

# Annual Report 2005-06

*I am the child  
All the world waits for my coming.  
All the earth watches with interest to see  
what shall I become.  
Civilization hangs in the balance  
For what I am,  
the world of tomorrow will be.*



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**Jeebant dares to dream.....**



*He was born to a schedule caste couple in a remote tribal village in the coastal belt of Orissa. He knew no childhood, employed as he was at a tender age. Rescued by a volunteer, he was housed in Asra, a shelter home run by the organization. Intense & persevering, he took his studies seriously passing the High School examination with 76 % marks. Not to stay behind in sports he was declared the school sports champion. His dream..... to be a doctor*

With education the Ruchika Social Service Organisation initiated its first innovative venture of a Platform School on the Bhubaneswar railway station in 1985. Presently it is reaching to over 4500 children with many other welfare components.

Education is a lifetime inheritance. It is a life insurance, a key to success and a bright future. We believe that education, in all its forms, paves the path to self sufficiency. It gives the children a sense of self worth, a productive and meaningful life. We focus on achieving an empowering alternative for thousands of children who lack access to new wave schooling. We break all barriers to reach every child with education whether s/he is on the railway station, at truck terminals, on the pavement or in a road side eatery.

### We believe

"If the child cannot come to the school then the school must go to the child"

### Our Vision is

"To build a child-friendly society where a child is considered as the greatest asset of mankind, where all Human Rights will be ensured to each child and where all children get the best possible environment in which they can grow without any obstruction or impediment."

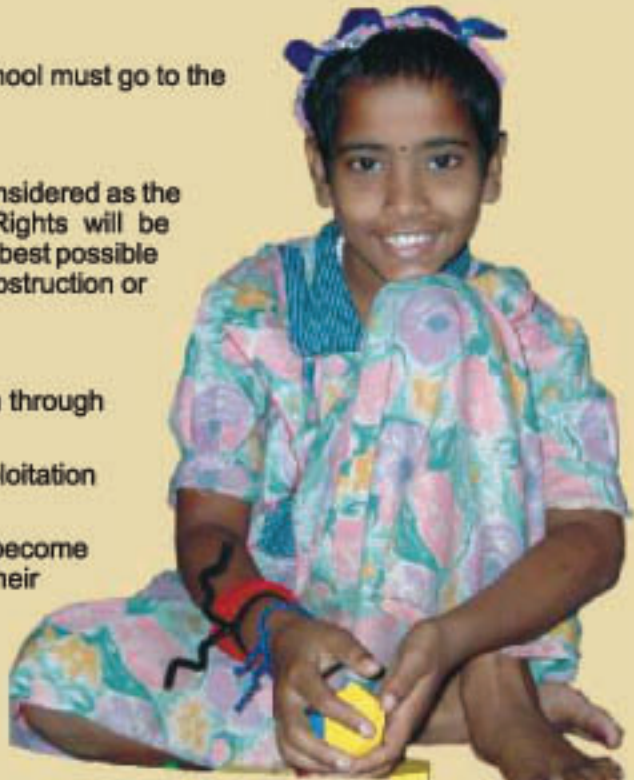
### Our Mission

Advance opportunities for underprivileged children through education to

Create a society free of child labour, destitution, exploitation and abandonment;

Equip children with the knowledge necessary to become active participants and positive contributors to their communities ;

Provide all children with a joyful and creative school atmosphere that incorporates the education and skills relevant to a meaningful and dignified existence.



*Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Orissa, a coastal state of India is a major railway hub of the east coast. It attracts a countless number of impoverished, homeless and unemployed families and children from different parts of the state as well as neighboring states. They occupy vacant lands. There are 221 slums that have proliferated all over the city. Out of over 3,00,000 slum population around 1,00,000 are children. Living conditions of these families is both deplorable and depressing. In addition, a number of slums snake along the railway tracks as a variety of services are available on the stations besides petty jobs and a chance to get doles.*

*The organization works in more than 100 slums and 12 railway stations starting from Berhampur to Jajpur Road (5 districts in Orissa)*

**We work with the children for their development in the field of**

### **Alternative schooling**

63 schools (alternative education centres) in the slums are run in Bhubaneswar for 2100 drop-outs, late starters, non-starters and working children in the age group of 6 to 14 years. Government syllabus is followed to maintain the children's education at par with the regular school. Every year all children in class III and IV are mainstreamed to government schools.

In addition 12 schools operate on the major railway stations in Orissa for 450 children who work on and around the stations, 5 schools in the city corners for 250 street children, and the children of commercial sex workers. 2 schools on wheels cover 100 working children spread around the pavements of the city.

### **Health care**

2000 children are covered under a mobile health care programme. The doctors provide medicines and the concerned teachers are trained to take follow up action.

### **Nutrition**

2500 children are provided cooked food and 1300 children with supplementary dry nutrition. Khechudi- rice cooked with dal, vegetables, coconut, spinach is supplied to the slum school children and street children whereas Chhatua flattened rice ground with peanuts, black gram and mixed with sugar, milk powder and salt is supplied to the platform school, preschool and crèche children. In addition babies in the crèche and young children living in the shelter are provided with pasteurized milk everyday.

### **Shelter**

Two shelters run for 60 homeless destitute boys and girls. Both these shelters are also used as short stay homes for runaways, petty thieves with police reference, vagrant and child beggars. The internees are provided with a home, an identity and address, food, clothes, sleeping, bathing and toilet facilities, counseling, education, healthcare, recreation, restoration and rehabilitation are also some of the services available for them.



### **Emergency services**

The boy/girl child and women in crisis are immediately attended to through two toll free round the clock telephone services. These are 1098 (for children) and 10920 (for women). The rescued clients are provided with medical assistance, shelter, counseling, sponsorship, repatriation and legal service as per their need.

### **Vikash saw the beautiful world again !!**

*Found him dying on the railway station Vikash, a n unknown child was taken to Capital Hospital. Failing to diagnose his disease he was transferred to SCB Medical College and again to Hi-tech Hospital where he was diagnosed with tubercular-meningo-encephalitis, a fatal disease. After continuous medication of 6 months he recovered from coma and was cured. He could see the beautiful world around him. As soon as he was back to his normal life he was repatriated to his home.*



**If the child can not come to the school**

### **Skill training**

Adolescent boys and girls are trained with need based skills and job placement / rehabilitation services. Skills like tailoring, hotel boy, waiter, house keeping, cooking, laundry etc. are imparted in the organization. It also net-works with other organizations like National Institute of Hotel Management and Catering for advance training and several hotels..

### **Preschool education**

Preschool education is imparted to 900 children in 27 centres. These centers prepare the children to be enrolled in the government schools at the right age. With better attention span and the school routine being established there is better retention in the school system with more and more children finishing schooling .

### **Knowledge on HIV/AIDS/STIs**

814 street adolescents and 10,000 slum and street communities are imparted knowledge and skill on use of condoms, identification of sexually transmitted diseases, safe behaviour to prevent HIV/AIDS/STIs. One to one interaction, group sessions, recreation programs, community meetings and IEC materials are used to disseminate the information.

### **Water and sanitation**

2000 children and over 30,000 slum people are made aware of potable water, sanitation and good hygienic practices through puppet shows, community meetings, child parliaments and street

plays. Child to child and child to community approaches are used to disseminate the messages. In addition the organization has installed 11 tube wells, constructed 10 Child-friendly latrines, 43 sanitary blocks, 31 roof rain water harvesting and conservation points, 10 Community compost pits and 100 kitchen gardens in 60 slums.

### **Special care for the differently abled**

180 differently abled children have been identified in the slums and were helped with essential documents, aids and appliances, physiotherapy, parental and community counseling, and linked to the government schemes.

### **We look forward to**

#### **Children as catalysts of change**

To say that children are the future citizens of the country is to understate a great truth. In reality children are the future themselves. We believe children can be the best change makers if given the opportunity. All health, nutrition and social messages are sent to the people through the children. They are involved from the planning to the evaluation level of any work implemented for their welfare and development.

#### **Building up a people's movement**

Across all program interventions, Ruchika promotes equitable and sustainable access to all services by the people with whom it works, based on an understanding of their immediate environment. It seeks to strengthen the long-term capability of all community members to manage matters that affect the well being of their children. This includes organizational technical, financial and managerial capacities, and the ability to influence the priorities and quality of service of community based organizations (CBOs). It also recognizes the importance of strengthening the long-term capacities of these organizations. Ruchika strives to build a peoples movement, which will aim to take care of all issues of children including their education, health, sanitation and all other needs.



## Vision 2010

Ruchika attempts to ensure that both children and adults of all Bhubaneswar slums acquire basic learning and life skills to help them realize their full potential and contribute to the development of their societies. This includes access to quality alternative and formal education, vocational training and life skills enhancement for adolescents. It focuses on educating communities to bring about lasting and

sustainable changes in their quality of life. The organization is also looking forward to replicate the innovative schooling models to scale in other areas.

A toy library will reach all the young children in the slum and take joy and happiness with the loan of one toy for a week. It also aims to reach out to the children of all sections of society with no socio economic barriers with a large children's book library in the city.

## COMPLYING CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE NORMS

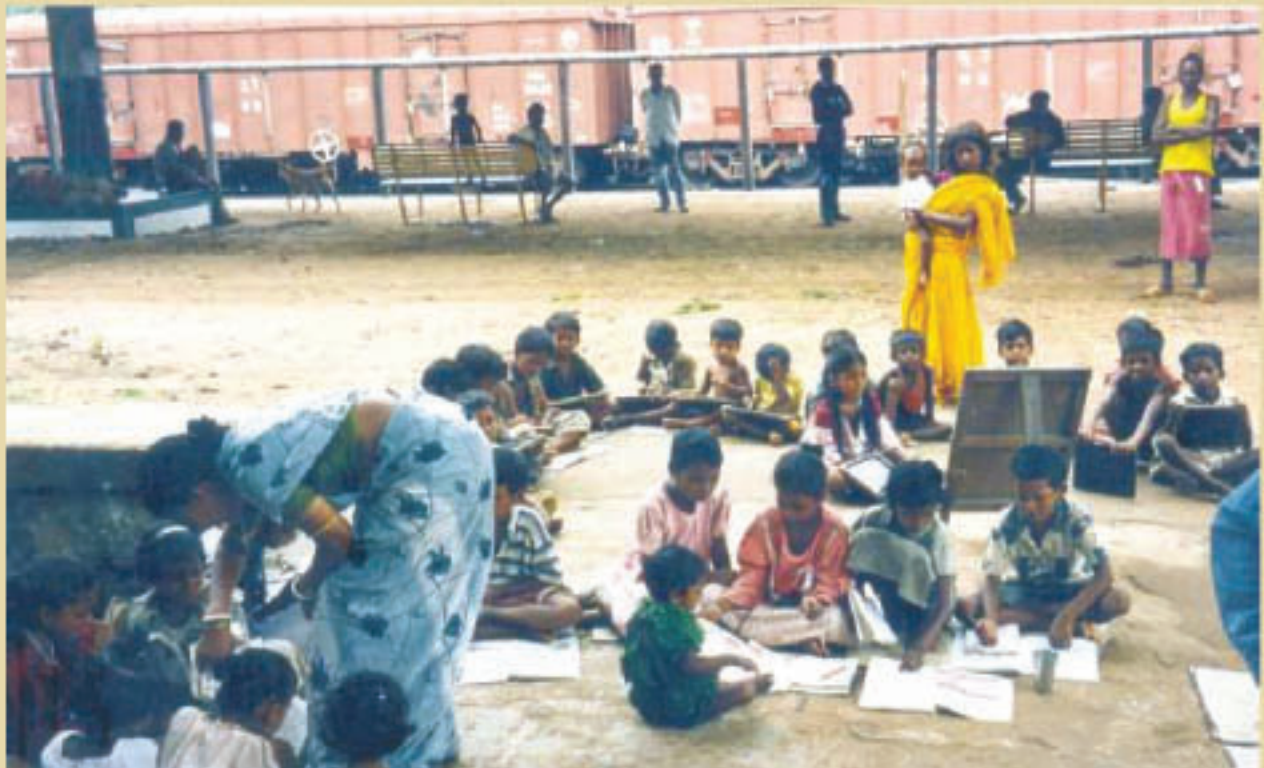
### SALARY STRUCTURE OF THE STAFF

Amount	No. of staff
< 500	21 (Part time)
501 1000	143 (Part time)
1001 5000	72 (Full time)
> 5000	02 (Full time)
<b>Total Staff Strength</b>	<b>238</b>
Lowest paid staff =	400/-
Highest paid staff =	10,000/-

N.B: Mrs. Inderjit Khurana, Secretary and Lt. Col. S. S. Khurana, Administrator do not receive any salary or remuneration in any form from the organization for their services.

### TRAVEL

Mr. Benudhar Senapati attended an International Conference in Chennai and an International knowledge sharing workshop in Mumbai. Both these travels were supported by the donor agencies. In addition Pragnya Paramita Nayak, Artatrana Sarangi, Chitta Ranjan Bhoi, Trupti Prava Mallick, Sawan Kumar, Saroj Saha, Pranati Rout, Sanghamitra Swain, Niranjana Nayak, Ramesh Ch. Sahoo, Sanjukta Samantaray & Biranchi Dalbehera attended national level meetings and the travel was supported by the organizing agencies.



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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH.2006

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	Current Fin Year		Prev. Fin Year	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
<b>Assets</b>				
Fixed assets 1	61,42,132	27	70,99,671	48
Investments	—	—	—	—
Loans disbursed <sup>2</sup>	17,13,382	8	2,92,261	2
deposits and Advances	16,45,225	7	13,68,389	9
Current assets	1,29,80,076	57	53,96,058	37
Income and Expenditure a/c Balance <sup>3</sup>	3,08,420	1	5,31,850	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,27,89,235</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,46,88,229</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Corpus/Endowment funds(s)	1,86,14,173	82	1,07,85,467	73
Earmarked Funds	—	—	—	—
Loans/Borrowings	3,94,636	1.5	28,453	.2
Current liabilities and provisions	37,80,426	16.5	38,74,309	26.8
Income and Expenditures A/c Balance	—	—	—	—
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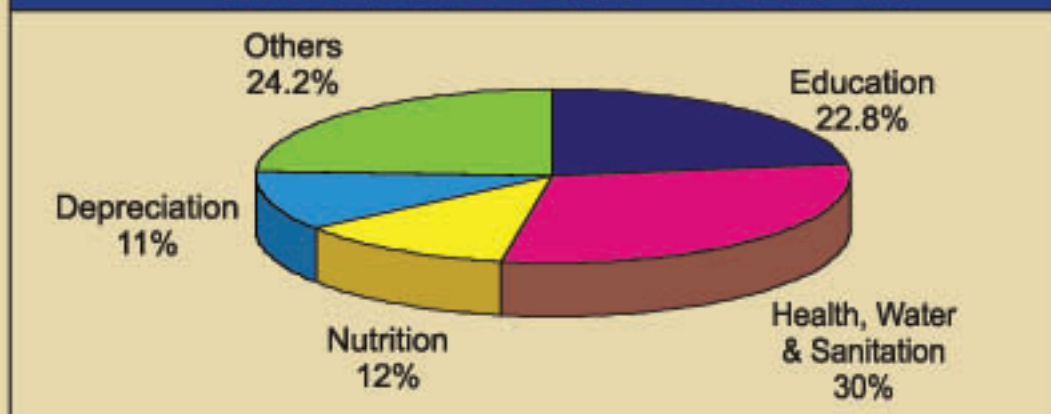
Note:1- Includes furniture and fixtures, 2. Includes programme loans 3. Expenditure exceeding income

## ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH..2006

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	Current Fin Year		Prev. Fin Year	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
<b>Income</b>				
Self generated income	4,36,620	5	2,63,735	3
Indian sources	29,35,831	34	71,26,887	74
International sources	47,94,667	55	17,16,176	18
Others	5,51,146	6	4,66,850	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,48,264</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95,73,648</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Education	25,87,914	22.8	26,02,186	27
Health, Water & Sanitation	26,31,103	30	26,99,410	28
Nutrition	10,38,584	12	11,52,223	12
Depreciation	9,91,559	11	10,31,902	11
Others	14,89,104	24.2	20,87,927	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,48,264</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95,73,648</b>	<b>100%</b>

## EXPENDITURE - 2005-06



Auditors : S.N. Adlakha &amp; Co, Chartered Accounts, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India

Bankers : 1. State Bank of India, Main Branch, 2. State Bank of India, Old Town Branch, 3. Indian Bank, Ashok Nagar Branch, 4. Canara Bank, Bapuji Nagar Branch.

## WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION

**Support Agencies :** Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, Central Social Welfare Board, Govt. of India, Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan, Govt. of Orissa, Dept. of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Orissa, Global Fund for Children, USA, Global Giving and all its donors to Ruchika, USA, American Jewish World Service, USA, Indians for Collective Action and all its donors to Ruchika, USA, Concern World Wide- India, Water Aid India, VJW Ruchika Thomas for India, Belgium, Mirman School, USA, Empower, USA,

### Individual Donors

**Indian :** Mr. Ashok Kakulla, Ms. Ishita Sahani, Mr. S. A. Rangan, Dr. M.S, Batra, Ms. Amarjit Singh, Ms. Jaggi Singh, Mr. Jagbir Singh, Ms. Piali De, Mr. Maheswar Mohanty, Utpal Panigrahi, D.C. Garg, Ritu Anand.

**Foreign :** Marian Gueze, Tim and Kathleen, Wallace B. Rogers, William C. Mudd, JR, Carol D and Timothy R. Van Deelen, Timothy Dadabo, Mary Kay Dabada, Jeffery Waldmann, Garfield M Zimmenmman, Archie and Virginia Miller, Tera K. Crisco, Earthsong Farm, Anne M. McClendon, D. Christine Mckinney, Amanda Flqires, Kathleen O Malley, Erin M Moilanen, Louise Pittz, Ted Thoeny, Murali Keramilli, Jack, Maura Davidson, Mrigen Bose, Pratima D. Bose, Susan Scoot, Connie Miller, Paula Terry, Delly A Connolly, Kelly Muraszewski & Mark Schroeder, Anderson Agency, Meis C. Anderson, Lawrence E. Benson, Richard L Schillinger, J. Seonard Larson, The Mcrackan Group INC, Erin M Moilanen, Saurav Mohapatra, Preeti Padhy, Gordan J. Bowers & Vouna Bowers, Centre for Cultural and Naturalist Studies, William M Steele, Beverley D. Steele, Martinje, Ted Thoeny, Wallace B Rogers, Teresa Crisco, Annath V. Prasad, Lisa Acevedo and Alfredo Acevedo, Alyiam S. S. Krishnan, Jean Pierre and Chritine Baer.

## VISITORS OF THE YEAR

Cynthia Steele & Alexa, Empower, USA, Binna Shashadarshane, BBSR, Minaxi Shukla, Chetna, & Keerti Jayaram, New Delhi, Laura Lynn, Vitskaia, Justin, Cecelia Harback, Helen Bowers, Lisa French, Tishia Hicks, all from USA, P.K. Nayak, AGM, SBI, R.P. Patnaik Manager, SBI, S. K. Rath, SBI, P.R. Biswas, SBI, S. K. Nayak, SBI, D. K. Sahoo, SBI, Diban Chand Garg, BBSR, Prajnanananda, Hariharananda Gurukulam, Puri, Breda Gahan, Concern, Ireland, Trina Brown, USA, Pular Hoark, South Africa, Ellina Acharya, BBSR, Lena Kashkaseva, Chris James, Mira Kanj, South Korea, Aswini Ku. Mohapatra, BBSR, Mary Vernon, Canada, Steve Dawson, Canada, Birgit, Erik, Jakob and Mariholde, Denmark, Uma Oza Mumbai, Poonam Khanna New Delhi, Molly Morrison Ireland, Jessica Connolly Ireland, Raekha Prasad New Delhi, Jesson U.K.

## ASSESSMENT OF THE VISITORS

"Glad to finally get here, meet the staff and see the programs first hand. Ruchika is an inspiration"

- *Cynthia Steele, Empower, USA.*

"Thank you for your time. I am so inspired by what you have achieved. There is so much dedication and commitment here. I will try my utmost to help in whatever way I can. Please contact me for any thing I can do in Delhi"

- *Keerti Jayram, New Delhi*

"I am so glad we saw the New Heroes video, which led us here. Its nice to find people half way across the world who share the same sentiments of the heart"

- *Lisa French, USA*

"It is truly inspiring to witness the effect that one person starting with one Action, can have on this piece of the human race. This is a magnificent project"

- *Tishia Hicks, USA*

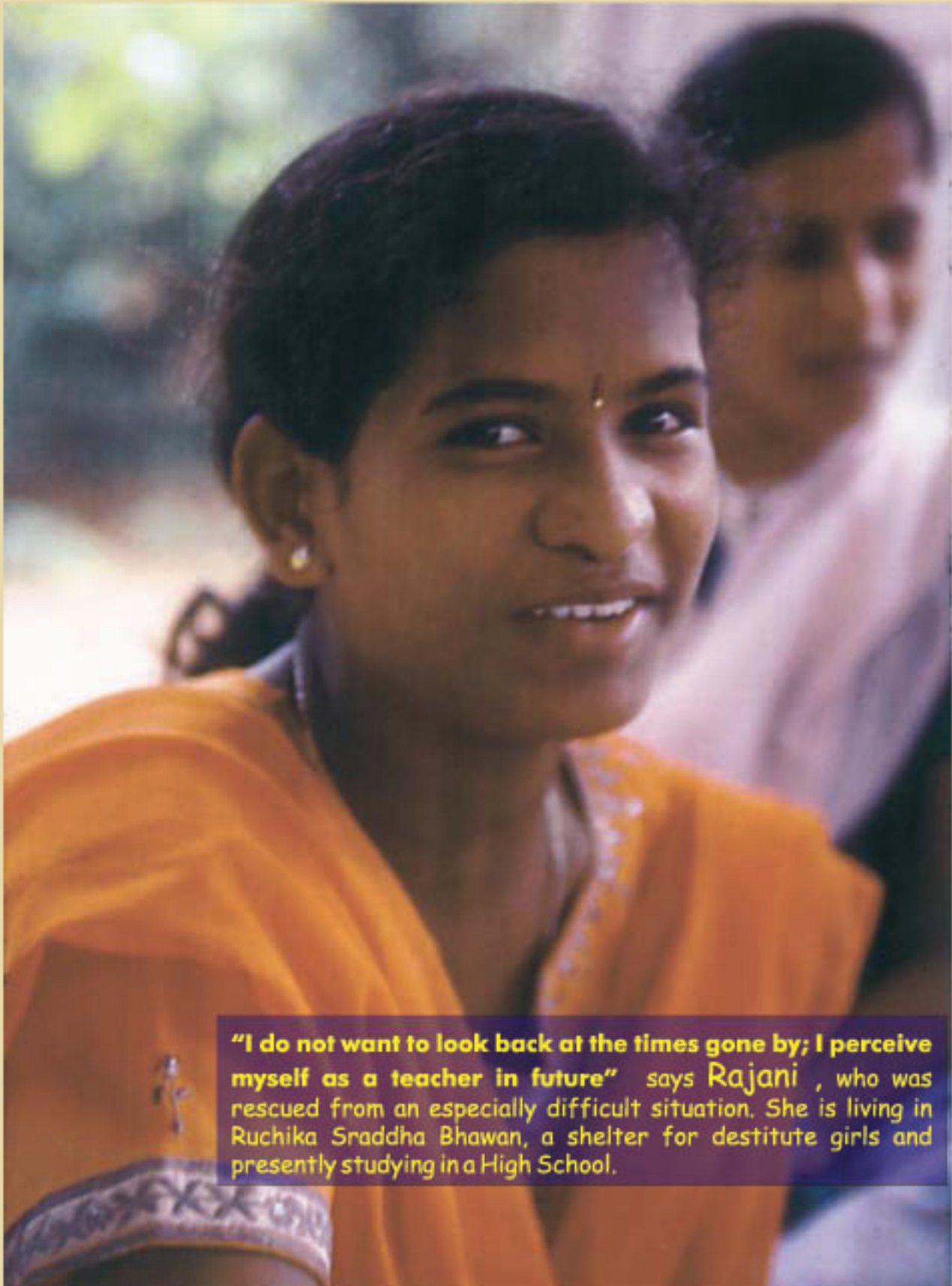
## HONOURS



Mrs. Inderjit Khurana received the National Award for Children's Welfare from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The platform school was telecast all over USA and in some European countries in a PBS film "The New Heroes"

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**"I do not want to look back at the times gone by; I perceive myself as a teacher in future"** says Rajani , who was rescued from an especially difficult situation. She is living in Ruchika Sraddha Bhawan, a shelter for destitute girls and presently studying in a High School.

## ADVISORY BOARD

**Mr.S.M. Pattnaik, IAS**

**Mr. Bhabani Charan Pattnaik**

**Padmashree Dr. D.P. Pattanik**

**Justice Himadri Mohapatra**

**Dr. C.R. Parija**

**Ms. Jaggi Mangat Panda**

**Ms. Vimaljit Dua**

**Mr. Rajeswar Hota ,**

Former Chief Secretary, Orissa

Freedom fighter & Ex.M.P (Rajya Sabha).

Professor Emeritus (Education)

Member, Human Rights Commission

Principal Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital

Director, Ortel Communication

Vice Principal, Ruchika Pre School

Advocate , District Court .

## GOVERNING BOARD

**Name of our governing board is Managing Committee. It meets once a quarter. Meeting dates of the years 1- 27.6.06, 2- 7.11.06, 3- 6.12.06 and 4- 28.3.06**

**Prof. Jagannath Mohanty**  
President

**Prof. Narayan Rao**

**Mrs. Inderjit Khurana**  
Secretary cum Treasurer

**Mr. Balbir Singh Bhasin**

**Mr. R. P. Dwivedy**

**Mr. Benudhar Senapati**

Prof. Emeritus, Former Principal of Teacher's Education College and Writer.

Professor in University, Former Controller of Examination

Director, Ruchika High School and Ruchika Pre-School

Management Consultant

Project Manager

Project Manager

*N.B: New members included in the organization : 1. Prof. (Dr.) Narayan Rao and 2. Lt. Col. S. S. Khurana (Ex. Army Officer, Administrator, RSSO.)*



*Now I can see a bright future*

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## LIST OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Sl. No.	Name of the Program	Target Group	No. of Unit	Year of Incep-tion	Supported by	Staff / Beneficiaries
01	Creche Program	Children below 5 years	06	1987	State Social Welfare Board	12/180
02.	Alternative Schools	Children 6-14 of slums, street and School drop outs	63	1989	Sarva Shikshya Aviyan, Orissa Ruchika Social Service Organisation	74/2100
03.	Vocational Training Centre	Children above 14 years	03	1991	American Jewish World Service USA	8/100
04.	Station schools	Children living on and around the railway station	12	1985	Global Fund For Children	18/450
05.	Street Children's Project	Children living on the street	06	1998	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	15/350
06.	CHILDLINE	Children in need of emergency care and protection	01	2000	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	12/700
07.	Shelter for Street Boys	Boys without family ties	01	1989	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	2/40
08.	Shelter for Street Girls/Women	Girls without family ties	01	2002	Grass Roots Asia, USA	4/20
09.	Balwadis	Children of working mothers in the slums	21	2002	American Jewish World Service (AJWS)	45/700
10.	Book Designing	Vocational trainees	01	2001	ASHA - Silicon Valley project, USA	0/1000
11.	Medical Service	Street, Working, Slum children	40	2000	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, AJWS, & Empower	12/3000
12.	HIV / AIDS Prevention Program	Street Children	05	2002	Concern World Wide , India	15/814
13.	Nutrition Programme	Slum & Street Children	109	1985	Empower-USA, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Social Welfare Advisory Board , Grass Roots Asia, SSA	00/2000
14.	Helpline & 24hours crisis response centre	Women in crisis & distress	01	2004	Dept. of Women & Child Development , Govt. of Orissa	10/500
15.	Water & sanitation Prog.	Alternative School children	60	2004	Water Aid -India	8/2000
16.	Inclusive Education	Differently abled Children	01	2004	VJW-Ruchika Thomas For India	3/130



We the children, staff and members of the organization are saddened by the sudden demise of our precious friend, philosopher and guide Utkal Ratna Prof. Satrugna Nath. An eminent educationist of Orissa, he was the first President of the organization. A prolific writer, he wrote extensively on early childhood education.

## ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR ....

- Primary education was imparted to 3000 slum & street children regularly.
- Preschool education was imparted to 900 young children daily. 1500 children and 15,000 community members were provided health care on a weekly basis.
- 69 women were sterilized and 336 families adopted other forms of contraceptives.
- 23 lepers, 34 tuberculosis and 694 STI patients were cured after medication and counseling.
- 579 children and 325 women were provided with emergency care services of which 252 were given shelter services.
- 164 adolescents were imparted skill training of which 57 were rehabilitated and 34 were given placement services.
- 814 street adolescents and 10,000 community members were educated on HIV/AIDS.
- 2000 children and 10,000 community members were made aware of safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene issues.
- 73 differently abled children were helped with aids and appliances and were mainstreamed to schools.

The joy on those faces is all that the year in review adds up to. It sums up all the time, effort and money invested in hope. By people like you. By people who believe that by nurturing the children, they are providing for the future itself.