

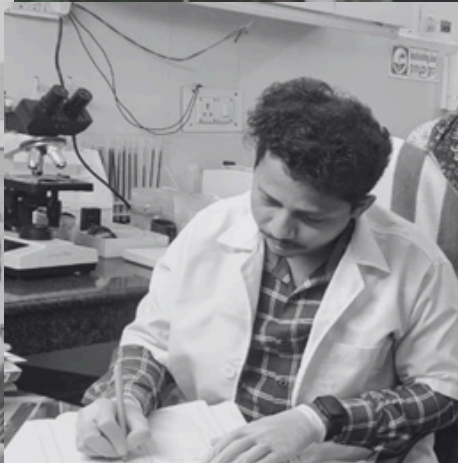


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*URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ACTION PROGRAM - A CSR
INITIATIVE OF DESPL*

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Annual Progress Report on Urban Community Development Action Program

Introduction

Communities thrive when health, education, and economic development work in harmony. However, many underserved regions lack access to basic services across these sectors, resulting in cycles of poverty, ill-health, and limited economic opportunity. This proposal outlines a holistic approach to improve community well-being by integrating health, education, and economic development initiatives.

The project Urban Community Development Action Program is a CSR program of Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) supported by Diversified Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd (DESPL) which focuses on empowering communities through preventive healthcare, quality education, and sustainable economic activities. By addressing these areas simultaneously, we aim to foster long-term self-reliance, resilience, and inclusive growth.

Activities Undertaken from April 2024 to March 2025

During the reporting period from April 2024 to March 2025, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) implemented a variety of initiatives aimed at uplifting adolescents, women, and girls across 50 communities of 15 wards in Bhubaneswar. These efforts focused on improving access to education, promoting preventive healthcare, enhancing life skills, and fostering community development. HBT addressed critical challenges such as child marriage prevention and sanitation while promoting health awareness, career planning, social advocacy, and facilitating access to government schemes and services. Through these targeted programs, the organization worked to create better opportunities and improve the well-being of vulnerable groups. Details of the activities are mentioned below.

Preventive Healthcare Initiatives

1. Health and Nutrition Awareness:

- **Community-level sensitization programs were organized to raise awareness** about the importance of attending Urban Health and Nutrition Day (UHND) camps under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) program. These efforts aimed to encourage lactating mothers, pregnant women, adolescents, and caregivers to access government-provided benefits, including early pregnancy registration, antenatal care (such as IFA supplementation, TT vaccination, BP monitoring, and nutrition counseling), child immunization, and birth preparedness. Follow-up activities were conducted to ensure beneficiaries utilized the services offered through the UHND camps, with a focus on improving maternal and child health outcomes.

14 Community-level sensitization programs conducted to encourage people to attend UHND camps.

130 women & adolescents started attending UHND Camps

- **Twelve community-level awareness programs** were conducted, targeting **adolescent girls aged 10–19 years**. These sessions **focused on issues such as child marriage, adolescent health, and career building**. The initiatives successfully led to the identification and addressing of child marriage cases,

with FIRs being filed. As a result of these efforts child marriage cases were addressed, and FIRs were filed. The rescued girls are now safely living with their families.

12 Community-level sensitization programs conducted under ADVIKA Scheme.

225 adolescent girls reached.

6 child marriage cases addressed & **4 FIRs** filed.



Healthcare Facilitation:

HBT assisted seven residents from the Fire Station, Bhagabati, Kandha Sahi, and Mahinshkhal neighborhoods in accessing healthcare services through the BSKY, NIDAAN, and NIRAMAYA schemes at KIIMS and Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar during the reporting year. Beneficiaries received treatment for serious health conditions including cancer, paralysis, tuberculosis, spinal cord disorders, and other critical illnesses.

Sl.No	Name	Age	Gender	Scheme	Health Complications	Hospital Name
1.	Annapurna Routray	22	Female		Suspect Breast Tumor	KIIMS
2.	Pramila Muduli	41	Female	BSKY	Breast Cancer	KIIMS
3.	Saroj Ch. Naik	60	Male	NIDAAN	Spinal Cord Fracture	Capital Hospital
4.	Rasmita Naik	42	Female	NIRAMAYA	Paralysis and feats	Capital Hospital
5.	Kali Ch. Murmu	55	Male	NIDAAN	Blood Vomiting	Capital Hospital
6.	Sibani Sahoo	19	Female	NTEP (National Tuberculosis Elimination Program) & NPY (Nikshay	Tuberculosis	Capital Hospital

				Poshan Yojana)		
7.	Madhusmita Nayak	04	Female	NIDAAN	Skull Fracture	Capital Hospital

- Under the UCDAP project in collaboration with UPHC Baramunda, initiated a series of Adolescent Health Check-up Camps as part of the "Kishor Swasthya" programme through the Sradha Clinic. In the first phase, on date 22nd February 2025, 20 adolescent boys and girls from Bhagabati Basti and Fire Station Basti availed free health check-up and counselling services. In the next phases, on dated 27th March 2025, another camp was organized for 20 adolescents from Barabhuja community were screened. On 29th March 2025, a follow up screening & consultation was organized for the previously treated adolescents. The camps were effectively conducted with the active support of Dr. R.R. Sahoo (Medical Officer In-Charge), Mrs. Gayatri Padhy (Staff Nurse), Ms. Kuni Nayak (ASHA), and other team members of UPHC Baramunda, ensuring improved adolescent health awareness and access to services.

45 adolescent boys and girls availed free health check-up and counselling services.



Annapurna – Finding Healing through Support and Trust

Annapurna, a 22-year-old student pursuing +3 Arts at Rajdhani College, Baramunda (Bhubaneswar), lives with her grandparents, stepmother, and a younger step brother. Having lost her parents 15 years ago, she faced emotional neglect and family challenges. For years, Annapurna silently suffered from a suspected breast tumor, experiencing regular discharge and discomfort. Fear of stigma and lack of family support, especially from her stepmothers, kept her from speaking out. She chose not to burden her elderly grandparents, despite their love for her.

In 2024, UCDAP program intervention initiated in Fire Station Basti. During community engagement sessions with adolescents and youth, Annapurna opened up about her health issues to HBT team member Ms. Jyotirmayee Das. With consistent counseling and emotional support, she agreed to seek medical help. The HBT team accompanied her to KIIMS Hospital, where she underwent a complete health check-up including breast examination as advised by doctors. She received timely treatment and has now fully recovered, feeling healthy and relieved.

Annapurna expresses her heartfelt gratitude to the team that stood by her side, helping her regain both her health and confidence when she had no one else to turn to.

Educational Programs

Under the Urban Community Development Action Program in Bhubaneswar, HBT extended facilitation support to ensure equitable access to education, with a focus on re-enrollment, retention, and vocational opportunities for children and adolescents.

1. Back-to-School Campaign:

HBT staff members **facilitated the re-enrollment of 10 drop-out school children** - 9 girls and 1 boy - into Shahid Government School, National Institute of Open School, Patharabandha Government School, and Unit 1 Boys' High School in Bhubaneswar. Currently, four children are continuing their studies, while one girl is in the process of admission to the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). The beneficiaries are from the Tarini, Patharabandha, and Budha Nagar neighborhoods.



Sl.No	Name	Gender	Class	School
1.	Ranjita Swain	Female	10 th Std	VSS Nagar Govt. Nodal School
2.	Priya Nayak	Female	7 th Std	VSS Nagar Govt. Nodal School
3.	Subhalaxmi Sahoo	Female	1 st Std	VSS Nagar Govt. Nodal School
4.	Purnima Behera	Female	10 th Std	Saheed Nagar Govt. High School
5.	Sujata Sahoo	Female	10 th Std	National Institute of Open School – NIOS (In Process)
6.	Chandan Ku Panda	Male	9 th std	Govt. High school, Baramunda
7.	Rita Behera	Female	9 th std	Govt. High school, Baramunda
8.	Megha Nayak	Female	9 th std	Govt. High school, Baramunda
9.	Barsha Nahaka	Female	7 th std	Govt. High school, Baramunda
10.	Kajal Khatun	Female	10 th std	Unit1 High school, Bhubaneswar

Dreams Delayed, Not Denied: Kajal's Return to Learning



Kajal Khatun, a 26-year-old woman from Siripur, Sabar Sahi (Ward No. 52, Bhubaneswar), belongs to a conservative Muslim community. Married at the age of 15 due to family and societal pressure, her education came to a halt after child marriage. Over the past 12 years, she has been managing household responsibilities while raising her three children with her husband at her in-laws' home. Despite her circumstances, Kajal always held a strong desire to complete her education and become financially independent to support her children's future.

However, she didn't know where to start or who would help her fulfill this long-held dream. In 2024, Kajal learned about Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) through her neighbors and approached the HBT-UCDAP project team in Bhubaneswar. She shared her aspirations to complete her 10th standard and take charge of her life. Recognizing her determination and confidence, the HBT team supported her enrollment in Class 10 through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) at Unit-1 High School for the academic year 2024–2025.

Kajal has since appeared for her 10th standard examinations and is now awaiting her results. She is filled with hope and pride, as this step marks a significant milestone toward her dream of becoming self-reliant. With the support of HBT, Kajal is reclaiming her right to education and setting an inspiring example for many other women in her community.

2. Facilitating ITI Admissions and Exposure Visits for Youth Empowerment:

An exposure visit to the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), Bhubaneswar, was organized for 50 adolescents from 10 city communities to motivate them to explore vocational training opportunities. Prior to this, 12 awareness programs were held across Bhubaneswar,

offering guidance and encouragement for adolescents to pursue courses at Government ITI institutions. A total of 125 adolescents participated in these awareness sessions, resulting in 40 youths successfully enrolling in various courses at Government ITI, Bhubaneswar.

50 adolescents from 10 communities participated in an exposure visit to CIPET – BBSR.

12 awareness programs conducted to encourage adolescents to join Govt ITI.

125 adolescents attended the awareness programs.

40 youths (25 girls & 15 boys) enrolled in various courses at Government ITI Bhubaneswar.

105 youths (girls & boys) Participated in Exposure visit to Rajdhani College



A New Chapter: Soni's Success Story with Humara Bachpan Trust



S. Dilama (Soni), a 19-year-old from Pradhan Sahi, Khordha, had to drop out after 10th due to financial struggles, with her parents even planning her early marriage. Identified by Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) during an adolescent club meeting, she expressed her wish to continue studying. With counseling and support from HBT, her parents agreed, and she enrolled in Government ITI, Bhubaneswar, in Computer Trade. In 2024, Soni was selected through campus placement at Tata Electronics System Solutions, Karnataka, where she now works in the iPhone manufacturing unit, earning Rs. 19,903 per month. Her success has brought pride to her family and gratitude towards HBT for enabling her financial independence.

Economic Development Initiatives:

Facilitation of Access to Government Schemes

As part of its ongoing efforts to empower communities, HBT facilitated access to the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) for women entrepreneurs. In Tapovan Community, Bhubaneswar, one woman successfully availed a loan under the scheme to expand her fish business. This initiative highlights HBT's commitment to supporting livelihoods and promoting financial inclusion among marginalized groups.

Community Engagement and Capacity Building:

1. Addressing Community Sanitation Issues through Participatory Engagement and Stakeholder Collaboration:

- In August 2024, the garbage management issues in the Bhagabati and Fire Station neighborhoods was addressed. Adolescents from these communities, with the support of HBT staff members, raised the concern with the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner (Health/Sanitation). As a result of their efforts, BMC has started collecting garbage from these neighborhoods regularly.

15 adolescents involved in raising the issue.

Daily or Weekly garbage collection.

- In September 2024, a community-driven initiative identified the issue of open drains in Gopal Sahi, Baramunda, which has been a major cause of frequent waterlogging in the area. A Charter of Demand (COD) was formally submitted to the Zonal Deputy Commissioner (ZDC) of the South West Zone, BMC. The initiative saw active participation from both men and women in the locality, reflecting a collective effort to address this pressing problem. The officials acknowledged the severity of the issue and assured the community that necessary measures would soon be implemented to resolve the problem.



25 participants involved in the process.

2. Facilitating Improved Access to Social Security Schemes:

- In September and December 2024, awareness sessions were conducted about the **Subhadra Yojana** across 12 communities in Bhubaneswar. The team distributed and assisted in filling out forms for the scheme, ensuring that the beneficiaries understood the application process. Additionally, HBT facilitated the linkage of Aadhaar cards with Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) and linked beneficiaries bank accounts for availing the benefits of the scheme smoothly.

3229 individuals benefitted across **33 communities** in BBSR.

8617 Individuals benefitted across **21 communities** in BBSR (Ayushman Scheme)

- Improved access to various social security schemes for marginalized communities has been facilitated by HBT. This includes supporting families in availing benefits from the **Public Distribution System (PDS)**, which provides essential food items at subsidized rates to eligible households, and assisting widows in accessing the **Widow Pension Scheme**, which offers financial support to women who have lost their spouses. Additionally, individuals with disabilities were helped to secure the **Handicap Pension Scheme**, providing them with a steady income to improve their quality of life. Community members were also assisted with **Aadhaar card corrections**, ensuring that discrepancies in their identity documents were resolved.
- In the last quarter of FY 2024–25, the team made significant strides in promoting the **Ayushman Bharat Scheme**. Through consistent community engagement and awareness efforts, **8,617 individuals** were successfully motivated to access healthcare benefits. This impactful outreach was carried out across 21 urban communities in Bhubaneswar, reflecting the team’s strong commitment to public health and welfare.

Sl. No	Scheme/ Activity	No. of people benefitted
1.	Public Distribution System	27
2.	Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (Widows, Disable, and senior citizen)	38
3.	Harischandra Sahayata Yojana	23
4.	Mamata Scheme	181
5.	Mission Vatsalya	19
6.	Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) – New children enrollment	62

7.	Banishree Scholarship Scheme	1
8.	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)	1
9.	Aadhaar Correction and Enrollment	84
10.	Income Certificate	21
11.	Ayushman Card	8617

Building Leadership Skills: Adolescent Initiative for Safe Drinking Water

Concerns about the quality of supply water, identified as a community issue, were raised by adolescent girls. These adolescents submitted an application to initiate water testing, which was facilitated by HBT staff members. Following this, water testing was conducted by the BMC in July 2024, covering water from 700 household across three communities—Fire Station, Masanipada, and Bhagabati. This testing was done in Fire Station neighborhood in Ward 52, Baramunda, Bhubaneswar. Despite the water's slightly yellow color, the tests confirmed it was safe for drinking, alleviating community apprehensions and reinforcing trust in its quality. This initiative highlighted the leadership potential of adolescent girls in addressing critical issues and advocating for community well-being.

700 households across 3 communities, benefited from water quality testing initiated by adolescent girls

3. Community-level Initiative for Infrastructure Development:



- In July 2024, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) facilitated a Drain Audit for Unsafe and Open Drains, engaging a group of approximately 25 adolescents from various communities in Bhubaneswar. The audit focused on areas such as Jagamara Bridge, Fire Station Basti, Baramunda Village (near Gayatri Vidyamandir and Delta Chowk), Airport Backside, Baramunda Overbridge Underpass, Siripur Drain, Siripur Traffic Chowk, Iskcon Temple Area, Baramunda Bridge, and Bhagabati Basti in Ward 50. The adolescents, with the assistance of local residents, conducted a thorough inspection and documented the issues concerning open drains and unsafe public spaces. A comprehensive report was prepared, highlighting the need for urgent improvements in these areas. Subsequently, a delegation of these young community leaders presented their findings to Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Dr. Krushna Chandra

Mahapatra (Housing & Urban Development, Government of Odisha). The audit report highlighted critical issues such as open drains, waterlogging, and unsafe public spaces. Following this, the issues were addressed, and the open drains have been covered.



Submission of Drain Audit Report to Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra

- As a direct result of the drain audit and consistent advocacy by the adolescent group and community members, significant improvements were undertaken. Youth from two communities in Ward No. 50, supported under the UCDAP project by Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT), prepared and submitted a Charter of Demands to the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC). With strong support from the government, permanent drainage work has been completed in Fire Station Basti, while construction is currently ongoing in Bhagabati Basti. These developments reflect positive action towards addressing community needs and improving public infrastructure.

25 adolescents participated in the Drain Audit.

10 areas in Bhubaneswar were covered in the Drain Audit.

Audit report submitted to Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra. Open drains covered following the report's submission.

- Community drains and toilet cleaning drives were conducted in July 2024 in neighborhoods like Kalpana Telugu Sahi, Kalpana Medical Sahi, Kalpana Panitanki Basti, Bahagati Neighborhood, and Neelanchala Basti. More than 85 participants, including Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) members, youth groups, and community residents, actively participated alongside BMC staff.

85 participants involved in community drains and toilet cleaning drives across **5 localities**.

- Sambhavi Mahila Group leaders of Shastri Nagar, Ward No. 39, Bhubaneswar submitted a Charter of Demand (COD) to the Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), Unit-4, seeking urgent repair and a permanent solution to unsafe electric wiring in their locality. The initiative was supported by the UCDAP team, as part of continued efforts to ensure safe and secure living conditions for the community.



4. Organizing Stakeholder Interface Meetings:



Regular meetings and awareness programs were organized for various community groups, including SAMBHAVI Women Groups, Mahila Samiti, Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS), ICDS workers, ASHA workers, and child, adolescent, and youth clubs. These meetings focused on information sharing regarding government schemes, available health facilities, and the roles and responsibilities of these groups in identifying community issues. Additionally, participants were guided on which stakeholders to contact for addressing specific community challenges. The meetings also emphasized on leadership building within these groups.

22 meetings conducted
involving **525 participants**

28 communities reached

5. Observation of Important Days:

- As part of **International Youth Day celebrations on 12th August 2024**, an exposure visit to the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET) in Bhubaneswar was organized for 50 adolescents from 10 communities across Bhubaneswar. The objective of the visit was to inspire and encourage youth to explore vocational training opportunities, helping them make informed decisions about their career paths.
- To mark the occasion of **International Girl Child Day (IGD), on 11th October 2024**, a celebration was held at the **Ward Office, Ward No. 17, Patharabandha, Bhubaneswar**, with a total of **70 participants** in attendance, including special guests and community members. The program featured speeches and presentations from various dignitaries, including the Chief Guest from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), representative from CIPET, and the Corporator of Ward No. 17, along with Supervisors from the ICDS department. The event featured a role play by adolescent group members on **gender inequalities at the family level**. The CWC shared **insights on child protection**, the CDPO discussed **child marriage and its legal implications**, and the CIPET representative highlighted **vocational training opportunities** for youth. The Corporator assured continued support for girls' development in the ward with assistance from HBT.
- On June 5 2024, during the occasion of **World Environment Day**, a series of initiatives were organized to promote environmental awareness and community involvement in Bhubaneswar. A cleanliness drive was conducted at the **Rajdhani College frontage** with the support of BMC staff, Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) members, and adolescent and youth volunteers from various communities. Similarly, community cleanliness drives were held with the support of BMC in **Bhagabati, Adeikhala, and Patharabandha** neighborhoods, involving active participation community members.



An **awareness program** was organized at the **Adeikhala Anganwadi Center**, in collaboration with **CHES (Central Horticulture Experiment Station)** and **Jivada Ventures Private Limited**. Additionally, **fruit-bearing saplings** were provided by CHES and distributed to **households** and **Anganwadi centers**, promoting environmental sustainability.

Further, **street plays** were performed in the communities of **Ganganagar, Jaganath Basti, Press Colony, and Baramunda Anganwadi Center**. These activities collectively emphasized the importance of environmental conservation and the role of community participation in maintaining a clean and green environment.



40 participants engaged in cleanliness drive at the **Rajdhani College frontage**.

3 community cleanliness drives involving **77 community members**.

50 participants sensitized through awareness program at the **Adeikhala Anganwadi Center**.

80 fruit-bearing saplings distributed to **35 households** and **2 Anganwadi centers**.

800+ people reached through street plays in BBSR.

- On 28th May 2024, **World Menstrual Hygiene Day** was observed with an **awareness program** at Paikanagar, Baramunda to sensitize AWW, ASHA, Sambhavi leaders and adolescent girls about menstrual hygiene and proper disposal of sanitary pads in the designated red boxes of the BMC garbage trucks.

40 sensitized - 35 adolescent girls and 5 women

- During **Swachhta Week** (September 26 – October 2, 2024), **mass cleanliness drives were organized in collaboration with the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC)** across Bhubaneswar: Fire Station, Bhagabati, Tarini, Patharabandha, and Santoshi Nagar. These drives witnessed active participation from community members, including women, adolescents, youth, and men, who came together to promote cleanliness and environmental hygiene in their localities. Additionally, a **week-long campaign was organized to promote menstrual hygiene and proper pad disposal** across seven neighborhoods —Patharabandha, Tarini, Bhagabati, Fire Station, Mahishikala, Adeikhala, and Baramunda, and door-to-door sensitization efforts were carried out.



250 community members participated in cleanliness drives across **5 communities** in BBSR.

1680 families reached across **7 neighborhoods**.

- Youth and child leaders associated with HBT in Bhubaneswar welcomed the New Year 2025 with enthusiasm by extending heartfelt wishes to key supporters and dignitaries. They met and conveyed their greetings to **Ms. Arpita Pattnaik**, Executive Director of Humara Bachpan Trust, **Srijukta Babu Singh**, MLA of Ekamra Constituency, and other well-wishers and community leaders. The interaction provided a valuable opportunity for the young leaders to express their gratitude for the continuous support and encouragement received throughout the year. It also strengthened their motivation to continue working towards safer, healthier, and more inclusive communities in the year ahead. The occasion was filled with positive energy, hope, and a renewed commitment to social change and youth-led development.
- On the occasion of the **76th Republic Day** of India, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) organized a community-level celebration across various zones in Bhubaneswar. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of **Child Leaders, members of the Sambhavi Women Group, and local youth**, who came together to honor the spirit of the Constitution and democratic values.

The **theme for Republic Day 2025** was **“India - Mother of Democracy”**, highlighting the country's ancient democratic ethos and the active role of citizens in nation-building. Participants showcased their commitment through flag hoisting, cultural performances, and speeches on civil rights and duties. The celebration served as a platform to promote leadership, unity, and community pride among all age groups.

- World Cancer Day Observation – Awareness Programme on Adolescent Health**
Organized by Humara Bachpan Trust – UCDAP, Bhubaneswar

On the occasion of **World Cancer Day 94th February 2025**), Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) under the UCDAP project organized an **awareness and sensitization programme** focusing on **adolescent healthcare** and **early detection of cancer**. The session aimed to educate adolescents on identifying early symptoms of cancer through timely diagnosis. Special emphasis was laid on **breast self-examination**, encouraging adolescent girls to regularly check for any unusual changes and immediately consult parents, ASHA, AWW, or doctors if needed. The session highlighted that with a **healthy lifestyle, early detection, and timely treatment**, cancer is curable. Following this, there was

an interactive discussion on various **health schemes available at the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) Baramunda**, specifically designed for adolescents—both boys and girls.

A total of **60 participants**, including adolescents, ASHA workers, AWWs, and the Baramunda UPHC team, took part in the program. The sessions were facilitated by **Mr. Satya Priya Dash (Public Health Manager)** and **Ms. Gayatri (Staff Nurse)** as resource persons. **Two AWWs, three ASHA workers**, and members of the **HBT team** were also actively involved in the event.



- **International Women’s Day Celebration – 2025**

On the occasion of **International Women’s Day**, **Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT)** under the **UCDAP project** organized a community-level celebration at **Nilakantheswar Temple premises, Baramunda, Ward No. 50**, Bhubaneswar. The event was graced by several esteemed guests, including **Mr. Rama Ch. Ransingh (Corporator)**, **Ms. Rashmi Mohapatra (Chairperson, Ekamra Vikash Mancha)**, **Ms. Pramila Nayak (President, Aadarsh Mahila Mohadangha)**, **Ms. Arpita Pattnaik (Executive Director, HBT)**, and **Ms. Banita Moharana (IIC, CAW & CW, Bhubaneswar)** as the Chief Guest, along with other dignitaries. The program aimed to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women and promote gender equality and empowerment at the community level. **Around 230 participants**, including community members, women leaders, youth, and guests from various parts of Bhubaneswar, attended the event.



6. Community Engagement:



- As part of the ongoing community engagement and youth-led initiatives, youth members, child club leaders, volunteers, Sambhavi leaders, guidance members, and parents participated in the **Green Marathon** at **Kalinga Stadium**, Bhubaneswar. Organized by **SBI** in collaboration with **Radio Mirchi**, the event focused on promoting environmental awareness and healthy living. A total of **165 participants** from **10 communities** across the city joined the marathon. The event was successfully coordinated by the **UCDAP Bhubaneswar team**, showcasing active community participation and collective action for a sustainable future.

165 participants from **10 communities** across the city joined the marathon. Organized by **SBI** in collaboration with **Radio Mirchi**.

Addressing Gender based Violence:

Observance of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence:

On 25th November 2024, the **opening day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence was marked by a Rangoli and awareness program**, followed by an **oath-taking ceremony against GBV**. The event was held at Bhagabati Sahi, with approximately **30 participants in attendance**. The session aimed to engage the community in raising awareness about gender-based violence and foster a collective commitment to stand against it.

During the 16 days, safety audits were conducted in various locations across Bhubaneswar, and awareness workshops on cybercrime and intimate partner violence were organized to further educate the community on these critical issues.

Safety Audits:

Safety audits were conducted across four locations in Bhubaneswar: **Pragyna Park (Baramunda), Mahishikhala Residential Area (near Kalpana Square), Unit 8 (Kalyan Mandap, Rest Shed at Bus Stop, and Railway Station), and Master Canteen Square**. These audits assessed a variety of parameters to evaluate the safety and accessibility of public spaces.



The **key parameters** included safety during both day and night, incident witnessing or experiences, lighting conditions, presence of security personnel, and CCTV surveillance. Gender safety was a key focus, along with accessibility aspects such as wheelchair accessibility, signage clarity, and parking availability. Additionally, the audits considered the cleanliness of the areas, the availability of public toilets, and the presence of child and elder-friendly facilities.

These Gender Safety Audits were conducted with **active participation from women and adolescents** across various locations. The participants included 12 individuals at Pragyan Park, 10 at Manhikhala, 8 at the Railway Station, and 7 at the Bus Stop Rest Shed. These audits involved the **engagement of local community members to assess the safety and accessibility of public spaces**.

Issues were identified and based on the observations, recommendations were made to improve safety measures, enhance infrastructure, and ensure the spaces are more accessible and inclusive for women, children, and the elderly.

4 Safety Audits conducted across Bhubaneswar involving **37 women & adolescent girls**



Cybercrime Awareness Workshops:

During the observation of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, two workshops were conducted on **cybercrime awareness** at **Unit 1 Girls High School and Government High School, Baramunda**, with a total of **230 participants, including students, teachers, and staff members**. The sessions were led by a resource person from the Crime Against Women & Children Wing (CAW&CW). These workshops aimed to raise awareness among students and staff about cybercrime issues such as harassment, cyberstalking, doxing, etc. The participants learned about preventive measures and ways to ensure a safer digital environment.



Support for GBV Survivors:

Survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) were identified and their case details were shared with members of the Aain Shayata Kendra (ASK). ASK is a community formed by women rights defenders, including former Women’s Commission members, Ex-Mamata Yojana Advisors, Ex-Advisors of Mission Shakti, Child Protection Experts, and advocates. The purpose of this group is to provide legal support to GBV victims. HBT staff engaged with ASK members to seek legal guidance on how to support these survivors in obtaining justice and expedite the legal process.

3 Survivors identified so far

"Sambhavi Khola Mancha" Program:



The closing event of the campaign in Bhubaneswar took place at the Tapovan Community Centre, featuring the "Sambhavi Khola Mancha" program. Around 120 Sambhavi women members and adolescent girls gathered to reflect on their collective efforts and reaffirm their commitment to ending gender-based violence (GBV).

The session also focused on intimate partner violence (IPV), addressing its various forms—physical, emotional, financial, and sexual abuse—and its impact on families. Discussions highlighted recognizing the signs of IPV, understanding the violence cycle, and promoting mutual respect within relationships. Participants learned about resources like helpline numbers and legal guidance.

150 individuals (adolescent girls and Sambhavi women members) sensitized against GBV, its various forms, and legal guidance.

Conclusion

The Urban Community Development Action Program (UCDAP), a CSR partnership of Diversified Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (DESPL) and Humara Bachpan Trust, has in its first-year advanced preventive healthcare, education, livelihood, women's empowerment, and community engagement across Bhubaneswar. The initiative directly reflects DESPL's CSR policy principles of healthcare access, quality education, sustainable development, and inclusive growth, translating them into tangible community impact.

The achievements of this year reflect the strength of a holistic and participatory approach, guided by DESPL's CSR vision and implemented with the grassroots expertise of Humara Bachpan Trust. Moving forward, UCDAP will continue to strengthen this partnership—deepening community engagement, expanding access to essential services, and scaling up sustainable interventions. With sustained commitment to DESPL's CSR principles, the program envisions creating resilient, safe, and equitable urban communities where every individual—especially women and children—can thrive with dignity and opportunity.



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