

Annual Activities Report

SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT)

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Centre for the Study of Contemporary Societies is an independent research and consulting wing of **Samarth Jeevan Trust (SJT)**, established in the year 2006. Its focus is to create an enabling environment in which every body (ALL) can have access to opportunities, get a chance to maximise their potential, participate actively in the development process and shape the present and future of society towards attaining higher objectives.

Vision:

“To create an independent think tank for harnessing the creative spirit and intellect of academicians, development practitioners and civil society for policy analysis and research-based recommendations on contemporary socio-economic issues”.

Mission: To act as a knowledge partner in India’s inclusive development process”.

Objectives:

- To conduct research in various disciplines of social sciences, communication, languages, literature and fine arts.
- To undertake consultancy in the fields of social welfare, industrial promotion, labour welfare, survey and data processing in psychological studies and help the government & NGOs to implement schemes in these respects.
- To collaborate with government agencies, institutions, individuals, voluntary organisations, trade unions and the civil society for undertaking work and establishing institutions for development of society as a whole.
- To recommend strategic and policy level changes.
- To provide training facilities to academicians, office staffs and managers through various capacity building initiatives.
- To develop the organisation as a resource centre on various facets of social science research.



To conduct research, advocacy, seminars and workshops on:

a) Different aspects of human behaviour like social, economic, political & psychological issues affecting the common man.

b) Different aspects of law affecting ordinary people.

c) Gender, health, sanitation, environment and forestry.



In order to develop problem solving skills, the spirit of inquiry and scientific temper among all sections of society in general, and students in particular.

Sector, Spatial and Target of the SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT) specifically for Odisha:

SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT) is striving towards establishing its strengths and facilities it has categorised the options in different

- Education in formal and informal sector including higher and primary education
- Natural Resource Management and Agriculture
- Studies on Culture and Tourism
- Studies Relating to Specific Target Groups and Pockets
- Economic Study relating to Markets and Entrepreneurial Approaches in Odisha

Training Programme Specifically on Reporting, Documentation and Research:

- Training on Research Methodology and Strategy
- Training on Market Research and social dynamics relating to society
- Training on Reporting and Documentation
- Training on Micro-enterprises and livelihoods.

Consulting Services: SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT) is striving and has initiated actions to undertake consulting services various organisations and Institutions including Govt. and Private sector. Followings are the main focus

- Initiation for Public Sector organisations as per demand
- As per the demand of different sectors relating institutions
- Consulting services for Institutions in form of documentation, reporting and training
- Escorting and Handholding services in setting up institutions and organisations

Major Activities Undertaken: In the year 2015-16

- Training on Social Research Methodology Relating to Mainstreaming People in Marginalised Pockets
- Orientation on Market Research Methodology for Vegetable Markets in Odisha
- Rapid Assessment through Literature Review on Forest and NTFPs scope for development
- Rapid assessment on Watershed Development in Western Odisha through Literature Review and papers published
- Training on Participatory Research its Need and Relevance in the present context
- Case Analysis on Economic Activities of Weavers' in Nuapatna, Cuttack
- Inland Fishery Study on Policy Analysis with specific context relating to Odisha
- Emerging Issues on Health Relating to Women and Children in the state of Odisha through critical observations
- Literature Review on Health specifically relating to preventive health care system in Odisha
- Focus Group Discussions among the youths in Urban Pockets of Odisha for furthering the actions
- Analysis on Present Situation on Women Workers in unorganised sector of Urban Pockets of Odisha
- Conceptual Analysis on Traditional Medicines and Ayurvedic healing practices in the present context
- Societal Analysis on Gender Equity and Drudgery Reduction Process amongst the Working Women



- Status on Women PRI Functionaries in the Tribal Pockets of Odisha with special focus to Undivided Koraput district.
- Literature Review and analysis on Policy for development in the Mining Exploration districts of Odisha
- Analysis on Tribal Culture and Performing Art and actions so far in furthering its promotions and institutionalising into mainframe of Odisha culture
- Rapid Analysis of the Cultural practices of Odisha in rural pockets and making ways and means for its development and promotions

Training Programme Conducted So Far:

- Workshop and Seminar on “Need and Relevance on Civil Society Participation” in the development process
- Conducted Workshop on “Insignificant Handloom Sector in the Odisha and Challenges ahead”
- Policy analysis relating to Finance with special focus on Micro-Finance Sector both Formal Sector and Informal Sector in the state Odisha
- In-house deliberations on Marginalised pockets of Odisha with special focus towards economic interventions
- Discussions and Deliberations through Workshop on “Informal Sectors in urban pockets such as Transporters and Logistics management” in furthering the interventions for its effectiveness
- Training on “Research Report preparation and documentation”.



Initiating Actions for Association ships for Building the Strengths of SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT):

In the year 2015-16 Centre for Study on Contemporary Society (SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT)) has taken discussions and rapport building exercise with Individual Resource Persons and Institutions through Formal and

Informal dialogue for their collaborative actions and research with special focus on Odisha.

Responsibilities sharing among the people of SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT) and its promoters are more related to negotiations with organisations and individuals for their support and initiatives for organisational and societal cause.



- Induction of Resource Persons for their involvement
- Orientation and interactions with interested persons and organisations to be part of the organisation in furthering the objectives of SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT)
- Sharing the Vision and Mission of SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT) and furthering the actions among the Resource Persons and building association ships
- Participation in Workshops and Seminars organised on Skill Development and Start Ups for Entrepreneurial Development

Efforts are also to link and establish associationships with other Institutions and Organisations at the National Level and International Level has also been planned.

Initiations have also been made to take collaborative action research with Universities and Technical Institutions that contributes towards societal upliftment.

Experienced and Qualified Resource Persons Associated with Centre for Studies on Contemporary Societies (**SAMARTH JEEVAN TRUST (SJT)**):

- Prof.(Dr.) Siddhartha Sankar Dash, Former Professor, Entrepreneur Development Institute, Ahmadabad
- Dr. Pramod Kumar Ray, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Jajpur College, Odisha
- Shri Biswajeet Mohapatra, State Head, GFTAM, Odisha
- Dr. Pritish Kumar Sahu, Assistant Professor, Economics, Kuallampur University, Malaysia

- Dr. Ranjana Bajpai, Reader, Department of Geography, Ravenshaw University
- Shri Bibhu Prasad Swain, Ex-Indian Navy, Entrepreneur & Social Activist, Chief Executive, OYD Services & Skill Development Training Centre, Odisha
- Shri Lalatandu Satapathy, MD, INNOVIAN Technologies, Bhubaneswar
- Shri Satya Narayana Jena, Assistant Professor, School of Law, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar
- Mrs. Yotirmayee Tudu, Assistant Professor, Utkal University
- Dr. Birendra Suna, Assistant Professor, NISWAS, Odisha
- Shri Jiten Mohanty, Entrepreneur & Social Activist
- Dr. Jatin Mohanty, Social Activist
- Shri. Kishore Kumar Mohanty, Researcher, PGDM(XIMB)
- Prof. Prajna Jagadev, Assistant Professor, Silicon Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar
- Ms. Chandana Pattanaik, Research Associate
- Ms. Satabdi Pradhan, Research Associate