



**Koraput
Farmers
Association**



ANNUAL REPORT

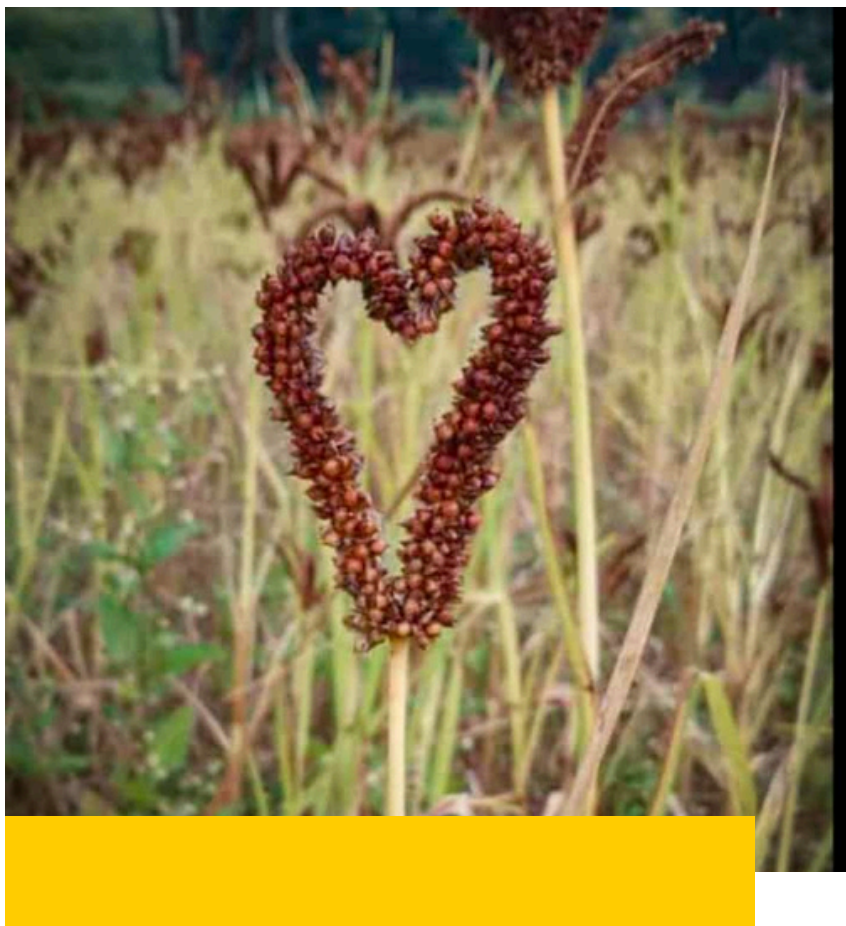


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PRESIDENT'S DESK



I am delighted to note that the year 2023-24 was a good year for Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA). The progress made in extending the engagement with our community partners is very reassuring. I am happy my colleagues did their best to help the communities in enhancing farm-based livelihood using nature compatible farming methods and techniques. I am happy to note the programmatic progress made during the year. KFA's staff is a good mix of young and old, many with long years of field experience and others with competence in new technologies and methods.

It has not only brought a good synergy in the team but also facilitated cross learning among them. I am particularly happy to see that young men and women from the communities have become part of our proud team. I am sure KFA will continue to be an organization that brings about relevant changes to the lives of the rural and tribal communities we work with. Matching the enormous scope to expand our activities the challenges are no less. KFA will continue to collaborate with other development actors and explore all possibilities to meet the aspirations of the communities.

BRAJA SUNDAR MISHRA
PRESIDENT





SECRETARY'S DESK

The year 2023-24, has been quite a happening period for Koraput Farmers Association in terms of its organisational development and strengthening systems and process apart from bringing enhanced efficiency in the areas of programme planning, execution, monitoring and evaluation. Some of our significant achievements during the year have been building internal strengths, and enhancing collaboration with various individuals and agencies. The Village Poverty Reduction Plan is a keystone of this initiative, facilitating a comprehensive planning process and serving as a blueprint for multi-sectoral demand identification and advocacy. We initiated initiatives in the livelihood promotion and nutritional support to children and lactating mothers. We undertook several initiatives to strengthen the organisation in the third decade of its journey and build a base for its continued relevance and effectiveness. I am honoured to present this year's annual report for the year from April 2023 to March 2024.”

SARAT KUMAR PATNAIK
SECRETARY

KORAPUT FARMERS ASSOCIATION

ABOUT US

At KFA, we believe in the power of community-driven development. We are committed to creating a future where every individual, especially from the marginalised community can thrive and contribute to the sustainable growth of their society.

Koraput Farmers' Association (KFA) is a grassroots organization based in Koraput, Odisha, dedicated to work with and ameliorate the condition of vulnerable communities, particularly Tribal and Dalit groups.

Founded with the vision of fostering self-reliant communities, KFA focuses on empowering marginalized groups to assert their rights and access to economic opportunities. By blending indigenous wisdom with modern agricultural and livelihood strategies, we aim to create long-term, sustainable solutions for rural development. Our organization collaborates with local leaders, government agencies, and other stakeholders to implement programs that promote sustainable agriculture, natural resource management, women's

empowerment, and youth engagement. Through training, capacity building, and advocacy, we help communities navigate opportunities, negotiate with market forces, improve their livelihoods, and build resilience against environmental challenges. Together, we are working towards a more equitable, prosperous, and sustainable future for the Koraput, Odisha and India.

VALUES

our values guide every aspect of our work, shaping our mission and approach to empowering communities. These core principles ensure that we remain committed to ethical, inclusive, and sustainable development for the people we serve.

- Community-Driven Approach
- Sustainable Development Focus
- Empowering Vulnerable Groups
- Integrating Tradition with Innovation





OUR OVERVIEW

VISION

“We would like to see a Koraput where the vulnerable and marginalized communities live with dignity and in a self-reliant way, where they can assert their rights, entitlements and efficiently participate in overall growth and development of the society.”

MISSION

“To work closely with vulnerable groups like tribal and dalit in general and indomitable groups like women, youth and children in particular so that they steer the process of development through sustainable use of natural resource base by using their traditional knowledge and amalgamating the innovative scientific practices , better negotiating with market forces and asserting their rights and entitlements.





VILLAGE INSTITUTIONS & CONVERGENCE

STRENGTHENING FARMER INTEREST GROUPS

The Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) being promoted by KFA is emerging as a key and game-changing community based institution to change the socio-economic landscape of the community. It plays a pivotal role in not only organizing the farmers for collective action but also promote community development and grassroots democracy. During the year, our emphasis has been on formation of FIGs and strengthening them in newly covered villages. Farmers from the younger generation are evincing interest to take up leadership role in the collectives is itself an encouraging testimony to the wave of change it is likely bring in days to come.

Capacity Development programmes were held for existing and potential leaders of FIGs. To encourage more women's participation and their leadership role in FIGs and in village development, a separate set of training programmes were facilitated.

Needless to mention, increasing inclusion of youth and their participation has brought new perspectives on development needs and strategies required to fulfill to aspiration of the community.



The new generation of the community, especially the youth who come with better exposure to education and information have different levels of aspiration if life. Careful and participatory intervention plan can facilitate their active engagement and ownership of any development initiative. We hope that their active engagement in the FIGs will help ensure enhanced adoption of improved methods of farming for better productivity, better bargain with the market forces, transparency through improved bookkeeping, and forging collaborations with different stakeholders.

KFA conducted a number of training for the young farmers to harness their leadership qualities so that they take leading roles in making the FIGs vibrant. So far, KFA has promoted and strengthened 34 Farmer Interest Groups covering three blocks namely Koraput, Semiiguda and Narayanpatna in the district of Koraput.



STRENGTHENING FARMER INTEREST GROUPS

Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) , another community based institutional format which has changed the landscape of women’s participation in the social as well as economic spheres of community life. This year, our work with women’s Self-Help Groups (SHGs) got a special impetus focusing on enhancing their social and enhancing entrepreneurial skills. There is a real need to work on other aspects like awareness and collective action on social and nutritional issues and leadership development so that women actively and increasingly participate in community development . Access to social protection schemes and emotional support to fellow-members are other areas where the groups play a crucial role. Supports were provided to 15 SHGs who are now active in managing the Agri-equipment Hiring Centers and Bio-Input Preparation centers and generating revenue.



CONVERGENCE FOR VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Through convergence with the flagship programme like MGNREGA, we have promoted 12 Agro-Forestry Models in Talagumandi Gram Panchayat of Narayanpatna Block. In each model about one lakh rupees of MGNREGA work was mobilized with participation of labour from 78 individuals for land development activities. With enhanced moisture profile of the soil consequent upon the land terracing and contour trenching the small and marginal farmers are now cultivating various crops round the year in the developed land.

LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMMES

Our work in the area of livelihood promotion has focused on building institutional and technical capabilities of the communities to adopt improved methods for enhancing productivity engage with markets for better negotiation. Over the last few years, we have been trying to focus on these two major aspects – enhancing productivity and accessing a rightful place within the market system.



Our idea is, the community itself should be able to prioritize their development needs, prepare plans, and mobilize resources to execute the same. Building a synergistic relationship between the Village Development Committees as representative citizen bodies and the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) has always been an approach of KFA in strengthening local governance. We envisage the communities take some collective action to help achieve meaningful engagement between communities and local governments.



PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF MILLETS

KFA has been a proud partner of Odisha Millets Mission, a flagship programme of Govt. of Odisha, being implemented in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The programme has now been renamed as “Shree Anna Abhiyan”. As per the four major objectives of the programme like enhancing the production, increasing in consumption, value addition in millet based produces and marketing of the millet based products, KFA has been continuing its activities throughout the Koraput Block. This year 2543 farmers have become part of the this programme by adopting improved package of practices in their respective fields.



About 1235 hectares of land were being cultivated by the farmers for the production of millets (both ragi & non-ragi). KFA team has been providing handhold support for adopting the improved methods like Systematic Millet Intensification (SMI) through Line Transplanting (LT) and Line Sowing (LS). All together 2543 farmers did receive the incentives from the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment, Govt. of Odisha a sum of Rs. 58,55,050.00 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand & Fifty) for adopting improved package of practices.

The Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been playing a vital role towards promotion of millets and millet based food items among the rural as well as in the urban areas. This year, 25 numbers of PULVERIZERS (a kind of processing unit) were provided to the SHGs in various parts of Koraput Block to enhance their capability and capacity for value addition, promotion and marketing of millet based food items. By utilizing the processing machineries the SHGs have been able to enhance their income out of millet products



In this context, KFA organized exposure visits of active SHG members on 'value addition and storage' by sending them out-station of Koraput Block like KVK, Jagdalpur of Chhattisgarh state and Bangalore of Karnataka state. The selected SHG members also went to Bhubaneswar a couple of times and learnt about preparing various kinds of millet recipes and their marketing strategy. With a sincere effort of KFA, a Millet Shakti Café was established at Koraput Block headquarters and it has been running and managing by one of the SHG members.

To encourage the SHGs in marketing their millet based value added products KFA has been organizing the "Food Festivals" of millet based food items during various religious and festive occasions. This year KFA conducted six such 'food festivals' in Block and Panchayat Headquarters of Koraput Block for the promotion, marketing and popularizing the millet based food items being prepared by the SHG members. Notably, during these festivals some millet based foods were distributed free of cost both in rural and urban areas for trial taste and promotion. In such promotional process people's awareness on nutritional values of millet was also emphasized. Besides, how millet based tasty recipes could also be prepared at home, was given wider publicity. The idea was to encourage people, especially women to make millet as part of the regular diet system at household level.

Needless to mention that with growing popularization and market demand of millet many unscrupulous traders are trying to take the benefit by exploiting gullible farmers. To prevent such exploitations of millet farmers of Koraput Block KFA has been organizing "Ragi Mandi" where farmers can bring their produce to get remunerative price. With active support from the partner institution like Gupteswar Farmers Producer Company Limited (GFPC), KFA has been conducting awareness campaigns amongst farmers in Koraput Block to sell their millet in the Mandi with the Minimum Support Prices being fixed by the Govt of Odisha. The farmers register their names in the M-PAS portal and to get eligibility to sell their (farmers) produces at the 'Mandi' points. This year GFPC have procured 3612.5 quintals of 'Ragi' millet produces from 470 farmers of Koraput Block





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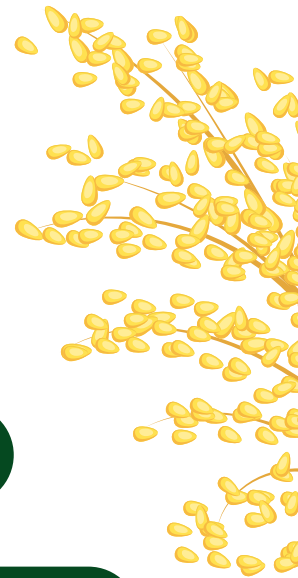
PROMOTION OF VERMICOMPOST AND ITS APPLICATION FOR NATURE POSITIVE FARMING

We are committed to promoting sustainable farming where natural farming, using bio-fertilizer like vermin-compost and bio-pesticides like neemastra are being promoted amongst the farmers that have multiple benefits like rejuvenated soil system, environment protection, better productivity, reduction of input cost and above chemical free grains and vegetables. Through workshops, demonstrations, and hands-on training, we aim to educate and build the skill of farmers on the production and application of bio-inputs, showcasing its numerous benefits, such as improved soil fertility, enhanced microbial activity, and reduced dependency on chemical fertilizers.

Last year KFA distributed materials for setting up 24 vermi-compost units, but on their own farmers added six more. Farmers are now more conscious about the value to organic waste and repurposing its usage through vermin-compost and normal compost, which is supporting a circular farming model. In partnership with local farmers associations, we are facilitating farmers' transition towards sustainable practices that conserve soil health, promote biodiversity, and contribute to climate resilience, fostering an approach that benefits both the land and the livelihoods of those who depend on it.



Promotion of BIO-INPUT PREPARATION CENTERS



Organic Farming

AgriTech Adoption

Smart Agriculture

Agricultural Movement

PROMOTION OF BIO-INPUT PREPARATION CENTERS

A Gram Panchayat level bio-compost preparation centre was started at village Bari. The members of Kindriganda Self Help Group (SHG) underwent the training about preparation process of bio-composts. They were also supported with containers for preparing the same. Subsequently, the SHG members have started preparing the same. As an initial trial, the members of Kindriganda Self Help Group prepared bio-compost (Handi Khata) and sold it for Rs.800/- and deposited the money in their bank account. Looking at the small business prospects of bio-compost the SHG members of other villages are also showing keen interest to have a preparation centre in their villages. The staff members are now extending training and other supports to the groups and started the centre in another two villages. Gradually, it will be expanded to all the villages in future.

DISTRIBUTION OF VEGETABLE SEED KITS

In order to expand agri-based activities and enhance the income therefrom farmers were encouraged to diversify their vegetable cultivation with supply of good quality seeds and training input on do-how(improved practices) . In the kharif season 200 interested farmers (Male -151 and female -49) were identified from 12 villages and provided with vegetable seed-kit containing (Beans, Okra, Radish, Tomato, Green peas and chilli).





Nutrition for Children

Our supplementary nutrition programme is benefitting a total of 155 children (Boys 79 Girls 76) in 4 nutrition centers in the villages namely Bari, Bala, Bhitrapara and Chikalgumandi of Talagumandi GP of Narayanpatna Block. It is pertinent to mention that the Panchayat being remotely located in hilly terrain, at a distance of around 25 KM from Block Headquarters and 70 KM from the District Headquarters; the nutritional support to the children do play a very critical role. The project is going on well and supporting the children to get required nutrition for their better physical and mental growth. Besides, the parents are being encouraged by the KFA team to develop kitchen garden for each household so that they get some vegetable/roughage round the year for improving their nutritional intake. This project is also supporting 129 children in giving uniform dresses.

Rahat Support

The RAHAT scheme, supported by the Jiv Daya Foundation, provides essential food support to families of students in the Pre-Education and Nutrition program. Under this scheme, each family receives 50 kilograms of rice along with additional provisions such as chana or pulses. KFA mobilizes logistical support from individual donors in kind for transporting the ration material from market to the villages concerned, without putting any extra financial burden on the project budget. This initiative aims to ameliorate the nutritional condition of the entire household. This is offering a great relief to the households in combating malnutrition, reducing their expenditure on staple foods, and allowing them to redirect funds toward other essential needs. This year, the RAHAT scheme has successfully supported 105 beneficiaries, including single elderly individuals, strengthening the community's overall health and well-being.



Distribution of Solar Lights

Uninterrupted power supply is an issue in the tribal villages KFA working with. It becomes a major issue especially during the evening hours when children are supposed to sit for their studies and the mothers remains busy in preparing food for dinner. If there is any rain or heavy wind, power supply disruption is a very common phenomena and sometimes it takes two days to a week or more for power restoration. Under the circumstances solar power is the only viable alternative. KFA with support from the Jiv Daya Foundation provided Solar Lamps to 25 households. The introduction of these solar lights has become a sort of game changing and transforming the lives of children and their parents, giving them a newfound hope.

With impact of solar powered light the children can spend quality time with their studies in the evening and so also their mothers being able to cook food without many difficulties. The families can sit together for dinner, enjoy their meals in a well-lit and safe environment. The fear of darkness is no longer a part of the children's lives.





"Transforming Traditional Farming: The Journey of Bingu Tadingi from Subsistence to Sustainable Growth with KFA Support"

Sri Bingu Tiding son of Late Soma Tadingi is a farmer of village Pichudi, Panchayat Talagumandi, under Narayanpatna Block. His family is consisted of 5 members (Male 2 and Female 3). Sri Bingu Tadingi is a traditional farmer of the village. He is a marginal farmer having 3 acres of both wet and dry land of his own.

Sri Bingu Tadingi has been adopting traditional practices of cultivation since his father and ancestors using local seeds (Paddy, ragi suan and others), manures were applied (cow dung, green compost, leaves) and pesticides was used (ash, oil cake and others).

Sri Bingu Tadingi is a professional farmer. He has been adopting traditional indigenous ways of agricultural practices. The income sources of Bingu Tadingi is from different sources.

Income in 2022: In the year 2022 , Bingu Tadingi earned as annual income Rs.29,200 out of (Selling of Agri produce Rs 5000, Selling of Vegetable Rs 2000, Other agri. source Rs.9200, Selling of NTFPs Rs 1000 and local labour works Rs 6000 and hill broom selling Rs 6000

Application of fertilizers: Bingu Tadingi was applying fertilizers in agricultures of Rs. 8000 to Rs 9000



Income for the Period

Bingu Tadingi earned annual income Rs.44,100 From (selling ginger Rs 2000, selling of finger millet Rs.8,000, selling of suan Rs 11500, Dangar ani selling Rs 7600, creeper beans selling Rs. 7000 and hill broom Rs 8000

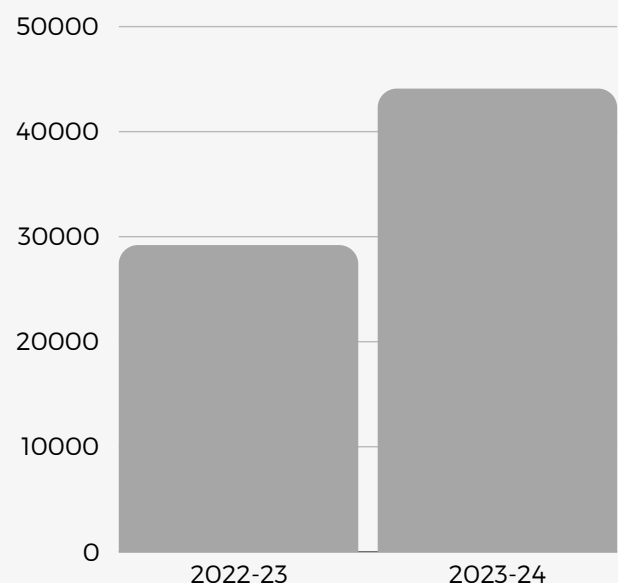
Earning of additional income: Mr. Bingu Tadingi earned annual income in 2022 of Rs 29200 and he could earn in 2023 Rs. 44,100. In otherwards he is able to earn more income of Rs.14,900.

Collection of vermi compost: 5 quintals of vermi compost were harvested from the vermi bed. He kept the compost in sack bags carefully.

Application of vermi compost: Bingu Tadingi applied vermi compost in his land quintals 3.52 in paddy, Ragi and other crops.

Selling of vermi compost: Bingu Tadingi sold surplus vermi compost for Rs 1480/-. He is continuously preparing the compost.

Reduction of buying fertilizers: Bingu Tadingi is not buying fertilizer from market and applying it in crops field.



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BECAUSE OF HIS INTENSIVE EFFORTS, MARGINAL FARMER BINGU TADINGI IS IMPROVING HIS ANNUAL INCOME COMPARED TO BEFORE.

INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE

Dr. Braja Sundar Mishra (President)

A doctorate in Development Studies, an accomplished development professional and leader with 27 years of PAN India work experience with diversified sectors such as Education, Livelihood and others in various capacities in different organizations – Govt. of India, NGO, INGO, Corporate and academic institutions.

Ms. Geeta Pradhan (Vice President)

About 15 years of field level experiences working with women specifically from Tribal, vulnerable and marginal communities. Having good leadership and communication skills..

Mr. Sarat Kumar Patnaik (Secretary)

A post Graduate with 20 years of experiences in development sector worked with various international and national agencies as a consultant like UNICEF, 'Save the Children' & Govt. of Odisha.

Mrs. Dutika Nayak (Joint Secretary)

Having National exposure on various agricultural activities and received awards and appreciations from National and State level Government and Non- government Agencies as a leading women farmer of Koraput District.

Mr. Satya Narayan Choudhury (Treasurer)

About 20 years of experiences in Production and marketing of Agriculture and Horticultural produces. Has working experience of value addition in Agricultural products.

Mr. Bidyadhar Choudhury (Executive Member)

AA mass communication professional with 30 years of experiences in various sectors having Mass Communication background and right now working for a leading newspaper 'The Indian Express'.

Ms. Dhanmati Mali (Executive Member)

A leading women farmer having experiences of both production and marketing of Agriculture & Horticulture produces.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023-24

KORAPUT FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

Gautam Nagar, 1st Lane, Koraput. 764020

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2024

RECEIPT	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs	PAYMENT	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs
To Opening Balance			By Programme Facilitation Cost		
Cash in Hand	6,792.00		General Programme Expenses	1,36,400.00	
Cash at Bank	42,71,865.00	42,78,657.00	OMM Programme Expenses	9,55,827.00	
			APF Programme Expenses	6,76,460.00	
To Grant in Aid			JDF Programme Expenses	5,01,959.00	
Azim Premji Foundation	2,91,000.00		SFURTI	9,600.00	22,80,246.00
BDO Lamtaput	86,400.00				
Jiv Daya Foundation	5,23,712.00		By Administrative Expenses		
PD, ATMA, Koraput	16,80,840.00		General Programme	3,10,907.00	
Dhwani Foundation`	1,08,000.00	26,89,952.00	OMM Programme	9,71,537.00	
			APF Programme Expenses	13,41,044.00	
To Advance Received			SFURTI	5,67,049.00	
Azim Premji Foundation	17,38,000.00		JDF Programme Expenses	34,050.00	
Jiv Daya Foundation	4,56,061.00	21,94,061.00	NIRANTHARA CLASSIC	71,045.00	32,95,632.00
To Bank Interest		79,062.00	By Investments		
To Professional Tax Collected		14,454.00	Fixed Deposit (SBI)		17,38,000.00
To Misc Receipt		10,644.00			
			By Loan to GFPCCL		3,18,000.00
To FD Realised		14,00,000.00	By TDS		1,522.00
			By Bank Charges		4,741.00
			By Closing Balance		
			Cash in Hand	6,315.00	
			Cash at Bank	30,22,374.00	30,28,689.00
		1,06,66,830.00			1,06,66,830.00

Place : Rayagada
Date : 31.08.2024

for RAVI KENGUA & CO.

Chartered Accountants

CA K. Ravi
B.Sc, FCA



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KORAPUT FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2024

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs	INCOME	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs
<u>To Programme Facilitation Cost</u>			<u>By Grant in Aid</u>		
General Programme Expan	1,36,400.00		Azim Premji Foundation	21,41,917.00	
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SFURTI	<u>9,600.00</u>	22,80,246.00	Dhwani Foundation	<u>1,08,000.00</u>	56,65,869.00
<u>To Administrative Expenses</u>			<u>By Bank Interest</u>		
General Programme	3,10,907.00				79,062.00
OMM Programme	9,71,537.00		<u>By Misc Receipt</u>		10,644.00
APF Programme Expanses:	13,41,044.00				
SFURTI	5,67,049.00				
JDF Programme Expanses	34,050.00				
NIRANTHARA CLASSIC	<u>71,045.00</u>	32,95,632.00			
To Depreciation		36,875.00			
To Bank Charges		4,741.00			
To Net Surplus		1,38,081.00			
		<u>57,55,575.00</u>			<u>57,55,575.00</u>

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs	ASSETS	AMOUNT Rs	AMOUNT Rs
Capital Account			FIXED ASSETS		
Opening Balance	28,75,451.00		(As per schedule)		2,79,009.00
Add: Net Surplus	<u>1,38,081.00</u>	30,13,532.00	Fixed Deposit (SBI)		17,38,000.00
Current Liabilities			Current Assets, Loans & Advances		
Temporary Loan	2,04,198.00		Security with Telephone	2,000.00	
Audit Fees Payable	5,000.00		Adv to Deepamali Krushak Sangh	1,000.00	
Advance from Party	10,000.00		House Rent Security	2,400.00	
Professional Tax Collectec	<u>18,829.00</u>	2,38,027.00	Salary Advance	10,000.00	
Advance from Azim Premji Foundation		17,38,000.00	GRLTP Prog. Advance	15,000.00	
Advance from Jiv Daya Foundation		4,56,061.00	Loan to GFPCL	<u>3,68,000.00</u>	3,98,400.00
			TDS		1,522.00
			CLOSING BALANCE		
			Cash in Hand	6,315.00	
			Cash at Bank	<u>30,22,374.00</u>	30,28,689.00
		<u>54,45,620.00</u>			<u>54,45,620.00</u>

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