

DARBAR SAHITYA SANSADA

2024-2025

ANNUAL REPORT

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Odisha

About DSS

The history of Darbar Sahitya Sansada (DSS) traces back to the early 1990s, rooted in the experiences of a group of teenage boys who gathered at a rural library in Nischintapur village, Odisha. There, they immersed themselves in books and magazines, engaging in lively discussions about literature and its potential to inspire change. However, their focus shifted when two consecutive floods ravaged the region in 1980 and 1982, leaving devastation in their wake. Unable to stand idly by, these young individuals stepped up, assisting government efforts to evacuate residents and distribute relief supplies. This initial foray into social work ignited a collective resolve to create a unified platform—a society—that would empower them to channel their energy into youth-led initiatives and community development.

In 1982, this vision took shape with the founding of Darbar Sahitya Sansada (DSS), meaning "People's Court for Social Justice." Established by these passionate, literary-minded youths, DSS emerged as a dynamic organization committed to promoting social good and harnessing the potential of young people in Nischintapur. What began as a response to crisis has since grown into a lasting legacy of service and empowerment.

Vision

DSS envisions self-sufficient and self-managed villages in Odisha where individuals live in peace and harmony, free from discrimination and injustice, upholding self-dignity and community well-being.

Mission

DSS works to empower marginalized communities by building their confidence and capacity for socio-economic and political development. The organization focuses on geographically vulnerable communities and socially disadvantaged groups, including women, adolescent girls and boys, Scheduled Castes, artisans, landless and migrant laborers, and marginal farmers.

Area of Operation

DSS operates across 300 villages in 9 districts of Odisha: Puri, Khurda, Balasore, Kandhamal, Dhenkanal, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Jajpur, and Kendrapara.

Legal Status

Registered under the **" Societies Registration Act of 1860 "- No – 719 1279 of 1984 – 85**
Registered under **"Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 1976**, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India – **No – 105020062**
It is also registered under **section 12 (A) and 80 G of Income Tax Act of 1961**
It is registered under **NITI Ayog Unique ID – OR/2016/0103762**
It is registered with Guide Star India – **GSN 9040**
It is Gold rated by CPA services

Board Members

Sl. No	Name	Occupation	Designation
1	Dr Adwaitakumar Patra	Agriculture Consultant	President
2	Subash Chandra Nayak	Advocate	Vice-President
3	Kedareswar Chaudhury	Development Social Worker	Secretary
4	Rajanikant Mohanty	Development Social Worker	Asst.Secretary
5	Dr. (Ms)Srita Bhol	Educationist and Craft Professional	Member
6	Mohan kumar Baliarsingh	Development Consultant	Member
7	Smt. Menaka Pradhan	Women Development Activist	Member
8	Smt. Laxmipriya Sahoo	Women Development Activist	Member
9	Dr (Ms) Anusuya Dash	Asst.Proffesor/Physician	Member
10	Ritanjali Bhoi	Women Development Activist	Member
11	Labangalata Mallick	Women Development Activist	Member



Activities during the Year 2024-2025

In the year 2024–2025, DSS pursued its mission to foster sustainable development and empower marginalized communities under the guiding theme “Empowering Communities for Resilience and Prosperity.” With the support of dedicated partners, DSS implemented a range of transformative programs across Odisha, focusing on sustainable agriculture, livestock development, women’s empowerment, skill development, and sustainable livelihoods. These initiatives targeted marginalized groups, particularly women, tribal communities, and youth, to build resilience and economic opportunities. Below is a narrative overview of the key programs, organized by thematic areas.





1. Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihoods

1.1 Programme Strengthening Initiative

> ***DSS's Dasra-funded Programme Strengthening empowered 100 women in Khordha and Puri to adopt organic farming through training and exposure visits, enhancing sustainability and DSS's operational capacity.***

In the lush fields of Khordha and Puri districts, DSS empowered 100 women vegetable growers through the Programme Strengthening initiative, funded by Dasra. From April 2024 to March 2025, women in Balipatna, Balianta, and Nimapara blocks participated in hands-on training and exposure visits to successful









organic farming models. These activities sparked a shift toward organic farming practices, enhancing sustainable agriculture. The program also strengthened DSS's operational capacity through strategic planning and staff recruitment, ensuring long-term impact. By the end, all 100 women adopted organic methods, cultivating not only crops but also hope for a greener future.

1.2 Agriculture Management Service

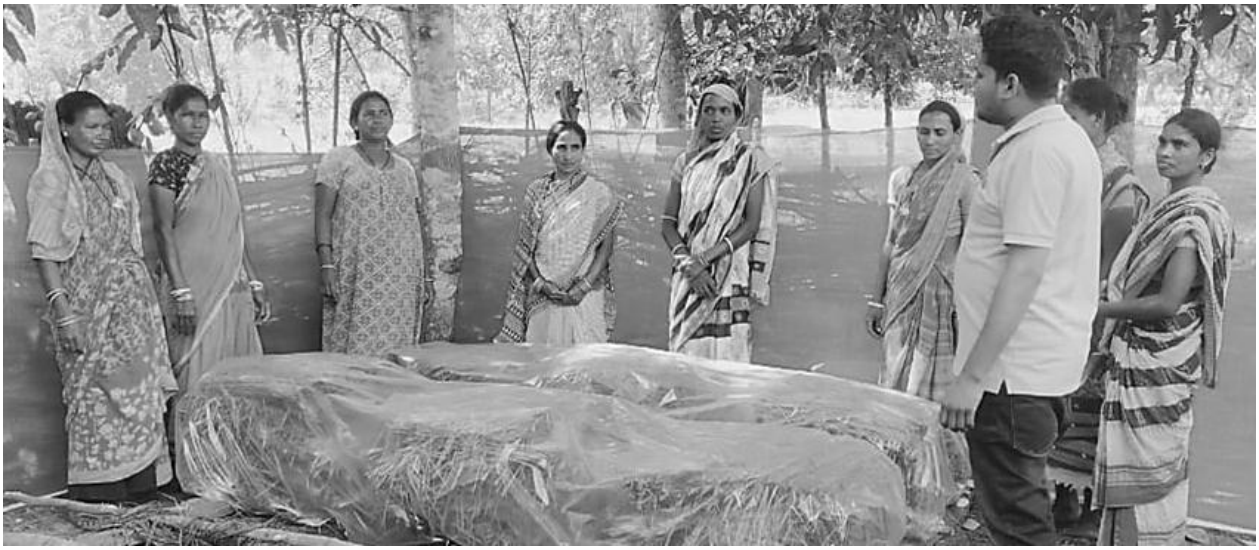
Shivia's Agriculture Management Service empowered 400 tribal women in Dhenkanal's Kankadahada block with vegetable seeds, commercial farming, and SRI training, boosting incomes for 200 and equipping all with sustainable farming skills.



In Dhenkanal district's Kankadahada block, the Agriculture Management Service, supported by Shivia, transformed the lives of 400 tribal women across 37 villages. From April 2024 to March 2025, DSS distributed vegetable seeds for kitchen







gardens and supported 100 beneficiaries in commercial vegetable cultivation. The introduction of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) for paddy cultivation, coupled with four training sessions and an exposure visit to Nayagarh and Kolkata, equipped the women with modern farming techniques. The results were striking: 200 women saw increased incomes, and all 400 gained expertise in vegetable farming and vermicomposting, laying the foundation for sustainable livelihoods.

2. Livestock Development

2.1 Poultry Development Service

> ***DSS's Shivia-funded Poultry Development Service empowered 400 Juang tribal women in Kankadahada with chicks, feed, vaccinations, and training, boosting incomes for 200 and equipping 300 with poultry farming skills.***



In the same Kankadahada block, DSS's Poultry Development Service, also funded by Shivia, empowered 400 Juang tribal women through poultry farming. Running from April 2024 to March 2025, the program provided chicks, feed, and vaccinations, alongside five training sessions and an exposure visit to Nayagarh and Kolkata. Regular monitoring ensured success, with 200 women boosting their incomes and 300 acquiring poultry farming skills. This initiative not only strengthened economic resilience but also fostered a sense of independence among the women, who now manage thriving poultry enterprises.

3. Aquaculture Development

3.1 Sustainable Aquaculture Model

> ***DSS's GIZ-funded Sustainable Aquaculture Model trained 2,100 fish farmers in Khordha, Puri, Bhadrak, and Kendrapara, with 90% adopting Good Aquaculture Practices and 277 Community Resource Persons becoming leaders.***



DSS championed sustainable aquaculture in Khordha, Puri, Bhadrak, and Kendrapara districts through a GIZ-funded Sustainable Aquaculture Model. From April 2024 to March 2025, 2,100 fish farmers across seven



blocks participated in an intensive program featuring 48 CRP trainer sessions, 240 CRP training sessions, and capacity-building for 12 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). Exposure visits to Assam and the distribution of EM field trial materials, water testing kits, and farmer record books enhanced knowledge of water quality, pH values, and fish seed release processes. The outcome was remarkable: 90% of producers adopted Good Aquaculture Practices, and 277 Community Resource Persons, including 48 certified trainers, emerged as leaders in sustainable aquaculture.



4. Women Empowerment and Gender Justice

4.1 Combatting Violence Against Women

> ***DSS's Karuna-D-Maitri-funded program in Khordha's Balipatna and Bhubaneswar slums engaged 500 participants in a 16-day anti-violence campaign, empowering 200 women and girls with knowledge for justice.***

In Khordha district's Balipatna block and Bhubaneswar slums, DSS tackled gender-based violence through the Combatting Violence Against Women program, funded by the Karuna-D-Maitri Network. From April 2024 to March 2025, 500 participants, including SHG members, federation members, Anganwadi workers, adolescents, youth, and men,





engaged in a 16-day campaign. The initiative included masculinity training for boys, community fairs, and the formation of five adolescent girls' groups, three boys' groups, and five women's groups. Paralegal volunteers were identified to support victims, with 25 receiving 9ounselling and legal aid. By the program's end, 40% of participants—200 women and girls—gained critical knowledge about gender-based violence, sparking community-driven action for justice and equality.



5. Leadership and Community Development

5.1 Dhwani Nirantar Classic Program

> ***The Dhwani Nirantar Classic Program in Balipatna, Khordha, empowered grassroots leaders and accountants with Finance, Governance, and Compliance training from January 2025 to March 2026, boosting HR practices and sustainability.***



In Balipatna block, Khordha district, the Dhwani Nirantar Classic Program, supported by the Dhwani Foundation, empowered organization leaders and accountants through a comprehensive training program from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The initiative delivered innovative and sustainable solutions in organizational development, focusing on three modules: Finance, Governance, and Compliance. It aimed to enhance HR practices, improve talent acquisition, employee growth, and retention, and strengthen networks with donors, CSR, government, and other organizations. By fostering professional development, the program enlarged a quality



resource pool for the social sector, promoting organizational sustainability for grassroots organizations.

6. Sustainable Livelihood Promotion

6.1 WADI (TDF) Program

> ***DSS's NABARD-funded WADI (TDF) program in Banpur, Khordha, empowered 200 tribal beneficiaries in 2024-25 through cashew plantation and self-employment, boosting socio-economic resilience.***

In Banpur block, Khordha district, DSS's WADI (TDF) program, funded by NABARD, empowered 200 tribal beneficiaries from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. A one-day training session enhanced awareness of government and NABARD schemes, equipping participants with knowledge of available support systems. The initiative aimed to improve the socio-economic capacities of tribal communities through livelihood activities, focusing on cashew graft plantation and other ancillary horticulture activities. By promoting self-employment, the program reduced migration and strengthened economic opportunities, enabling tribal households to access resources and build sustainable livelihoods, fostering resilience in their communities.





7. Contributing donors of the year

- Dasra
- Shivia
- Karuna-D-Maitri Network
- GIZ
- NABARD
- Dhwani Foundation

8. Planning for 2025-2026



Building on the successes of 2024–2025, Darbar Sahitya Sansada (DSS) plans to deepen its impact in Odisha's marginalized communities for the coming year, 2025–2026, under the theme "Scaling Resilience and Empowerment." DSS will expand its sustainable agriculture and aquaculture programs by introducing climate-resilient farming techniques and advanced water management practices, targeting an additional 500 farmers across Puri, Khordha, and Dhenkanal districts. The organization aims to strengthen livestock development by scaling poultry and small animal husbandry initiatives to 600 tribal women, incorporating digital tools for market access. Women's empowerment and gender justice efforts will focus on forming 10 new adolescent and women's groups, extending the Combatting Violence Against Women program to Jajpur and Mayurbhanj districts. Skill development will be enhanced through artisan training in two additional crafts, reaching 100 more women, while sustainable livelihood promotion will prioritize strengthening Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) with financial literacy and entrepreneurship training. DSS will also invest in organizational capacity by hiring specialized staff and leveraging partnerships with donors like Dasra, Shivia, and GIZ to ensure sustainable, community-driven progress.

9. What they say about DSS



Mr. Suryakant, Azim Premji Foundation (*09.07.2024)*
It has been a wonderful experience working with the DSS team. Their dedication to community engagement and their vision to empower communities are truly commendable. I wish the team good health and success in their future endeavors.

Butta Jell, Manab Chakraborty, Bettina Renner, GIZ SAFAL, Germany *(25.07.2024)*
We visited DSS to discuss their experience implementing the GIZ SAFAL project. We interacted with DSS management, community resource persons, board members, and the Fish Farmer Producer Company. The DSS team was extremely helpful and forthcoming with their insights. We benefited greatly from this visit and extend our best wishes to DSS for all their endeavors.

Dr. S. K. Sarangi, Head, Division of Agricultural Technology for Women, ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar *(25.07.2024)*
We visited DSS and organized a three-day training program on women-led community entrepreneurship focused on bio-resource productivity, conducted by ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar. We greatly appreciate DSS's cooperation in organizing this training program.

Dr. Ankita Sahu, Scientist, ICAR-CIWA, Bhubaneswar (*25.07.2024)*
We are grateful to DSS for their support in our project work.

Mr. Bijay Bhandari, Heifer International (*29.07.2024)*
We visited DSS to conduct due diligence related to the publicity of our partnership. DSS has some effective systems in place, but there are areas, particularly in accounting and financial management, where the organization could improve. We thank DSS and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Mr. Latin Michael (*29.07.2024)*
Very good work! Keep it up.

Mr. Kaila Maxine Cristi (*12.08.2024)*
Thank you for the insightful discussion and valuable comments that greatly contributed to my research investigation. I appreciate your time!

Mr. Amit Choudhury, IOM, New Delhi (*12.08.2024)*
It was an impressive interaction with Mr. Kedar, learning about the excellent work DSS is doing on migration. We wish them continued success in their community-focused efforts.

Pineu Trabesi (*30.10.2024)*

Thank you for a very interesting day meeting the women and girls. It was enlightening to hear about DSS's work throughout the year and its significant impact on people's lives, particularly women.

Bhakti Talwalkar, STARS Forum, JP Naik Centre (*21.12.2024)*

DSS is doing commendable work with community girls and women's self-help groups. I believe STARS and DSS can collaborate to expand networking across India, enabling both organizations to enhance their impact. It's a privilege to be associated with this organization.

Mr. Gevald Guslcowshi, A2/18 Sterling Enclave, New Delhi, GIZ (*19.02.2025)*

Thank you for the inspiring presentation and the remarkable work you are doing.

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BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2025

SOURCES OF FUNDS	SCH	2024-25 AMOUNT (Rs.)		2023-24 AMOUNT (Rs.)	
CAPITAL FUND					
As per last Balance Sheet		1,496,148.28		1,544,439.40	
Add : Surplus/(Deficit) during the year		(80,332.40)	1,415,815.88	(48,291.12)	1,496,148.28
TEMPORARY RESTRICTED FUND (Unspent Grant)	I		6,382,942.87		244,546.62
DEPRECIATION FUND					
As per last Balnce Sheet		3,272,499.00		2,979,015.00	
Provision during the year		233,243.00	3,505,742.00	293,484.00	3,272,499.00
LOAN LOSS RESERVE (Provision for Doubtful Debt)			104,584.00		104,584.00
INTEREST FREE HAND LOAN					
As per last Balancesheet		1,356,425.00			
Less Repayment dr. the year		750,000.00	606,425.00		1,356,425.00
TOTAL			12,015,509.75		6,474,202.90
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
FIXED ASSETS	II		4,640,536.45		4,528,505.45
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES					
Grant-in-aid Receivable		-		2,821,138.00	
SHGs Loan	III	546,799.00		1,296,799.00	
Others	IV	41,617.00		23,714.00	
Advance		90,000.00		32,000.00	
Closing Cash & Bank Balance	V	6,967,774.30		758,977.45	
Less		7,646,190.30		4,932,628.45	
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	VI	271,217.00		2,986,931.00	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			7,374,973.30		1,945,697.45
TOTAL			12,015,509.75		6,474,202.90

The above Balance Sheet, to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the funds and liabilities and assets and properties of the organisation for the year ended on 31.03.2025.

As per our separate report of even date.

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