

ANNUAL REPORT (2015-2016)

A plethora of legislations have been made to protect “the best interest of the child” and the civil society is also keen to save the child from any agony. The magnanimous creation of the Nobel laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore “where the mind is without fear” calls upon the society to provide the child with a “Heaven of freedom. The Odisha State Council for Child Welfare (OSCCW) is marching ahead with this mission since its inception in the year 1959. Registered under the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860, it is affiliated to the Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi. In 1996 its bye laws were last amended.

The activities of OSCCW is governed by the Odisha State Council for Child Welfare (Amendment) Rules, 1996. The Hon’ble Governor of Odisha is its Chief Patron and Hon’ble Chief Minister is the Vice Chief Patron. It is functioning under the aegis of Women & Child Development Department with Hon’ble Minister, Women & Child Development is its Chairperson and Commissioner-cum-Secretary of the Department as its Member Director.

The District Councils for Child Welfare at the district level are implementing various projects and programmes of the Govt. of Odisha as well as Govt. of India for the State Council. In its early years the State Council was the only organization working for the cause 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 of 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) Balashrams managed and supervised by the State Council with the support from the State Government in W&CD Department. During the financial year 2015-16 the grants of 2,00,35,725 have been released by W&CD Department for six (6) Balashrams through OSCPS for their Maintenance and non-recurring expenditure. During the year, the Member Secretary, OSCCW visited the all the six Utkal Balashram Sakhas several times and attended meetings of Balashram.

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	Total nos. of Inmates in the Balashram
Balasore	209
Jajpur	65
Berhampur	125
Cuttack	128
Puri	93
Nawarangpur	53
Total	673

Computer Aided Maths Learning :At Utkal Balashram (Child care institute) Cuttack, Nabarangpur and Balasore branch computer aided Mathematics and spoken English learning centre started functioning. Children will learn these two subjects which can be monitored on real time basis.



Computer aided learning system

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 2015-16 maintenance grant for Rs.3,60,000/- was sanctioned by the Government. During the year grant of Rs.2,81,890 has been released to 7NGOs for maintenance of 131 nos. children.

C. ANGANWADI WORKERS TRAINING CENTRES (AWTCs).

Management of eight (8) AWTCs has been entrusted to the Odisha Council for Child Welfare by the State Government in which nearly 5000 Anganwadi Workers were trained during the year 2014-15. 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	4	135	30	1015	1150
Baripada-I	4	126	28	1055	1181
Baripada-II	4	128	28	1061	1089
Baripada-III	4	131	26	936	1067
Berhampur	4	138	28	1046	1184
Dhenkanal	4	132	26	839	971
Koraput	4	138	26	938	1076
Ambaguda	4	134	25	832	966
Total	32	1062	217	7722	8684

During the year 2015-16, grant to the tune of **Rs. 3,02,06,653/-** has been sanctioned and released by the Government in W&CD Dept. to meet the staff salary and course grant up to March,2016.

Besides the above, grant to the tune of **Rs.22,59,840/-** has been sanctioned by the State Government during this year for development of infrastructure of AWTCs being managed by Odisha State Council for Child Welfare.

Grant to the tune of **Rs.16,59,05400/-** crores has been sanctioned for the purpose of new construction and renovation of buildings of 7 Anganwadi Workers' Training Centres. Construction work for AWTC, Dhenkanal has already completed. The training Centre Dhenkanal is functioning in the new premises. Construction work for the building of AWTC -Ambaguda and AWTC- Berhampur is in progress. Renovation work of the building at AWTC Unit-I, Unit-II and Unit-III, Baripada has already started and not completed.

Periodical meeting of all Principals were held on 08.07.2015, & 02.03.2016 during the year to discuss various issues relating to AWTC.

D. RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CRECHE CENTRES :

During the year 6 creche centers were functioning through its DCCW in 3 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	04
02	Jajpur	01
03	Dhenkanal	01

E. NATIONAL AND STATE BRAVERY AWARD FOR CHILDREN

Every year, the National Bravery Award is awarded 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 State Council also felicitates the children under State Bravery Award Scheme.

This year Master Abhinash Mishra of village Dhirapur under Nimapara block ,district Puri received National Bravery Award-2015 for his act of Bravery. Due to his courage and presence of mind he was able to save another boy from the deep water from river “The Kushabhadra”.

On return from New Delhi after receiving National Bravery Award, Master Abinash Mishra was felicitated by Odisha State Council for Child Welfare, Hon’ble Governor of Odisha, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Hon’ble Minister, Women & Child Development, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, W.&C.D. department.



F. ADOPTION

OSCCW was declared as Scrutiny Agency of adoptions per judgment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and as affiliated to Indian Council for Child Welfare as the State Branch. During this year 51 cases were scrutinized and recommended for adoption till 08.06.2016. After which State Council is not working as Scrutiny Agency.

G. 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. Presently 19 students are getting sponsorship assistance from ICCW. Out of the 19 students 02 students (National Painting Competition Awardees) have received assistance for the F.Y. 2012-13 and other 17 students(Economical Backward) have received assistance for the F.Y. 2013-14. The sponsorship assistance for the year 2014-15 & 2015-16 has not received from the ICCW further disbursement to the students.

H. PAINTING COMPETITION

State level Painting Competition-2015 was organised by the Odisha State Council for Child Welfare on 04-10-2015 at Bhubaneswar and different district Headquarters, i.e. Cuttack, Puri, Balasore, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Koraput, Nawarangpur, Berhampur and Baripada. The aim of the competition is to enable the children to show their talent at the national level. Total 964 participants participated in the state and district level painting competition.



I. ONE DAY SEMINAR ON ALTERNATIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN

One day state level consultation on children protection was organised by Odisha State Council for Child Welfare in collaboration with Coalition on Children's Right to Protection and allied partner Basundhara on 26-5-2015 at 10:30 A.M. at Red Cross Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. Different child care institutions, representatives of six UtkalBalashram, RIPA and SAA attended the programme. Member Secretary, OSCCW presided over the meeting. Around 120 representative of the aforesaid institution participated. The main focus of the programme was to identify various issues related to :-

- Child Protection
- Drifting away from institution and alternative approaches (Non-institutional care) in the frame work of Juvenile Justice and ICPS.

J. One Day State Level TOT Programme on Early Childhood Intervention

A state level training of trainers programme on Early Childhood Intervention for trainers of AWTC and ICDS functionaries was organised on 14-10-2015 at PanthaNivas, Bhubaneswar by Odisha State Council for Child Welfare in collaboration with Department of Social Justice and Empowerment of the Persons with Disabilities, Bhubaneswar and supported by UNICEF. The main objective of this training programme was to build a group of trainers of AWTC and ICDS functionaries about early childhood intervention i.e. early detection, early treatment, early referral and early management of disability in child. Srj. BibhutiBhusanPattnaik, Addl. Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment of the persons with disabilities, Ms. Yumi Bae, Chief of UNICEF, Odisha, Dr.Kavita V. Jangam, Asst. Professor, NIMHANS graced the occasion as guest of honour. Srj. Laxmi Narayan Nayak, Member Secretary presided over the training programme.



Like state level, district level training programmes were also organised for ICDS functionaries of five districts like Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal, Khorda, Ganjam and Koraput. Altogether 319 district level functionaries like CDPOs and Supervisors were trained. The district wise break up of which is given below.

Sl. No.	Name of the district	Date of Programme	No. of personnel trained
01	Dhenkanal	18.12.2015	35
02	Ganjam	30.12.2015	35
03	Khordha	16.10.2015	36
04	Koraput	17.11.2015	35
		21.11.2015	59
05	Mayurbhanj	16.11.2015	35
		17.11.2015	35
		18.11.2015	46
Total			319

All the programmes were made successful with the active cooperation of the district level officers.

K. DONATIONS

The donations to the State Council are exempted from Income Tax under IT act 80G. Like previous year this year Shree Gopal Memorial Trust, Cuttack donated Rs. 1 lakh to Utkal Balashram, Cuttack.

L. LIFE MEMBER OF OSCCW:

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

M. PLAN OF ACTION:

- a. Painting Competition to be organized in 30 districts.
- b. Adoption awareness Programme.

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