



**ORISSA IS IN THE EAST OF INDIA WITH A POPULATION OF 3,70,000,00 OF WHICH WE TRIBAL PEOPLE CONSTITUTE 23% ONE OF THE INDIAN STATES WITH HIGH TRIBAL CONCENTRATION**

## TRAINING

- **IN 1992 THE FIRST 2 MONTHS COURSE WAS HELD FOR US A GROUP OF 25 TRIBAL WOMEN BY THREAD WE WERE TWO WOMEN EACH FROM 25 VILLAGES OF BLOCK.**
- **WE LIVED AT THE TRAINING CENTRE WHICH RESEMBLED OUR VILLAGE**
- **WE MANAGE THE DAY TO DAY AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRE INCLUDING THE BUDGET AS A GROUP**



- **THIS PROCESS OF MANAGEMENT WAS THE CONTENT OF OUR TRAINING WE ALSO MET POLICE AND GOVT. OFFICIALS AND LEARNT ABOUT OUR RIGHTS BY THE END OF TWO MONTHS WE FELT STRONGLY RELATED TO EACH OTHER AND WANTED TO STAY IN TOUCH.**
- **WE ALSO WANTED TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES AND LEARNING WITH OTHER WOMEN OF OUR VILLAGE AND USE OUR NEW FOUND CONFIDENCE AND WISDOM FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR COMMUNITY**



## **EMERGENCE OF COLLECTIVITY:**

- **SO WE FORMED A SAMAJ**
- **A REGISTERED ORGANISATION WHICH HAD ONLY US – THE TRIBAL WOMEN EACH ONE OF US DECIDED TO FORM A SANGHA – A GROUP OF ALL TRIBAL WOMEN IN OUR RESPECTIVE VILLAGE THROUGH PROMISED TO PROVIDE A CO-ORDINATOR WHO WOULD HELP US WITH THE FORMATION & FUNCTIONING OF THESE GROUPS**
- **THE IDEA & TRAINING SPREAD TO 54 BLOCKS IN ORISSA AND TODAY WE 54 SAMAJ S WHOSE STATE LEVEL FEDERATION IS ONS (ORISSA NARI SAMAJ)**
- **ONS HAS THE MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 2,70,000 TRIBAL WOMEN & MEN**



# ESSENCE OF TRIBAL CULTURE

- OUR ORGANISATIONS ARE DEDICATED TO BRINGING BACK THE ESSENCE OF TRIBAL CULTURE
- RESPECT FOR NATURE
- COMMUNITY LIVING



**WE ALSO WORK TO PROTECT OUR HUMAN RIGHTS & THE RIGHTS OF OUR COMMUNITY WE WANT TO LIVE A DIGNIFIED LIFE WITH SELF RESPECT**

**WE TRY TO BRING BACK ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ASPECTS OF OUR CULTURE COMMUNITY LIVING THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS**

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- **BY HAVING COMMUNITY GRAIN BANKS**
  
- **TO WHICH ALL THE MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE  
THE GRAIN IS USED TO FEED INDIVIDUALS IN  
PROBLEM OR WHENEVER THE GROUP FACES  
SCARCITY OF FOOD**



- **OUR SANGHAS (VILLAGE GROUPS) SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS WHO FACE CRISIS**
- **IN OUR SAMAJAS & CIRCLES EACH VILLAGE IS REPRESENTED IN THE BOARD**
- **WE ELECT OUR OFFICE BEARERS AND THEY ARE FREQUENTLY CHANGED THERE IS NO HIGH-LOW FEELING AND THEY ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE MEMBERS OUR SANGHAS TOO FUNCTION SIMILARLY**
- **ANY DISPUTE IN OUR VILLAGES IS RESOLVED BY THE SANGHA ..... BRINGING IN HARMONY AMONG VILLAGERS.**



**•WE PRACTICE ORGANIC FARMING EVEN OUR MEN HAVE GOT TRAINED IN IT WE KNOW THAT NOT ONLY DOES IT GIVE US HEALTHY & TASTY FOOD .... IT ALSO TAKES CARE OF THE HEALTH OF OUR MOTHER EARTH**

**•THREAD HAS HELPED US TO START ECO VILLAGES IN EVERY BLOCK**

**•WE HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO RE-USE HERBS TO TAKE CARE OF COMMON HEALTH PROBLEMS**

**•USAGE OF HERBS TO PREVENT MALARIA HAS BEEN A SUCCESS STORY**

- **ABOUT 25,000 FARMERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN ORGANIC FARMING & WE FORMED A TRIBAL ORGANIC FARMERS ASSOCIATION**
- **ONS HAS BEEN PROTESTING AGAINST MUSHROOMING OF SPONGE IRON FACTORIES IN ORISSA & AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF BT BRINJAL & GE CROPS IN ORISSA**
- **AS OUR CONTRIBUTION TO PREVENT GLOBAL WARMING WE WILL PLANT 30 LAKH TRIES IN 3 HOURS ON .....**

## OUR RIGHTS

- **WE HAVE REALISED THAT AS A COMMUNITY WE CAN PROTECT OUR RIGHTS AS HUMAN BEINGS BETTER WE CAN ALSO VOICE OUR HELP WAEN OUR FELLOW BEINGS ARE WRONGED**
- **RAPE HAS BEEN A DISEASE WHICH PLAGUES OUR WOMANKIND ... MORE SO IN ORISSA. TWO OF OUR WON SISTERS WERE GANGRAPEP ... WE STARTED WAR ... WOMEN AGAINST RAPE.**
- **A WHITE PAPER ON WOMEN STATUS WAS DEMANDED AND BROUGHT OUT IN ORISSA ASSEMBLY AND WOMEN POLICE STATIONS WERE INTRODUCED IN ORISSA**
- **SINCE WE TRIBAL PEOPLE USED TO BE IGNORANT OF LAWS PROTECTING OUR LAND OFTEN OUR LAND WAS GRABBED BY INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES BY JUST OFFERING DRINKS TO OUR MEN NOW WE PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING**

## **OUR RIGHTS**

- **WE PROTECT THE JUNGLES BY FORMING JUNGLE SURAKSHYA COMMITTEES WHO GUARD THEM. WE ALSO PROTEST THE CUTTING OF JUNGLES AND USING THE LAND FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION**
- **WATER IS FREELY GIVEN TO US BY NATURE WHEN FEW MEN'S GREED TRIED TO PRIVATIZE IT & OWN IT ... WE RAISED OUR VOICE AND CONTINUE TO DO SO.**
- **WE CANT HAVE CONTROL OVER FACTORS INFLUENCING OUR LIVES, UNLESS WE ENTER THE POLITICAL DOMAIN**
- **THREAD HAS HELPED US TO HAVE A SYSTEMATIC PLAN TO MAKE OUR PRESENCE FELT IN THE VILLAGE PANCHAYATS – THE POLITICAL BODIES**
- **WE HAVE NOMINATED AROUND ..... CANDIDATES FOR PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS AND AROUND 1285 MEMBERS HAVE WON THE ELECTIONS**

## **ELECTION DATA**

**TOTAL NO OF PANCHAYAT CONTESTED & ELECTED IN PESA & NON- PESA AREA**

<b>Region</b>	<b>No of panchayats contested</b>			<b>No of panchayats elected</b>		
	<b>PESA</b>	<b>Non-PESA</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>PESA</b>	<b>Non-PESA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>North-east</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>
	<b>377</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>345</b>
<b>Percentage of winning</b>				<b>86%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>83%</b>

As noted from the above table, Out of total Nari samaj contestants, **32.61 %** of Nari samaj members are elected as sarapancha, **39.00 %** of the members are elected as samity savya and **53.33 %** of the members are elected as ward members.



## Total number of winning candidates:

Name of the region	Total no of sarapancha elected			Total no of samiti Savya elected			Total no of Ward Members elected			Total number elected		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
South	15	23	38	12	24	36	149	338	487	176	385	561
West	14	22	36	5	17	22	47	247	294	66	286	352
North-east	8	8	16	8	12	20	87	209	296	103	229	332
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1245</b>
Male female %	41.11	58.89		32.05	67.95		26.28	73.72		27.71	72.29	

Out of total 1245 winning candidates 72.29% winners are female while 27.71% winners are male contestants. Out of total 90 sarapancha elected 58.89% are female while 27.71% are male candidates. Out of 78 samiti savya candidates, 67.95% are female while 32.05% are male candidates. Out of 1077 winning ward members 73.72% are female while 26.28% are male candidates.

- **THUS ONE PLANS A DUAL ROLE**
- **AT HOME IT ACTS AS A CIVIL SOCIETY OF TRIBAL PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT & WELFARE OF VILLAGE**
- **AND AT A LARGER LEVEL, IT ACTS AS A VOICE .... AS A MOVEMENT TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS**
- **WE STRIVE TO MAKE OUR DREAM COME TRUE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY A SELF-RESPECTING, CONFIDENT SOCIETY OF HEALTHY WITH NATURE WITH CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE & EARTH**