASHRAMS :

There are six (6) nos. of Balashrams managed and supervised by the State Council with the support from the State Government in W&CD Department. During the financial year 2013-14 the grants of **Rs. 82,51,760.00** have been released by W&CD Department for six (6) Balashrams. During the year, the Member Secretary, OSCCW visited the Utkal Balashram Sakhas, Cuttack, Jajpur, Puri and Balasore. During the time of his visit to the Balashram Puri, a meeting of its Governing Body was held under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary. DSWO, Puri and Superintendent of Utkal Balashram, Puri attended the meeting. State Council donated one Automatic Washing Machine to Puri branch of Utkal Balashram. OSCCW has also provided 25% matching grant to all the Utkal Balashrams for purchase of computers supplied under ICPS. All the Six Balashrams have been declared as Children's Home under Juvenile Justice Act-2000 by the Department of Women and Child Development. The number of inmates in each Balashram is as follows:-

Name of Balashram	Strength of inmates in the Parent Unit	Strength of inmates in Destitute Home	Total nos. of Inmates in the Balashram
Balasore	50	160	210
Jajpur	28	45	73
Berhampur	75	50	125
Cuttack	40	91	131
Puri	100	--	100
Nawarangpur	69	--	69
Total	362	346	708



Children of Utkal Balashram receiving prize for cultural activities in the district level function at Puri.

B. DEEMED ORPHAN

Government of Odisha in W&CD Department vide its notification No. 11-CW-22/2005/16577/WCD/dt. 04.08.2005 has declared Odisha State Council for Child welfare as the “Nodal Agency” of the scheme for maintenance of the children (0 to 6 years) termed as Deemed Orphans who are staying with their mothers in Swadhar Homes, Short Stay Homes, Central Homes for women. The scheme provides a sum of Rs.250/- per child per month towards maintenance of the child. For the year 2013-14 maintenance grant for Rs.**2,62,757/-** was sanctioned by the Government in favour of 7 NGOs for maintenance of 105 number of children.

C. ANGANWADI WORKERS TRAINING CENTRES (AWTCs).

Management of 8nos of AWTCs has been entrusted to the Odisha Council for Child Welfare by the State Government in which **5316** nos. of Anganwadi Workers trained during the year **2013-14**. AWTC wise and Course wise details are given below:-

No. of Courses Organised.

Name of the AWTC.	No. of Job Courses Conducted	No. of AWW Trained	No. of Refresher Courses Conducted	No. of AWW Trained	Total no. of AWW Trained.
Bhubaneswar	6	204	14	477	681
Baripada-I	7	220	12	454	674
Baripada-II	6	197	13	487	684
Baripada-III	7	225	12	437	662
Berhampur	6	207	12	458	665
Dhenkanal	7	212	12	401	613
Koraput	7	237	12	441	678
Ambaguda	7	235	12	424	659
Total	53	1737	99	3579	5316

During the year 2013-14, grant to the tune of **Rs. 2,49,75,837/-** has been sanctioned by the Government in W&CD Dept. to meet the staff salary and training expenditure.

Besides the above during this year grant to the tune of **Rs.11.45 lakh** has been sanctioned by the State Government for strengthening of AWTC running under Odisha State Council for Child Welfare. In this grant State Council procured LCD Projector, Computer, and Printer and supplied to all AWTCs.

Procurement of table and chair and other accessories was done by the AWTC, cost of which has been reimbursed by the State Council. Two photo copier machines were also purchased out of which one was distributed to AWTC Baripada and another to AWTC Koraput.

Rs.16,59,05400/- crores has been sanctioned for the purpose of renovation or construction of Buildings of 7 Anganwadi Workers Training Centres. Steps are being taken for preparation of plan and estimate of the proposed building. Money has already been placed with the concerned Collector for construction of buildings.

Anganwadi Training Centres are also organizing different programmes such as Balmela, Breast feeding day etc.



Observation of Nutrition Day by the AWTC.



Demonstration class by using paper mask.



Demonstration regarding prohibition of liquor through role play.



Teaching through campaign method.

D. RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CRECHE CENTRES :

Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi has sanctioned 74 Creche centres to State Council. During the year 63 centres were functioning through its DCCE in 11 districts of the state with the grant-in-aid from ICCW, New Delhi under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the children.

Sl.No.	Name of the District	No. of centres allotted
01	Cuttack	12
02	Jagatsinghpur	02
03	Jajpur	10
04	Kendrapara	04
05	Puri	02
06	Khurda	10
07	Nayagarh	02
08	Dhenkanal	02
09	Balasore	01
10	Sambalpur	08
11	Koraput	10



Children in the Creche Centres.

E. NATIONAL AND STATE BRAVERY AWARD FOR CHILDREN

Every year, the National Bravery Award is conferred by the Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi to brave children between the ages of 6 to 18 years for their outstanding courage. The scheme along with application form has been circulated to all the District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, DSWOs and DCPOs to get recommendation for more cases of bravery. During the year no fit case was received for consideration. The State Council also felicitates the children under State Bravery Award scheme from among children who are not considered for Bravery Award at the national level.

F. ADOPTION

Adoption is a process that involves several institution and individuals. One of such institution is OSCCW, which has been declared as Scrutiny Agency as per judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and as affiliated to Indian Council for Child Welfare as the State Branch. Adoptive parents choose the child from the institutions and in the process of adoption submit the required documents, for scrutiny by the Courts. Such papers relating to adoption are sent by judicial authorities to the designated institution i.e. OSCCW for scrutiny.

Since the OSCCW has been rendering services for the cause of the children in need of care and protection and has developed expertise and experience over the years, it scrutinizes the documents relating to adoption through an expert committee. The committee clears the cases and then formulates its recommendations. These are sent to the designated courts. On the basis of which adoption cases are finalized.

During the calendar year Scrutiny Committee clears the cases of different CCIs as follows.

Sl.No.	Name of the CCI	Incountry	Intercountry
01.	Anatha Parityakta Balashram	4	
02.	Banabasi Seva Samiti, Baliguda	6	
03.	Basundhara	8	
04.	Lutheram Mahila Samiti, Kendrapada	1	
05.	Missionaries of Charity, Rourkela	31	
06.	Missionaries of Charity, BBSR	44	
07.	Maharshi Dayananda Service Mission, Dhenkanal	5	
08.	Manoj Manjari Sishu Sadan, Keonjhar		1
09.	Nilachal Seva Pratistan, Kanas, puri	3	
10.	Pallishari Mahila Samiti, Korua	10	
11.	Subhadra Mohatab Seva Sadan, Bhubaneswar	24	
12.	Self-Realisation Mission,Keonjhar	9	
Total		155	1

During the calendar year 2013, Scrutiny Committee cleared **155** in country and 1 in-country adoption cases as referred to it by different court for scrutiny.

G. ADOPTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME

On the occasion of “National Adoption Awareness Week Celebration”, a meeting was organized on 24.11.2013 by Odisha State Council for Child Welfare in the campus of OSSCW, Bhubaneswar. The Awareness Programme was aimed at making the people in general and adoptive parents in particular aware on the needs and benefits of adoption. The adoptive parents who came from different places were felicitated. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary, W&CD Department was the chief guest in the occasion. The representative of SAA and RIPA were present on this occasion.



Inaguration by Commissioner-cum-Secretary, W&CD Department.



An emotional moment between mother and Child



Felicitation of Adoptive Parents by Member Secretary



Guests and Dignitaries

H. SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME:

With the support of Indian Council for Child Welfare, meritorious students whose family's monthly income is Rs.5000/- or less are getting sponsorship assistance. The sponsorship assistance received from ICCW has been disbursed to the concerned students.

I. PAINTING COMPETITION

State Level Painting Competition 2013 among the School Children as per guideline of ICCW, New Delhi was organized by Odisha State Council for child Welfare on 06.10.2013 at O.A.S Officers Association Building, Bhubaneswar. The main aim of organizing this Competition was to give opportunity to the children to show their talent at the National Level and derive further inspiration. This year 420 children participated in the competition with lots of interest. The State Council had sent 28 numbers of Paintings from selected five group including disabled and special category of children for selection at National Level.

It is a matter of great pride that **Ms. Rasmi Rekha Samal** (Yellow Group, Speech/ Hearing impaired) and **Master Nihar Ranjan Sahoo** (Red Group, mentally Challenged) have been selected with consolation prize and 1st prize respectively in the National Level Selection.

State Council Awarded trophies and certificates to all selected participants in each group who excelled in the Painting Competition- 2013 during adoption awareness week celebration on 24.11.2013 at OSCCW office premises. 28 award winning children received prizes and certificates.



Large number of children and Specially abled children participating in the National Painting Competition-2013



Beautiful painting by a specially abled child



A Child participant receiving Award from Guest

J. LIFE MEMBER MEETING

A meeting of the life members of the Odisha State Council for Child Welfare was organized on 28.05.2013 at Red Cross Bhawan Conference Hall, Bhubaneswar. All the life members of OSCCW were invited to attend the programme on scheduled date. The Programme was inaugurated by the Member Secretary, OSCCW. The Member Secretary elaborated the functions of OSCCW and activities of OSCCW.

Life Members placed useful suggestions to be adopted for strengthening of activities of OSCCW.



Meeting of Life Members of Odisha State Council for Child Welfare.

K. ONE DAY SEMINAR ON ALTERNATIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN

One day state consultation on “Revisiting Child Protection through diverse institutionalization approaches strengthening alternative care approaches for children” was organized by Odisha State Council for Child Welfare in collaboration with Coalition on Children’s Right to Protection (CCRP) and allied partner “Basundhara” on 10.05.2013 at Red Cross Bhavan, Bhubaneswar. Different child care institutions, representatives of six Utkal Balshram, RIPA and SAA attended the programme. Around 120 representative of the aforesaid institutions participated in the programme. Smt. Saraswati Hembram, Chairperson, OSCPCR, Smt. Arti Ahuja, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, W & CD Dept. Dr. Jaganath Pati, Joint Director, CARA & representative of CRY were invited as guest. The main focus of the programme was to identify various issues related to

- Child Protection
- Juvenile Justice Act and Integrated Child Protection Scheme
- Different forms of social rehabilitation and re-integration of children.
- Diverse institutional approaches – issues, challenges, initiative and way forward.

L. DONATIONS

A retired government employee Sri Rankabandhu Behera's continuous donation since 1992 to till date from his paltry pension starting from Rs.20/- per month to Rs.4000/- per month now for the orphan inmates of Utkal Balashram managed by Odisha State Council for Child Welfare is a praiseworthy and unmatched feat. Member Secretary Sri L.N. Nayak called on Mr. R.B. Behera at his residence to congratulate him for his rare gesture.

Shree Gopal Memorial Trust, Cuttack donated Rs. 1 lakh to Utkal Balashram, Cuttack in memory of the late father of Justice Shri Ananga Kumar Patnaik, Supreme Court of India. In a simple function organized for this purpose on 16.03.2014 in the premises of Utkal Balashram, the cheque was received by the Member Secretary in the presence of Hon'ble Justice . Shri A.K. Patnaik and Shri Girish S.N., Collector , Cuttack.



Shree Gopal Memorial Memorial Trust donating for Utkal Balashram of Cuttack



A courtesy meet with Shri Rankabandhu Behera by Member Secretary.

M. BAL BHAWAN:

A piece of land measuring A 1.412 decimal was allotted in favour of ODISHA State Council for Child Welfare for the purpose of construction of Bal Bhawan by G.A. Dept. This allotment of land has now been cancelled by the G.A. Dept. No substitute land has been made available in favour of Odisha State Council for Child Welfare so far. G.A. Dept. has been requested to consider the matter sympathetically and to take early steps for providing substitute land immediately.

N. LIFE MEMBER OF OSCCW:

Till date total number of life members of the Odisha State Council for Child Welfare is 184.

O. PLAN OF ACTION:

- a. Painting Competition to be extended to all districts.
- b. Creche Worker's Training Programme.
- c. Adoption Awareness Week.
- d. Enrollment of new children for sponsorship programme.

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