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***Expanding Reach  
Empowering Community***



## Abbreviations Used

ADB	Asian Development Bank
CBO	Community Based Organization
CCA	Climate Change Adaptability
CRP	Community Resource Person
CPF	Community Participation Framework
ECoP	Environmental Code of Practice
FA	Facilitating Agency
FNGO	Facilitating Non-Governmental Organization
FCP	Farmers Club Program
FC	Farmers Club
FPO	Farmer Producer Organization
HH	Household
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
GS	Gram Sabha
LWE	Left Wing Extremism
MKSP	Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana
MPA	Micro Project Area
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development
NHM	National Health Mission
NRLM	National Rural Livelihoods Mission
NRRDA	National Rural Roads Development Authority
OSRRA	Odisha State Rural Roads Authority
OSWSM	Odisha State Water & Sanitation Mission
ODF	Open Defecation free
PFA	Project Facilitating Agency
PMGSY	Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
PACS	Poorest Area Civil Society
PG	Producers Group
PoP	Package of Practices
RKVY	Rashtriya KrishiVikas Yojana
RTI	Right to Information
SHG	Self Help Group
SHPI	Self Help Promoting Institution
SFAC	Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium
TISS	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
UG	Users Group
UNWFP	United Nations World Food Programme
VDA	Village Development Association
VDC	Village Development Committee
VCCRMC	Village Climate Change Risk Management Committee
VWC	Village Watershed Committee



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We believe in building communities & institutions for lasting change.



# Message from The Chief Executive



“In isolation we can do little, together we can do wonders”

Creating a better future requires team work, partnership and collaboration. The rural India needs an army of change-makers and transformative development players working towards a shared purpose of a more equitable society. In empowering such a society, Life Academy of Vocational Studies has invested its energy and resources actively in the development sector in different priority areas since more than 3 decades. Its mode of action; dependent upon its intellectual property, its experience, its understanding of social and economic dynamics prevailing and the socioeconomic conditions at the locations, the programs and projects being implemented have forced us to adopt dynamic and flexible strategies, aligned with a more adaptive method of monitoring and evaluations while sticking to the demand of the project and the supporters.

I have an opportunity, to thank all our supporters, partisans, clienteles to have made our journey smooth; although there have been critics. It is also a fact that criticisms guide you through a critical path, helps you to reach your destination and achieve the desired goal. We are equally thankful to them.

The staff members are worthy of a mention, in context of our thankfulness, to have not only understood but also internalized the perspective of LAVS and converted it into achievement in real-time. Our progress is; to the maximum extent, owed to them.

During the fiscal year under report, our commitment to popularize millets in tribal areas gained momentum despite adverse physical conditions, the REWARD Project was grounded and Social Impact Assessment Studies continued. Less no. of projects to be implemented did not bar us from being active, it left us with an option of introspection and strengthening our internal resources, intellectual dimensions and examine our follies and experiences in a critical mode. We emerged stronger.

Moving on as an organization, we are setting our eyes on re-envisioning our vision, mission and goals to better align with our strengths, invest in our capabilities and stay committed to serve the evolving needs of the community and partners.

We look ahead with focus, flexibility and fervour to effectively and efficiently serve the developmental ecosystem by contributing our best.





## Executive Summary

This document carries within it an account of activities of Life Academy of Vocational Studies within a span of one financial year; commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. It was presented in the Annual General Body Meeting of the organization and was duly approved for circulation as and where necessary.

Life Academy of Vocational Studies has been in active operation for a period exceeding 3 decades. Since its early years, it was primarily engaged in implementation of projects; and gradually the paradigm shifted to studies, research and surveys. Presently its activities are an admixture of projects relating to implementation, studies, surveys and research.

Dedicated to enhancing the knowledge, skills, and processes of community partners, we successfully improved the capabilities of over 40 community based organisations, through our intensive capacity building support. Additionally, we facilitated meaningful engagement for watershed cluster level functionaries who brought diverse perspectives and expertise to our initiatives. The document is in 6 Chapters.

- Chapter 1** Describes the organization; its legal aspects, its vision & mission, empanelment and accreditations.
- Chapter 2** Describes an illustrative list of activities carried out so far, its organogram etc
- Chapter 3** Describes its activities during the financial year 2023-24. Some of the activities are carried forward since last fiscal year, some commenced during the year and some are ongoing.
- Chapter 4** Describes the road ahead, its future plans and conclusion.
- Chapter 5** Reflects its financials pertaining to the financial year [period under report.
- Chapter 6** The last chapter; displays some photographs, newspaper clippings etc.

As a catalyst for positive change, we leverage our expertise, networks, and resources to support communities at grassroots level. With wide-ranging support and deep engagement; we aim to foster a robust and effective social sector that drives sustainable and meaningful impact in communities.

This year, we had the privilege of working with 4IWCs, participating in various programmes and launching new initiatives. Nurturing strong partnerships within our team, with multiple NGOs, intermediaries, and the donor community, we take immense pride in the support we have extended to the sector.



# CHAPTER I

## LIFE ACADEMY OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES: The Organization Overview

Life Academy of Vocational Studies [LAVS] came into existence as a legal entity on 28<sup>th</sup> November 1991, registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 at Bhubaneswar. Its primary objectives included to act towards ensuring a happy life for those who seldom smile; never felt being a part of a larger community which is considered to be the creamy layer. There were some other like-minded persons; came together and formed the Society, with a definite Vision and premeditated Mission, which follow in the following paragraph [next to the legal aspects].

### Legitimate Entitlements:

Registered under Societies Registration Act -XXI of 1860	No. 3710-384/91, Dated-28.11.1991 [renewed with IGR, Odisha vide No. 668/19202300121 of 2023 -24 dated 09/01/20 24valid for 5 years
Unique ID of NITI Ayog [NGO Darpan]	No. OR/2009/0005388
Registered under FCR Act 1976	No-104830015 Dated -07/08/2016 (renewed and valid till 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2027).
Registered under 12 (A) of I.T. Act	No. AAATL3043LE20163
Registered under 80 (G) of I.T. Act	No. AAATL3043LF20211
PAN of Income Tax	No. AAATL 3043 L
Registered under GST Act	No. 21AAATL3043LIZW
Tax Deduction and Collection Account	No. BBNL00375E
Registered with Ministry of Company Affairs	No. CSR00015924

### Vision

A society where peoples' action is given priority for benefit and betterment of children, women, poor and marginal sections of the community, guaranteeing eco-friendly sustainable development based on equity, empowerment and initiatives for self-reliance by the target clients.

### Mission

Supplement Community capacity building and Skill up-gradation to promote in them a sense of ownership and active partnership with government and development agencies in decisions and programs affecting their development and well-being.



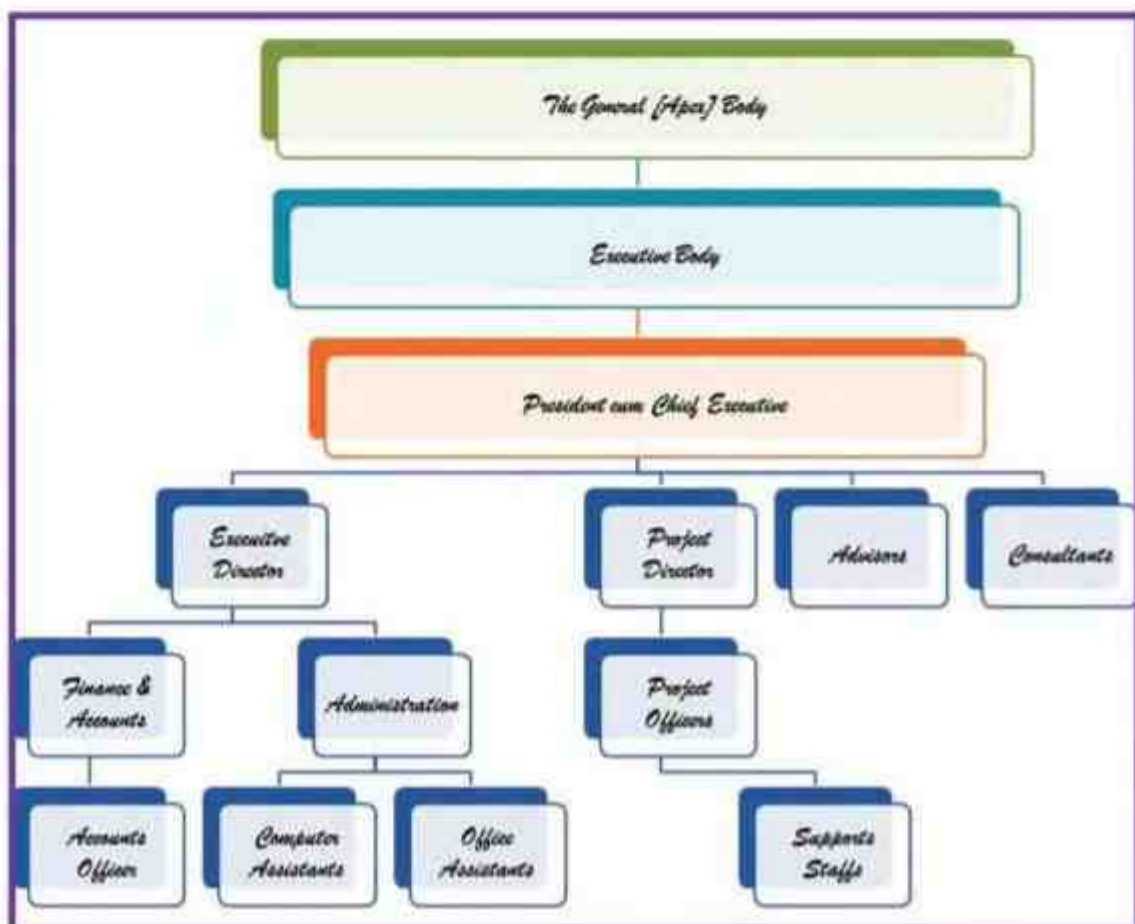
## Empanelment with :

- ★ National Water Mission, Govt. of India
- ★ International Rice Research Institute, Philippines
- ★ Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority, Govt. of Odisha
- ★ Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), Govt. of India as Research Institute
- ★ NCDS for SIA studies of different projects in state of Odisha

## Accreditations with :

- ★ UNCCD, Germany
- ★ Credibility Alliance, India
- ★ Guide Star, India
- ★ Global Environment Facility (GEE)
- ★ National CSR Hub, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

## Organogram





## CHAPTER II

### Years Goneby-

List of Programs/ Projects implemented by LAVS till date

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/ Program	Sponsoring Agency	Status
01	Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development [REWARD]	Directorate of Watersheds & Soil Conservation, GoO	Ongoing
02	Plant Cultivation Program in Mayurbhanj district [Ph – II]	EcoNet Assets Pvt. Ltd	Ongoing
03	Special Programme for promotion of Millets in tribal areas	Odisha Millet Mission [through ATMA, Koraput]	Ongoing
04	Conducting Social Audit of PMAY [Urban]	Odisha Urban Housing Mission, GoO	Ongoing
05	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at 20 villages of Boudh District	Nabakrushna Choudhury Center for Development Studies [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
06	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Kurlughati Village	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
07	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Patharagadia, Bhubaneswar	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
08	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Kaliapani	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
09	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Jajpur Town	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
10	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition Barbil	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
11	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Rayagada	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
12	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Nawrangpur	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
13	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Jaleswar	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete



14	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Sakhigopal	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Complete
15	Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition at Kendrapada	NCDS, [SIA Unit of GoO]	Ongoing
16	Impact Assessment of Livelihoods Intervention in OPELIP Areas	Odisha PVTG Empowerment & Livelihoods Programme, GoO	Complete
17	Plant Cultivation Program in Mayurbhanj district [Ph – I]	EcoNet Assets Pvt. Ltd	Complete
18	Preparation of Site Specific Wild Life Conservation Plan [SSWLCP]	Odisha Power Transmission Corpn. Ltd., Gol	Complete
19	Climate Change Adaptability – KfW in Koraput district [Turia WS Cluster]	NABARD, Odisha RO [funded by KfW, Germany]	Complete
20	Climate Change Adaptability – KfW in Koraput district [Taupadar WS Cluster]	NABARD, Odisha RO [funded by KfW, Germany]	Complete
21	Promotion of Farmers Producers Company [FPC]	NABARD, Odisha RO	Running successfully
22	Watershed Development Program[Turia WS Cluster]	NABARD, Odisha RO	Complete
23	Watershed Development Program[Taupadar WS Cluster]	NABARD, Odisha RO	Complete
24	Project Implementation Consultancy: [Community Participation Framework, Environmental Code of Practices & Training of Engineers]	Dept. of Rural Works, GoO	Complete
25	Implementation of Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)	Ministry of Rural Development, Gol	Complete
26	Implementation of Resettlement Plans for Machhagaon, Pattamundai and HLC-Range-1 subprojects	Dept. of Water Resources, GoO	Complete
27	Formation and Election of WUA for in Upper Indravati Left Canal Extension System as per PP Act	Dept. of Water Resources, GoO	Complete
28	National Field verification of PRIs for RGPSA awards-Assam, Manipur, Odisha	Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Gol	Complete
29	National Field verification of PRIs for RGPSA awards-Kerala	Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Gol	Complete
30	National Field verification of PRIs for RGPSA awards-West Bengal and Sikkim	Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Gol	Complete



31	Formation and Election of WUA for in Upper Indravati Right Canal Extension System as per PP Act	Dept. of Water Resources, GoO	Complete
32	Survey of identified villages in the TSP areas of Odisha for implementation of solar electrification project	Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency, GoO	Complete
33	Land Allocation Programme in Koraput district	NABARD, Odisha RO	Complete
34	Left Wing Extremism [LWE] Affected Area Development (SHG – Bank Linkage Programme)	NABARD, Odisha RO	Complete
35	Multi-Disciplinary Support to Pani Panchayats under RKVY	Dept. of Water Resources, GoO	Complete
36	Baseline Survey for Peripheral Development in Balasore District	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	Complete
37	Evidence based Media Advocacy on Malnutrition and Stunting Child in Odisha	UNICEF, Odisha State Office	Complete
38	Survey of SCSP Beneficiaries under SCA	OSFDC Ltd., GoO	Complete
39	Urban Health Programme, Jharsuguda	National Health Mission, Odisha	Complete
40	Vulnerable Groups Health Programme, Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda	National Health Mission, Odisha	Complete
41	Financial Inclusion Programme for Women Development	NABARD, Odisha RO	Complete
42	Efficacy Study and Evaluation of EDUSAT Programme in Odisha	Orissa Remote Sensing Application Centre, GoO	Complete
	Verification of Swallow Tube wells	APICOL, GoO	Complete
43	Advocacy Programme on RCH	Dept. of H & FW, GoO	Complete
44	Odisha Community Tank Management Programme	Odisha Community Tank Development & Management Society, GoO	Complete
45	Comprehensive Annual and five-year District Plan	Dept. of Planning & Coordination, GoO	Complete
46	Participatory need assessment and program planning for integrated community development		Complete
47	Targeted Intervention for FSWs/ MSMs	Orissa State AIDS Cell, GoO	Complete
48	Advocacy on reproductive health rights in five PACS targeted districts of Odisha	UNICEF [through OVHA, Bhubaneswar]	Complete



49	Intervention at Transit points for control of HIV/AIDS: IEC, Information Kiosks, Health Camps & Counselling	Orissa State AIDS Cell, GoO	Complete
50	Management of VIKASPEDIA portal	Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Gol	Complete
51	Project 'Surakhya' [an initiative to promote breast feeding]	UNICEF [through OVHA, Bhubaneswar]	Complete
52	Translation of books on relevant acts/ rules to tribal languages: Awareness and IEC for legal literacy and community empowerment	STSC Research & Training Institute, GoO	Complete
53	Study of Reproductive and Sexual Behaviour among slum dweller youths in Bhubaneswar	UNFPA, Bhubaneswar	Complete
54	Study on Economic Prosperity in agriculture through Women centric Enterprises In Odisha	OXFAM, India	Complete
55	Education Guarantee Scheme in Kendrapada district	Odisha School Education Programme Authority [Formerly OPEPA], GoO	Complete
56	Popularization of herbal plantation	National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board, Gol	Complete
57	Village Development Micro Plan, Jugsaipatna, Bhawanipatna Block, Kalahandi	UNWFP, Odisha	Complete
58	Food for Human Development in Koraput District, Odisha	UNWFP, Odisha	Complete
59	Socio-economic development of indigenous people Thuamul Rampur Block, Kalahandi	UNWFP, Odisha	Complete
60	Village Development Micro Plan, Training, NRM & IGA Activities	UNWFP, Odisha	Complete
61	SHG Promotion / Micro Credit in Jagatsinghpur, Kalahandi & Koraput	Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, Gol	Complete
62	NRM activities through Food for Work during post cyclone rehabilitation	UNWFP, Odisha	Complete
63	Outcome evaluation of UNDP supported CBNRM project	RPRC, Forest & Environment Dept., Govt. of Orissa	Complete
64	Vocational Training, Jagatsinghpur IGSSS under FVTF Programme	IGSSS under FVTF Programme	Complete
65	Support to primary students	National Education Group (NEG)	Complete
66	Livelihood Promotion of Poor Marginal Farmers under PC Programme	CAPART, Orissa, Bhubaneswar	Complete



## CHAPTER III

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

#### ACTIVITIES DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

##### Assessment of Economic Impact of Livestock support in OPELIP Areas:

Odisha PVTG Empowerment and Livelihoods Improvement Programme [OPELIP]; being operated in 9 Micro Project Areas [MPA] of the state of Odisha. OPELIP has been designed to follow the successful bottom-up planning approach of OTELP. Success in OTELP was attributed to the fact that the implementation process was owned by tribal people. The aim of the Livestock schemes is to support PVTG Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) and individual HHs of OPELIP to take up commercial goat rearing units and poultry for enhancing livelihoods and incomes of PVTG HHs in particular and other deprived households in general.



This intervention was supported by the International Fund for Agriculture Development [IFAD]. The objectives of the intervention were to:

- ✓ To enhance livelihoods and incomes of SHG members/ individual HHs through commercial goat farming and poultry rearing.
- ✓ To facilitate the market linkage and make necessary strategy for smooth linkage.
- ✓ To provide employment generation and economic upliftment of (PVTG) WSHG households/ individual HHs.
- ✓ To support the nutritional requirement of the PVTGs through consumption of animal protein.

OPELIP invited proposals to assess the impact of the support in 6 MPAs. The support was in the form of Poultry and Goatary [Poultry to individual households and Goats to SHGs]. LAVS was awarded the assignment in a competitive bidding process. The study team completed the assignment within the stipulated time and submitted the final report.





Under the assignment LAVS rendered the following services:

- Conducted base line survey
- Comprehensive process documentation of the livestock programme interventions starting from selection of beneficiaries, planning, phases of implementation, forward and backward linkages and identify the gaps, scope for sustainability of programme implementations
- Examined the appropriateness of the livestock programme interventions taken up under OPELIP for addressing the livelihoods and empowerment needs of the target beneficiaries
- Made an analysis of the profits/benefits accrued from the livestock interventions by the PVTG beneficiaries in terms of income enhancement, drudgery reduction, and other aspects towards which the intervention was targeted
- Identified the gaps in programme design, planning and identify the schemes bottlenecks/challenges, if any
- Documented good practices/case studies of interventions positively impacting the PVTG beneficiaries
- Preparation of Case Narratives [Case Studies]

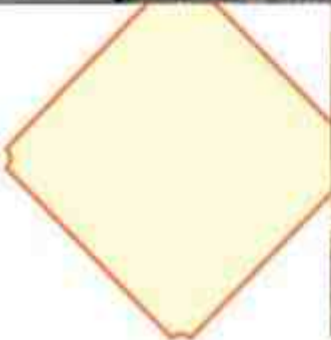
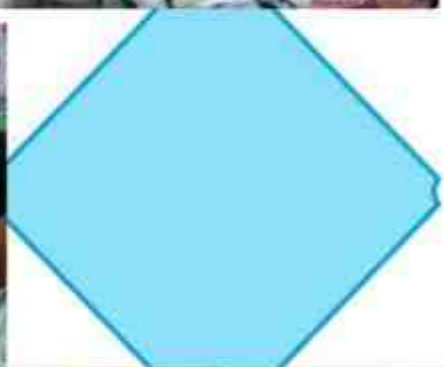
### Distribution of Sample beneficiaries

MPAs	District	Poultry		Goatery		Buck
		No. of HHs	No. of CSPs	No. of SHGs	No. of CSPs	No. of HHs
Hill Kharia Mankadia Development Agency [HKMDA]	Mayurbhanj	91	3	19	3	16
PaudiBhuyan Development Agency [PBDA]	Deogarh	90	5	25	2	18
Dongria Kondh Development Agency [DKDA]	Rayagada	92	2	18	4	14
Kutia Kondh Development Agency [KKDA]	Kalahandi	90	2	22	2	13
Didayi Development Agency [DDA]	Malkangiri	89	2	17	3	16
Saura Development Agency [SDA]	Gajapati	90	1	14	2	13
All		542	15	115	16	90



### Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development [REWARD]

The Department of Land Resources, Government of India has initiated a World Bank supported multi-State project namely Rejuvenating Watershed for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD). It is expected to positively influence by promoting resource efficient growth in selected watersheds, investing in human capital at State and National levels, and developing networks of scientific and technical partners. The project will enhance productivity and net income of farmers and contribute significantly to Lighthouse India by implementing new science and data-driven approaches for climate resilient watershed management, land resource inventory, land use planning, and precision farming in a range of agro-ecological conditions in participating states. The project will directly address key strategic actions around agricultural and rural development, including doubling farmers' incomes, more crop per drop, water to every plot, soil health, and promotion of entrepreneurship through technical and financial support for better





delivery and impacts through improved planning approaches, capacity building, coordination and convergence, and supportive research and development. The outcomes are prevention of soil runoff, regeneration of natural vegetation, rain water harvesting and recharging of the ground water table. This enables multi-cropping and the introduction of diverse agro-based activities, which help to provide sustainable livelihoods to the people residing in the watershed area. REWARD is being implemented in three to four Indian States. It is proposed as a 6 years Project. The total allocation for the Project is approximately USD250 million of which USD178.5 million is International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) loan from the World Bank and the balance is funded by the Government of India/ Odisha.



## Project Objectives and Results

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to:

Improve land and water conservation and climate resilience in selected watersheds, and strengthen capacities of national and state institutions to deliver more effective science-based watershed development programs.

REWARD Project is an important initiative taken by the government of India. Our country has many challenges when it comes to watershed management. The project has 4 [four] components:

- Improved National Watershed Governance and Institutional Capacity Building
- Improved State Watershed Governance and Institutional Capacity Building
- High Impact Demonstration Watersheds in Rain-fed Agricultural Areas
- Project Management and Coordination

LAVS has been selected as the District Level Support Agency [DLSA] for implementation of the project in Koraput district of Odisha; through a competitive bidding process. The assignment



launched on 15th November 2023. A 2-day Inception Workshop was conducted at the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Jeypore, Koraput in which Shri Arun Kumar Das, Project Director, Watershed [DDSC], Koraput was the leading participant.

Among others, there were Dr. Pramod Kumar Panda, Principal Scientist [Agronomy], ICAR-IIWM, Dr. Jayaram, Head, ICAR, Sunabeda, Koraput, Dr. Rabi Narayan Panda, Chief District Veterinary Officer, Koraput, Shri Sanjib Kumar Mahanta, Asst. Director, Horticulture, Koraput, Shri Bansidhar Sarangi, [Retd], Dept. of Agriculture, GoO, Dr. Sasanka Lenka, Head, KVK, Nabarangpur.

Participants included persons associated with watershed development program from all 5 clusters, Jeypore I, Jeypore II, Borigumma I, Borigumma II and Boipariguda I.

Sl. No.	Name of Block	Cluster	No. of Training conducted [Date to Year]	No. of Participants
01	Jeypore	Cluster I	5	272
		Cluster II	5	298
02	Boipariguda	Cluster I	5	330
		Cluster II	5	336
03	Borigumma	Cluster I	5	250
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>1486</b>

Sl. No	Name/Title of Training	Participants		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Vision Building in Watershed	250	212	462
2	Institution Building	218	182	400
3	Team Building & Leadership Development	180	150	330
4	Entrepreneurship and Value Chain Development	140	154	294
	<b>Total</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>1486</b>



## Social Impact Assessment for Land Acquisition at Sakhigopal

The Nabakrushna Choudhury Center for Development Studies [NCDS], Bhubaneswar, the Social Impact Assessment Unit of GoO has enlisted LAVS as an agency to undertake Social Impact Assessment [SIA] studies across the state; where land [and other properties/ squatters] are being acquired for public purposes. LAVS was assigned to conduct a SIA at Sakhigopal for construction of Road over-Bridge (RoB) at Sakhigopal- Algum Road [in lieu of L.C. No. KP-27 at road chainage 0/460 KM on Khurdha Puri Main Line. The trained SIA survey team was deployed to complete the survey within the stipulated time.



## Social Impact Assessment for Land Acquisition at Jaleshwar

LAVS was also assigned to undertake the Social Impact Assessment study at Jaleshwar of Baleshwar district, where land was being acquired for construction of RoB between Jaleshwar – Laxmannath Road railway station of SE Railway.

The assignment was awarded owing the competency of our organization in having completed the prior assignments efficiently and in a time bound manner. The geography covered was 2 [two] villages, namely Deulapanchaghunta and Dharastock. The land to be acquired was A 0. 305 Downed by 45 households.





## Plantation in Mayurbhanj district [Ph. II]

Since last 3 years, LAVS has been engaged in plantation of saplings in Mayurbhanj district since the great forest fire in Similipal area. The first one was for 3 million saplings which was completed last year. Furthering the assignment GrowTrees.com awarded another project to LAVS to plant 5 lakh saplings in the blocks, Bisoi, Shamakhunta and Kuliana [an addition to last year's two blocks]. Geographically, soil quality (minerals, nutrients, and microbial activity, pH, and structure) wise the areas are almost identical; so the varieties were not altered. The assignment covered 3 nos. of villages, 5 nos. of patches [within the villages]. During the current year, the saplings are being taken care of to minimize mortality and morbidity.

One central Nursery were developed –at Arjunbilla in Bisoi Block of Mayurbhanj District situated around Similipal periphery.

The key objective behind raising our own nursery was to produce quality saplings, required sapling size and in time supply for planting. Local work force consisting of both men and women were mobilized and engaged on daily wage basis in nursery site from December to May on regular basis.

The entire work force engaged right from land preparation, bed preparation , soil packing in polythene, seed planting, weeding, manuring to watering the saplings till transplanting . All required measures were in place to ensure quality and standard size of the sapling to meet the criteria of growth and sustainability after plantation.





## Saplings raised and replanted in the area:

Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name
Acacia	Acacia ariculoformis	Simarouba	Simarouba
Amla	Phyllanthusemblica	Teak	Tectonagrandis
Karanja	Millettiapinnata	Gambhari	Gmelinaarborea
Sisum	Dalbergiasissoo		





This initiative is the second phase. The following table reflects the distribution of sapling plantation across Grampanchayats and villages.

Sl	Block	Village/ Patch	GP	Area [in Ha.]	Acacia	Amla	Karanja	Sisu	Simaruba	Saguan	Gambhari	Total
1	Bisoi	Asana-1	Asana	12	5161	7400	9289	11700	4250	7050	1950	46800
2	Bisoi	Asana-2	Asana	0.6	206	0	415	652	207	680	0	2160
3	Bisoi	Sanajambila	Nuagoan	13	5620	2150	9640	13960	4125	12400	1305	49200
4	Kuliana	Kanyabuda	Purulia	32	17520	6740	33140	49500	16690	39330	2080	165000
5	Kuliana	Sunaria-1	Chandua	62	22240	250	44640	66960	22320	64570	2200	223180
6	Kuliana	Sunaria-2	Chandua	12	4450	550	11504	10220	5520	10226	650	43120
Total				132	49577	98988	139032	48987	121856	14940	6880	529460



## Restoration of millets as mainstream cereal crop in Tribal Areas

In recent years, collaborating with the Odish Millet Mission(OMM) as a facilitating agency, LAVS has been implementing millet promotion program in convergence with ATMA and WASSAN.

### Integrated Farming System (IFS)

During the reporting period, LAVS continued to undertake multiple interventions following the integrated farming system approach. Judicious and reduced use chemical fertilizers with organic farming practices are core strategies adopted by LAVS while integrated farming interventions in the tribal regions.. IFS covers and includes the entire spectrum of agronomic practices, horticulture interventions and allied agriculture, enterprise, value addition support. LAVS continued to follow this approach while promoting cereals, vegetables and pulses.



### Promotion of Cereals

In context to tribal tradition in food pattern and practices, LAVS continued to focus on the promotion of cereals like millets (Finger millets, little millet, Foxtail millet etc.) . Odisha ranks in the top 10 of the most affected States of under-five year child malnutrition on all the three indicators of wasting, stunting and underweight. In terms of deprivations and marginalization, the State also has some of the highest



proportion of tribal (24%) in the country with higher malnutrition levels with the relationship strongest for underweight children.

Further, farmers are shifting towards cultivation of high profiting commercial crops like cotton, maize, paddy, vegetables etc., which created a void in millet cultivation. Moreover, change in food habits, drudgery in processing of millets, lack of storage facilities, and lack of support from the Government led to declining in area under cultivation and consumption of millets. These problems triggered the formation of Millet mission.



Some of the key issues related to the millet production cycle are as follows:

- Decrease in household consumption of millets
- Low productivity of millets due to lack of innovation in improved agronomic practices and limited availability of good quality seed of suitable landraces
- Lack of decentralized processing units that could reduce drudgery
- Limited millet market linkages

LAVS has been partnering with the Odisha Millet Mission since 2017. While promoting the cultivation of millets by the tribal and other forest dwelling farmers; it has also established one procurement centre at Pottangi of Koraput district. During the period under report, the project was able to motivate 875 nos. of farmers to cultivate millet [Ragi] in field amounting 1200 acres of land. The objectives of the Mission are:



- Promoting household level Consumption
- Conservation and promotion of millet landraces
- Setting up decentralized Processing unit
- Improving Productivity of Millet Crops
- Promotion of Millet Value addition enterprises
- Promoting FPOs and market facilitation
- Inclusion of Millets in ICDS, MDM and PDS

During the reporting year, strategies like promotion of improved agronomic practices( system of Millet Intensification, line Transplanting and sowing etc.), institutional building, Village level promotional campaigns, value addition and adopting a cluster approach not only enhanced cereals production and consumption, but also contributed to proper realization of MSP and market linkages.

### Farmer Producer Company

The Farmers Producers Company [the Panchabatmali Producers'





Company Ltd. (PPCL)], promoted and nurtured by LAVS has been actively involved in stimulating household consumption, use the product in enhancing household incomes and to some extent promotion of value addition enterprises.

During the period under report, the PPCL has conducted the following nos. of Capacity Building programs to promote cultivation and consumption of Millets.

Sl. No.	Particulars	No.	Participants
			Category
01	Mother Event	08	416 nos involving SHGs, ASHA and ANM
02	Training on SMI	11	353 nos involving Farmer & WSHG Members
03	Field Day	05	383 nos involving Farmer & WSHG Members, Hrusjaka Sathi, CRPs
04	Exposure Visit	03	62 nos of progressive millet farmers and CRPs
05	Training of CRPs and Progressive farmers.	14	228 (Males-187, Females-41)
06	Food Festival	05	879
07	Awareness through Vehicle [Rath]	03	131 Villages, 6737 HHs
08	Millet Promotion Event	01	217 (Males-179, Females-38)
09	Training and Orientation of the CBO on community seed center management	01	32 nos
10	Training of entrepreneurs, farmers, CRPs on millet processing, packing	01	16 nos
11	Training of NGO staff, CRPS and Progressive Farmers on Mobile Application	04	64 nos
12	Training of Seed Farmers	03	96 nos involving Farmer & WSHG Members
13	Training within District for women campaign team	03	49 nos
14	Trainings/workshops with District Officials and Departments	04	128 nos. (PRI Members, Anganwadi workers & SHG Members & Dept. Official)
15	Workshop on Millet Promotional Event with Panchayat Samiti Level (IYM)	01	60 nos. (farmers, Ward Members, Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, Village leaders along with, Coordinator & Addl. Coordinator of LAVS & FPO office staff.)



## Climate Change Action

As continuity of our priority on climate change response and intervention, a great deal of focus was placed on promoting sustainable agriculture in the operational areas of the organization through climate resilient crops and practices. Emphasis was given to crop diversification. The use of compost coupled with NPM and other agronomic practices invariable resulted in better soil moisture retention, enhanced fertility, reduced dependence on fertilizers and crop yield. During the reporting period. Altogether 654 farmers from 34 villages adopted climate resilient agronomic methods and NPM practices in 945 acres of land.

## Geriatric Care

The advanced medical care system has increased the human life span, resulting in increase in older population. But the pity is that the older persons still continue to be neglected and face lack of care. In consideration of the fact stated, LAVS established one unit to take care of the older persons' geriatric problems, which included physiotherapy, counselling and treatment of minor ailments. The unit is headed by one



physiotherapist, one counsellor and one support boy. During the period under report, the unit conducted 7 camps in different areas of Balasore district.

## Community based Peer Led Intervention (CPLI)

Through this programme, 6 youths were trained as Peer Educators to lead peer led community intervention and implement early prevention education especially for vulnerable adolescents and youth in the community. This programme also provides as referral and linkage to counselling, treatment and rehabilitation services for substance dependents identified in the community. The activities under this programme include: a) Community Mapping and Assessment. b) Outreach activities in the community among vulnerable children and adolescents. c) Identification and Training of adolescents as Peer Educators to lead Peer led community intervention. d) Life skill sessions: particularly designed for prevention of substance use in Communities by selected and trained Peer Educators. e) To initiate Behavioural change communication sessions f) Ensure Referral and Linkage activities. g) Providing psychosocial therapies.

## Day Care Center

LAVS has established one Day Care Center at Asti of Pottangi block in Koraput district, targeting the older persons. The centre takes care of 10 older persons, at an average per day by providing them with food, medical care, entertainment and counselling etc. Health care is provided by a medico [part time] and a nursing staff, also part-time.



## CHAPTER IV

### Way Forward

There is a paradigm shift in the role of LAVS in the development sector. We are to follow the existing prototypes, but with a qualitative variance. However, implementation of projects/ programs which directly impact the quality of lives of people living within the domain of the less privileged to shift them to the equilibrium, if not more. Nevertheless; LAVS has some programs/ projects in the pipeline [as on the date of the report]. In addition to these LAVS has plans those would directly impact the lives of people it intends to serve.

Be associated with:

#### ↳ National Health Mission [NHM]

The National Health Mission is to assess the performances of the PHCs/ HWCs operating under its umbrella. It had floated a RFP [Request for proposal] to that effect to engage the services of an agency to undertake the assignment. LAVS is an aspirant.

#### ↳ The Indian Rare Earths Ltd. [IREL]

Indian Rare Earths Ltd. operates under the Ministry of Defense of Govt; as a corporate. Under its Corporate Social Responsibility [CSR], it wishes to implement certain projects/ programs and conduct a Base Line Survey [BLS]. LAVS has qualified as one of the applicants.

#### ↳ The Bank of Baroda [BoB]

Bank of Baroda wishes to plant 3.23 lakhs saplings; against one-to-one dedication to its borrowers of auto-rickshaws. Basing on its experience of plantation, LAVS is hopeful to be associated with the Bank under this assignment.

The Odisha PVTG Empowerment & Livelihoods Programme [OPELIP]

LAVS aspires to be associated with the Program for undertaking different impact assessment studies.

#### ↳ Government of India sponsored programs

The Government of India sponsors a number of programs through its different Ministries, e.g., Social Justice and Empowerment, Culture, Science and Technology, Women & Child Development etc. LAVS will seek assistance under these to energize its prevailing programs.

All the assignments, subject to availability to LAVS; would make LAVS a more powerful instrument in the developmental scenario in the state of Odisha.

Association with the State Social Impact Assessment Unit [the NCDS] will continue subject to allotments.



## CHAPTER - V



**PARTHA S MISHRA & CO**  
Chartered Accountants

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Audit Report under section 12 A (b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, in the case of Charitable or religious trusts / institutions.

We have examined the Balance Sheet of **Life Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS)** as at 31st March 2024 and the Income & Expenditure Account maintained by the said trust/institution for the year ending on the said date.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, Proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named trust/institution visited by us so far as appear from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below:

Our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- 1) In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust/institution as 31st March, 2024 and
- 2) In the case of Income and Expenditure account, of the Excess of Income over Expenditure of its accounting year ending on 31st March, 2024.

For PARTHA S MISHRA & CO.  
Chartered Accountants

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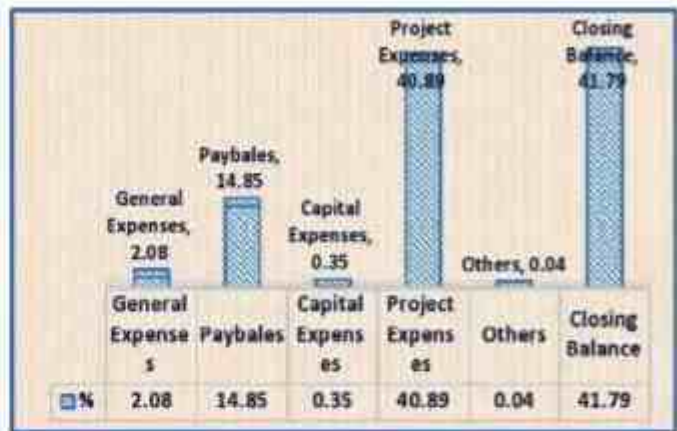




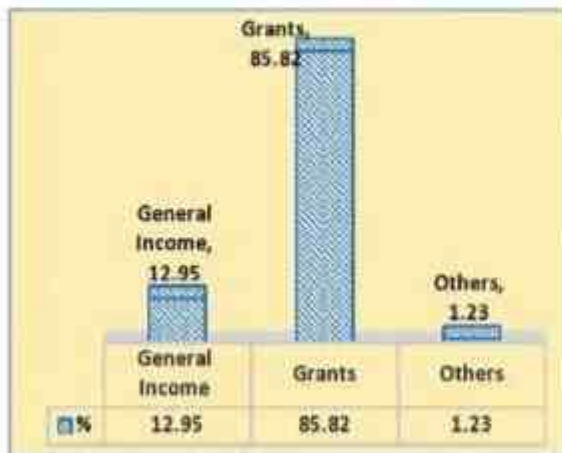
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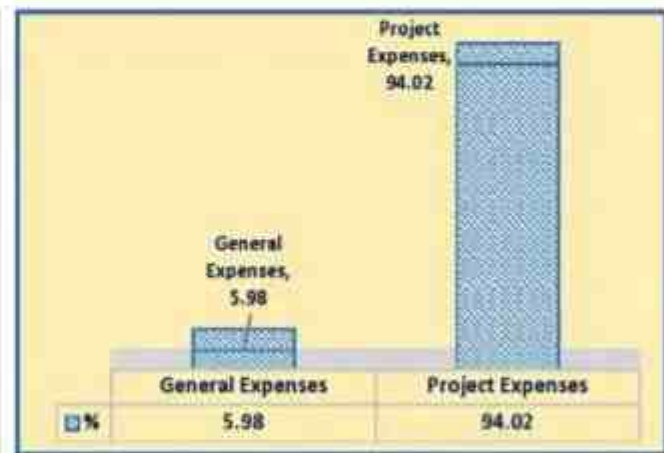
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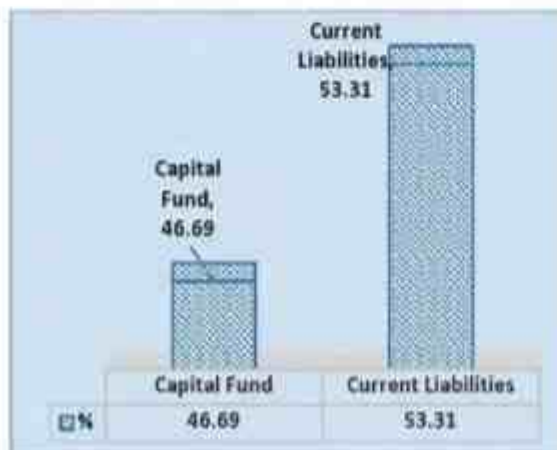
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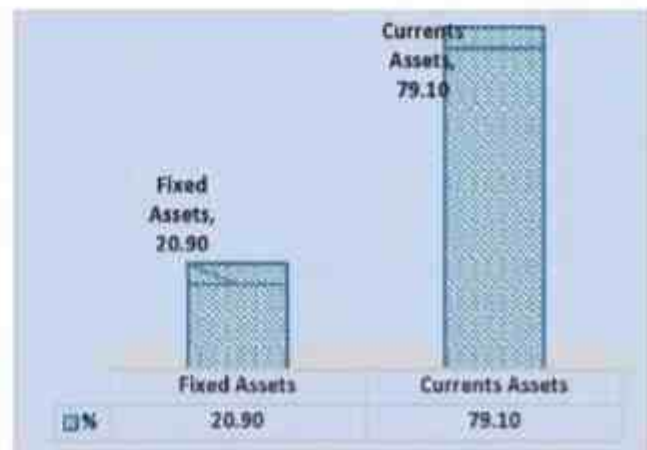
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## CHAPTER - VI

### Events at LAVS



Nursery for Plantation



Plantation Field



PPCL Mandi Inuaguration



Crop Cutting under Millet Program



Procurement at Mandi in progress



Inception Workshop -REWARD



Training-REWARD



Training-REWARD



District Level Workshop



Millet Mothers Events



Social Audit Committee



Document Verification-Social Audit



Janasunai during Social Audit



In-depth Interview -Social Audit



Social Impact Assessment-Expert Meeting



Social Impact Assessment-Janasunani





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