

AGRAGATI

Annual Report

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Message from the Founder Secretary:

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Presenting AGRAGATI's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023–2024 brings me great joy. Our efforts over the past year have stayed concentrated on reaching neglected and untapped people in Jharkhand and a few areas of West Bengal. In order to improve their lives, means of subsistence, and chances for social inclusion, our programs have consistently placed a high priority on empowering women and girls from underserved and isolated communities.

We think that addressing the underlying causes of poverty and exclusion holistically is the only way to bring about long-lasting change. Throughout the year, AGRAGATI has prioritized community involvement and inclusive governance. We have seen an increase in grassroots empowerment and a sense of ownership by encouraging accountability in local administrations and bolstering community-based collective initiatives, particularly those headed by women.

Our continued dedication to social change in some of West Bengal's and Jharkhand's most ambitious areas is reflected in this report. Together with the combined influence of our committed workforce and partners, it represents the voices and goals of the people we serve.

I would like to express my profound appreciation to our Executive Members for their leadership and assistance in overcoming development obstacles. Additionally, we are incredibly grateful to our financing partners, donors, and civil society partners whose steadfast support has enabled us to get closer to our goal.

Understanding the importance of excellent management and governance in attaining sustainability, we have also reinforced internal processes to guarantee accountability, efficiency, and transparency.

This year, our initiatives have expanded into new fields like financial literacy, livelihood improvement, child rights and protection, and social inclusion, which has increased our influence and opened the door for more profound community change.

As we look to the future, AGRAGATI is unwavering in its commitment to giving people in most need high-quality services and worthwhile possibilities. With sustained commitment, we want to open up new avenues for inclusive development, equity, and growth.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of AGRAGATI to all stakeholders, peer organizations, and members of the community who still believe in and support our work. With appreciation and optimism,

With gratitude and hope,

Founder Secretary

(Mr. Tapan Mandal)



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AGRAGATI: Journey Toward Inclusive and Sustainable Development

Since its founding on September 19, 1979, AGRAGATI has been steadfast in its goal of ending poverty and empowering underprivileged groups. Under the visionary guidance of Mr. Tapan Kumar Mandal, a passionate social worker who was moved by the misery of flood-affected families in West Bengal in 1978, a group of socially conscious people founded the organization with the goal of uplifting the weak and impoverished.

AGRAGATI has developed into a preeminent grassroots organization with years of expertise executing socio-economic development projects in Jharkhand and West Bengal. AGRAGATI's activities are based on empowering self-reliant communities, which is based on the idea that poverty is not just a financial problem but rather the result of limited options and insufficient guidance.

With a focus on community mobilization, livelihood enhancement, and skill development, the organization prioritizes economically disadvantaged groups, tribal women, Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Scheduled Castes (SC). Additionally, in order to increase access to public services and benefits, AGRAGATI is crucial in bolstering grassroots government institutions like PRIs and Gram Sabhas.

From community-level implementation to policy advocacy, AGRAGATI collaborates with government agencies, bilateral and multilateral organizations, and civil society partners throughout the development value chain. AGRAGATI gives underprivileged communities a forum to express their goals and take control of their own development through inclusive and long-lasting initiatives.

The group is still dedicated to making sure that development reaches the last mile and that the true test of progress is how much the impoverished are given more opportunity and dignity.

MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Vision:

Establishment of a Develop and an inclusive society that is self-reliant, self-dependent, and free from exploitation, regardless of religion, social class, creed, race, or sex

Mission:

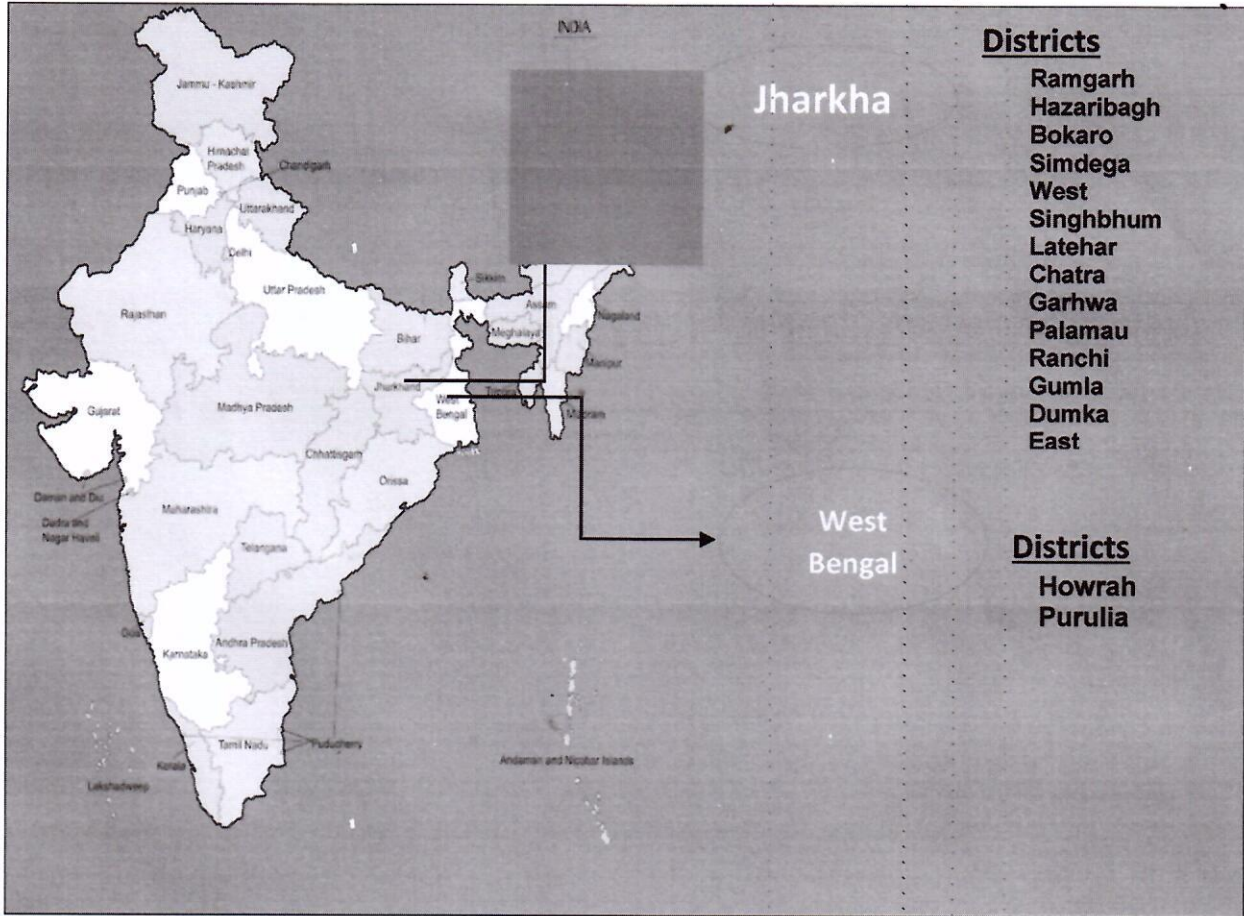
Socio-economic and cultural development of the vulnerable sections, weaker sex, Dalits, minorities in rural area through awareness generation, facilitated quality education, health care promotion and support for adopting suitable income generation.

Aim & Objectives:

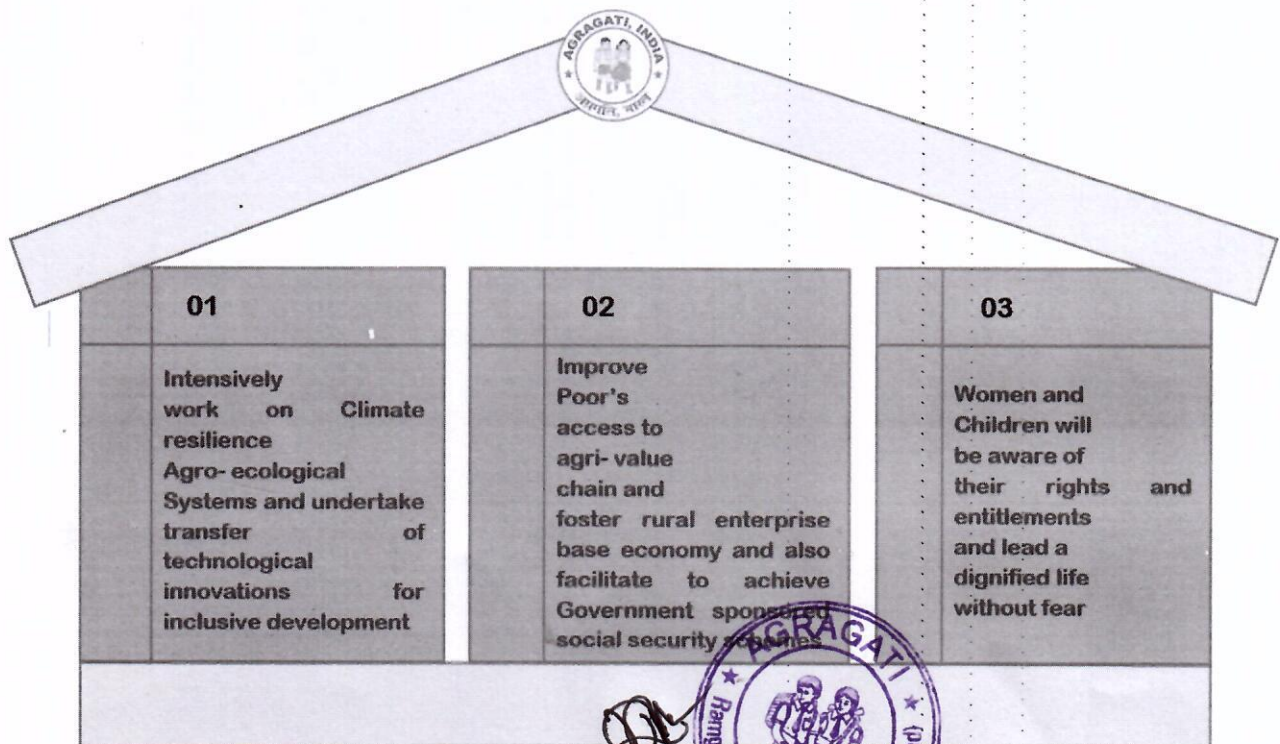
- To establish an exploitation free society based on truth and non-violence.
- To eradicate poverty, illiteracy, exploitation, discrimination and other social evils.
- To promote the village economy through promotion of farm and non-farm livelihood, increase irrigation facility, public health, popularization of village and cottage industries, organised-empowered the women under self-help concept
- To mobilize & empowered people for social, economic and cultural development and preserving and documented old customs and beliefs, folk culture.



Our Footprint:



PROGRAMATICE PILLARS:



OUR AREAS OF INTERVENTION:

1. Agriculture & Value Addition

To promote medium, small and micro agro-processing/value addition units ensuring income increase to farmers, revamping Farmer Producer Organisations and generating employment opportunities.

2. Climate Resilience Livelihood

To include agro-ecology development (prevents degradation), life cycle-based water resource harvesting and create opportunities. Increasing access to proper infrastructure and skill empowering for transfer of technology and promote suitable economic model

3. Clean & Green Energy base Entrepreneurship

Empowers women and youth by enabling them to emerge as clean energy entrepreneurs and climate change leaders in their rural communities. Utilizing the potential of green energy and ensuring everyone has access to it is essential to attaining drives social and economic progress in general and sustainable inclusive growth in particular.

4. Training & Skill Development

To impart training underprivileged, unreached communities, youth and women to improve skill development of functionaries as part of our multi-pronged approach. Helping people develop and update their skills makes economic sense.

5. Entitlement -Women Empowerment and Discrimination Free Society

Working with communities, youth, self-help groups and community-based organisations for equal participation in their development process. Creating an environment where youth's voices are heard and considered for inclusive development.



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JHARKHAND PROJECT**

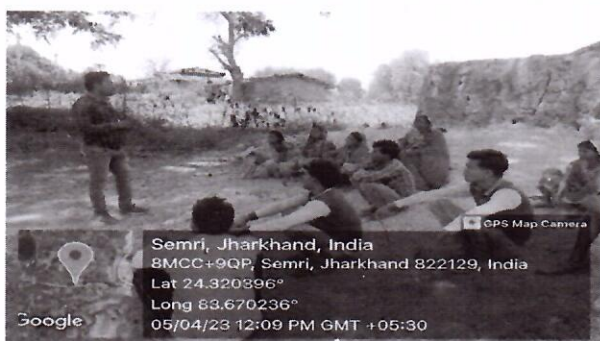


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OUR ACTIVITIES: Project Name: Centre for Financial Literacy Phase-II

Objective	To provide financial literacy & facilitate delivery of financial services (savings, credit, social security schemes, insurance etc.) to the rural people
Target Group	Aged between 18 and above
Project period	February 2022 to March 2025
Funding Agency	Guided by Reserve Bank of India and financial supported by NABARD, State Bank of India and Bank of India.
Coverage of Area	District – Bokaro, Latehar, Palamu, Grahwa, Chatra, West Singbhum, Ramgarh, Ranchi, Gumla, Hazaribagh. Blocks - 60 Revenue Village : 4757 Population : 302545
Activities Carried out	a) Village level awareness programme on Financial Literacy. b) Organize a special bank campaign to sensitize the villagers on financial products. c) PRIs and Block level meetings with all stakeholders with all financial institutions.
Achievement & Result	i) 6264 Financial Literacy Camp organizes and 302545 people benefitted directly and indirectly through awareness generation programme ii) Through the financial literacy 28791 beneficiary included through Social Security Schemes, detail in below: a) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)- 4728 b) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)- 10442 c) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)- 10486 d) Atal Pension Yojana (APY)- 3135

Activity Photographs



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Project Name: Access to Justice Phase-II

Objective	1. Child Marriage 2. Child Trafficking and 3. Child Sexual Abuse on these issues to provide justice to children and spread awareness
Target Group	Aged between girls 0-18 and boys 0-21
Project period	February 2022 to March 2025
Funding Agency	Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, America Inc.
Coverage of Area	District – Ramgarh and Palamu. Blocks - Ramgarh: 1. Ramgarh, 2. Patratu, 3. Chitarpur, 4. Dulmi, and 5. Gola. Palamu: 1. Sadar, 2. Chainpur, 3. Tarhasi, and 4. Lesliganj. Revenue Village: 300 Population: 251100
Activities Carried out	a) If a girl below 18 years of age and a boy below 21 years of age marry, they are explained to child marriage and prevented from getting married. b) If any boy/girl is working at any place below the age of 16 years, then their information is given to DC/DCPO/LS & with their help, children are rescued. c) If any kind of exploitation is done with any girl/boy then in that case we provide justice to the victims with the help of legal action. d) By linking the affected children to government schemes, they get them the benefits of the schemes and work to keep them connected with education.
Achievement & Result	i) 331 children have rescued from child labour, trafficking, and child marriage. and 00 cases supported from Child Sexual Abuse, details given below: a) Child Trafficking/Labour Rescue- 14 b) Stop Child Marriage through Legal Undertaking- 1164 c) Cases Support from Child Sexual Abuse- 75

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Project Name: Promoting Farmers Producer Organization (FPO)

Objective	To ensure better income for the progressive farmers through an organization and producers' group of their own.
Target Group	Marginal and small farmers, who suffer serious disadvantage in terms of scale. Small farm size discourages many farmers to go for diversification of crops, oil seeds, vegetables, non-timber forest product mainly because of the price risk and uneconomic lot for marketing
Project period	2018 to 2024
Funding Agency	NABARD
Coverage of Area	District- Ramgarh Blocks- Gola Revenue Village: 72 House Hold: 1967
Activities Carried out	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Sakhi Savera Krishak Producer Company Ltd. manages sale and purchase of agricultural chemical medicines to ensure quality and fair pricing for farmers.ii) Swarnrekha Krishak Producer Company facilitates affordable sale and purchase of quality seeds and fertilizers directly to and from farmers.
Achievement & Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) 150 Certified agricultural chemical medicines were made available to farmers at fair prices. Timely supply of pesticides and fungicides helped improve crop quality and productivity. 55 Reduced chances of counterfeit chemical use and enhanced farmer awareness on proper crop protection.ii) 240 Farmers received improved variety seeds and quality fertilizers at affordable rates. 190 Increased productivity and reduced input costs contributed to better farm income. Collective procurement and distribution strengthened the company's credibility and farmer trust.



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Project Name: Primary Training of Ward Members on Panchayati Raj

Objective	To build capacity among ward members and rural youth by providing skill training, entrepreneurship development, and employment linkages, thereby strengthening the Panchayati Raj system and promoting rural livelihood opportunities.
Target Group	Ward Members
Project period	05.09.2023 to 18.03.2024
Funding Agency (Anchor Partner)	Department of Panchayati Raj, Government of Jharkhand
Coverage of Area	District- Dumka Blocks- Jarmundi, Shikaripara, Masaliya, Raneshwar, Ramgarh Revenue Village: 113 Ward Members: 852 trained out of 1292
Activities Carried out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Conducted structured orientation sessions on Panchayati Raj roles, responsibilities, and governance. ✓ Organized interactive workshops on village-level planning, budgeting, and monitoring of development schemes. ✓ Provided detailed training on the 73rd Constitutional Amendment and the structure of Panchayati Raj Institutions. ✓ Explained the formation, roles, and functioning of Gram Sabhas. ✓ Discussed the role and responsibilities of Gram Panchayat Executive Committees. ✓ Oriented participants on the preparation and implementation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP). ✓ Linked local governance with the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). ✓ Used practical examples, case studies, and group activities to ensure better understanding and applicability in their respective panchayats.
Achievement & Result	<p>i) Increased Knowledge & Awareness: More than X ward members gained an in-depth understanding of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment, the structure of Panchayati Raj Institutions, and governance processes.</p> <p>ii) Improved Participation in Governance: Ward members developed greater confidence in conducting</p>

Achievement & Result



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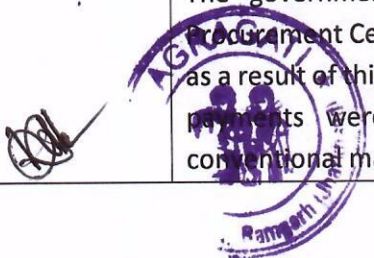
	<p>Gram Sabha meetings, preparing agendas, and ensuring active participation of community members.</p> <p>iii) Strengthened Planning Skills: Participants acquired practical skills for preparing and implementing Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP) in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>iv) Enhanced Committee Functioning: Gram Panchayat Executive Committees became more proactive in monitoring development schemes and ensuring effective budget utilization.</p> <p>v) Application of Learning: Several ward members began applying case studies and practical examples learned during the training in their panchayats, resulting in more transparent decision-making processes.</p>
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Activity Photographs



Success Stories :

<p>Success Story 1</p>	<p>Promoting Financial Inclusion and Empowerment through CFL</p> <p>With funding from NABARD, SBI, and BOI, AGRAGATI is carrying out the Center for Financial Literacy (CFL) program under the direction of the RBI. Formal banking benefits, account operations, ATM usage, account opening procedures (including Jan Dhan), mobile number registration, nomination, KCC loans, digital banking, social security schemes (like Atal Pension Yojana), and cybercrime prevention are all topics covered in the frequent village-level awareness sessions that CFL teams conduct as part of this initiative. One noteworthy impact story came from Shikarpur village, where the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) helped Chinta Devi, the late Nagheswar Prasad's widow. She learned about the insurance plan via CFL and SHG teams following her husband's unintentional death at a train station. They helped her submit a claim through SBI, where premiums had been paid on a regular basis, and verify records. Chinta Devi received ₹2,00,000 in less than a month. She opened a savings account in her daughter's name, paid off her obligations, and safeguarded her future. This story demonstrates the life-changing effect of timely advice and financial literacy in enabling rural households to regain their rights and start over.</p>
<p>Success Story 2</p>	<p>Kiran Kumari, a young lady who became pregnant after a love affair and was ready to give her one-day-old kid to a Chhattisgarh couple under an unofficial and worrisome arrangement, was the subject of AGRAGATI's intervention. Our team and the Chainpur Police took immediate action to stop the transfer and guarantee the child's protection after learning of this information. We acknowledged Kiran's pressing need for assistance and offered her emotional support, legal assistance, and medical care. To provide appropriate health and protection, the newborn was placed under hospital monitoring. Kiran started to show optimism for her child's future after receiving constant support. Our staff helped Kiran re-enroll at her prior school, enabling her to resume her academic career, since we recognize the transformative potential of education. To protect her rights and guarantee justice, legal action is being taken. AGRAGATI is still determined to help Kiran get through this. Kiran's tale demonstrates the effectiveness of prompt action and community assistance in preserving the lives of those who are most in need. As she works toward a better future for herself and her child, she now serves as a symbol of bravery and tenacity.</p>
<p>Success Story 3</p>	<p>Empowering Farmers through Collective Action: Swarnrekha Krishak Producer Company</p> <p>To improve the standard of living for small and marginal farmers, AGRAGATI has supported five Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) with funding and technical assistance from NABARD. Among these, Saragdiha-based Swarnrekha Krishak Producer Company Limited has become a shining example of group development. The government's procurement program recognized the FPO as a Paddy Procurement Center in FY 2023–2024. It purchased paddy from about 270 farmers as a result of this program, bringing in ₹20 lakh in revenue. Fair pricing and prompt payments were guaranteed, resolving two major issues that farmers in conventional marketplaces faced.</p>



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The FPO helped members by facilitating the supply of inputs in addition to procurement. It made it possible to sell seeds for ₹2.7 lakh, guaranteeing prompt access to high-quality inputs, and fertilizer trades for ₹1.2 lakh, which benefited 170 small and marginal farmers. Farm incomes rose as a direct result of these initiatives, which also improved input access and decreased production costs. Governmental organizations and NABARD have praised the FPO's performance for its open and farmer-focused methodology. Through efficient aggregation and market connections, Swarnrekha Krishak Producer Company is a reliable platform that supports sustainable agriculture and gives rural small holder farmers more leverage.



MEDIA CORNER:

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रामगढ़ प्रभात

12 नवंबर 2023

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OUR HUMAN RESOURCES:

Sl. No.	Name	Gender	Designation	Work Experience (Yrs)
01	Kiron Sankar Dutt	Male	Project In-Charge, Jharkhand	35
02	Dr. Pijush Kanti Ghosh	Male	Program Manager	08
03	Belal Ansari	Male	District Coordinator	21
04	Shyam Sundar Mahto	Male	District Coordinator	19
05	Prakash Karmali	Male	Community Social Worker	08
06	Raj Kishor Paswan	Male	Accountant	13
07	Md Istiyak Alam	Male	MIS & Documentation	06
08	Shivansh Bikram	Male	Youth Fellow	03
09	Anita Devi	Female	Community Social Worker	21
10	Dewanti Devi	Female	Community Social Worker	10
11	Md. Kasif Iqbal	Male	MIS & IT Support	07
12	Bhuneshwar Mahto	Male	Community Social Worker	06
13	Pammi Kumari	Female	Centre Coordinator	02
14	Rupesh Thakur	Male	District Coordinator	03
15	Niku Pathak	Female	Support Person	02
16	Subhra Kumari	Female	Support Person	02
17	Goutam Kumar Sharma	Male	Community Social Worker	02

FUTURE PLANS:

ARAGATI's has identified a number of important initiatives for future execution in order to improve livelihood chances for the poorer segments of society, including as tribal communities, small and marginal farmers, landless laborers, and those working in traditional occupations:

- ✓ In order to increase soil health, water conservation, and production, sustainable agriculture methods, organic farming, and watershed development are being promoted.
- ✓ Promoting rural entrepreneurship by establishing Bio-Resource Centers and focused skill-development initiatives to promote self-sufficiency and revenue generating.
- ✓ Eliminating child labor in all its manifestations and striving to enhance disadvantaged populations' access to high-quality education and child safety measures.
- ✓ For better financial returns, Producer Groups and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) should be established, strengthened, and integrated into official market channels.
- ✓ In order to improve food self-sufficiency and nutritional security, localized Packages of techniques are being used to promote solar-based sustainable agriculture techniques.



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- ✓ Increasing knowledge of government-sponsored pension and social security programs while creating strong connections to guarantee access for qualified recipients.

These future plans demonstrate the organization's dedication to equitable, inclusive, and sustainable development, emphasizing long-term community resilience, empowerment, and equity.



OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The Executive Board of AGRAGATI consisted of 09 members. During 2022-23, the Executive Board consisted of the following members:



Utpal Dalui (President)

Is a social activist starting volunteering work from Lutheran social services. He has been a member of the AGRAGATI since 2016.
Mob:9732641480



Mustak Ali Mondal (Vice President)

He is a student union leader and active members of different social platform-cultural forum and government and non-government committee. He has been a member of the AGRAGATI since 2018. **Mob: 9732641477**



Tapan Modal (Secretary)

Mr. Mandal is a noted social activist personality from rural West Bengal. Mr. Mandal with immense experience of working with the rural development. He has been founder member of the AGRAGATI since 1978. **Mob:9434041586**



Kiron Sankar Dutt (Asst. Secretary, Project In-charge)

Mr. Dutt is a development management professional with immense experience education, livelihood and rural entrepreneurship. He has been a member of the AGRAGATI since 1978. **Mob:9431332419**



Biva Nebu (Treasurer)

She is a Women leaders, health worker. He has been a member of the AGRAGATI since 2007.
Mob:9564853740



Subhsis Ghosh (Member)

Is a business development professional completed MBA from Viswa Bharati. He has been a member of the AGRAGATI since 2014. **Mob:8348822231**



Manika Basu Dey

She is a teacher and renounced singer. She has been a member of the AGRAGATI since 2021.
Mob:9874590090



Rama Samanta (Member)

She is a Health and nutrition expert. She has been an active member of the AGRAGATI since 2016.
Mob:9735290574

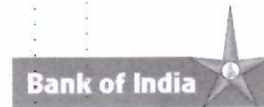
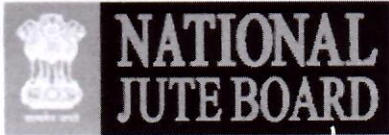


Jyanta Koley (Member)

He is a social activist, rural business entrepreneur. He has been a member of the AGRAGATI since 2014.
Mob:9735638535



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OUR NETWORK:

