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Buddhai Bhumia, a small-holder farmer from Kupuli Guda of Kollar GP, Koraput earns better profit with low-cost agricultural input in vegetable cultivation.

HIGH-INCOME GENERATION THROUGH LOW-COST AGRICULTURAL INPUT

Kupuli Guda is a small hamlet with approximately 20 households, located in the Kollar Gram Panchayath within the Boipariguda Block of Koraput District. This hamlet is well-known for its low-cost agricultural methods used for cultivating vegetables, paddy, and millet. All 20 households in the village have adopted Non-Pesticide Management (NPM), a cost-effective cultivation method that also reduces chemical residue on the harvested produce... [Read More](#)

Patiapadar is a small, remote village situated within the Kathapadagram panchayat of the Boipariguda block in Koraput district. The challenging terrain in this region renders the village virtually inaccessible for most of the year, particularly during the rainy season. Unfortunately, government schemes and policies rarely extend their reach to this village. With approximately 75 households, the nearest health facility is located 28 kilometers away, and the nearest school is 5 kilometers away from the village...[Read More](#)

DHARMENDRA'S WILL TO REACH THE LAST MILE

EDUCATION LEADS COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

It might be hard to believe for some of us, but child marriages still exist in the rural parts of the country, and at an unimaginable scale. The major reason for this social issue to persist is the lack of awareness about adolescent age and high illiteracy rates. During my case study, I was told that a community leader in one of the remote villages in the Boipariguda block is working on reducing school dropouts by improving the educational [Read More](#)

MUSHROOM GROWING SUBSTANTIATES LIVELIHOOD @UDANGUDA

In the remote areas of Kosagumuda Block in Nabarangpur District, there is a village called Udanguda in the Motigaon Gram Panchayath. With 40 households, due to a lack of knowledge about other livelihood opportunities, they have relied solely on agriculture.... [Read More](#)

COLLABORATIVE APPROACH PAVES WAY FOR LIVELIHOOD GENERATION

A collaborative approach is always the best way to yield evident results. When such collaboration is created to generate income, it can have a profound impact on increasing the earnings of everyone involved. One such success story is brewing in a remote village called Rampur in KollarGram Panchayat, part of the Boipariguda Block in the Koraput district....

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AZOLLA FARMING OFFERS NEW LEASE OF LIFE TO EKARI FARMERS

In the remote village of Ekari, which is also a Gram Panchayat in Kosagumuda Block of Nabarangpur District, you'll discover small square pits measuring 4x4 or 5x5 feet in most households. These pits are covered with green nets to protect them from twigs, dried leaves, and mosquitoes. Upon closer inspection, you'll find that these pits are used for cultivating Azolla, a type of feed for livestock, especially cattle and goats. But why is Azolla cultivation important?... [Read More](#)

EMBRACING MONSOON POTATO FARMING - A CASE OF SUBHASANTI

In a shift from traditional forest-based livelihoods to agriculture, tribal communities have transitioned towards cultivating cash crops, notably vegetables.

The CYSD intervention has actively encouraged farmers to embrace year-round cultivation of cash crops, with Monsoon potato cultivation being a prime example of success in the Kashipur block during 2021, thanks to a collaboration with the District Horticulture Department....

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POULTRY REARING FOR SUSTAINABLE INCOME

One of the 35 landless villagers in Jhirigaon, Kuni relies completely on the money she and her husband receive from MGNREGS jobs. However, they both work as farm laborers in adjacent communities during the wet season. In order to meet her family's urgent needs, she also raises four to five native poultry birds. However, she claims that occasionally, due to various chicken diseases, she does not receive the required returns from this kind of revenue. Out of 15 chicks the previous year, she lost all of them due to fowl pox and assaults by wild animals. As a result of COVID19, the remaining birds were sold for a lower price, ranging from Rs. 200 to 300 each bird... [Read More](#)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AS AN IMPACTFUL MEANS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Imagine a group of 25 to 30 people, all in their early and mid-20s, working toward a common goal of developing their surroundings, educating people around them, identifying problems, and drawing possible solutions. This is the dream of 23-year-old Iswar Ghiuria from Gundalia Guda, a remote village in the Boipariguda Block of Koraput District, which he has made come true. With around 60 households, this village, like many remote villages, lacks proper connectivity... [Read More](#)

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Aspirations of Train Tragedy Survivors

The June 2 Odisha train accident was a disastrous collision involving three trains that resulted in 294 deaths and left a large number of injuries. It is considered the deadliest rail disaster worldwide since the 2004 Sri Lankan tsunami train wreck. This tragic occurrence showed the remarkable bravery of survivors in addition to exposing flaws in railway safety. One of them, Gautam Kumar, demonstrates firm courage to keep going with his education and rebuild his life despite suffering severe injuries.

Gautam Kumar, a 17-year-old from the Bihar village of Rasonk, was undergoing treatment at Cuttack's SCB Medical College and Hospital, accompanied by his mother Nirmala and brother Vikash. Despite having a head injury, Gautam occasionally smiles. Just days before boarding a 'prestigious' train to Chennai, he recalls dancing at his brother's wedding on May 28... [Read More](#)



YOUTH OF INDIA & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CYSD Public Lecture Series on 'Youth Work'

Addressing the audience, Dr.(Prof) Pitabasa Sahoo stated, "Today, 12th August, we are celebrating the International Youth Day globally and I am happy to acknowledge CYSD's pioneering role in empowering the youth and uplifting the underprivileged communities of Odisha

He continued, "India's 'demographic dividend' emerges from its diverse and youthful population, aged approximately 10 to 24, shaping the nation's future. Addressing challenges in education, employment, and gender equality is vital, with youth engagement being pivotal. Government initiatives like NCC, NSS, and NYKS underscore their significance in nation-building. Through collaboration and action, India's youth can drive positive change for a promising tomorrow. The government's commitment to youth development is evident through policies, programs, and collaborative efforts, acknowledging the vital role of the youth in shaping India's future".... [Read More](#)



Prof. Pitabasa Sahoo, second from left side

