

ODISA YUVA SANSKRUTIK SANSAD

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

The President, OYSS finds her pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 2015-16 along with audited statements for accounts 2015-16. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and recorded. The organization, as in the previous years have conducted a number of programmes which are as follows.

1. Nirbhaya Samaroh, 2015

Nirbhaya Samaroh is an annual dance and music festival held by OYSS and Honor for Women National Campaign. The festival was held on April 9, 2015 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The festival features dance and music performances by eminent artists from across India. It aimed to reach out to young men and women for the cause of women empowerment and gender equality through the medium of performing arts.

A group choreography was presented by Kathak exponent Vidha Lal alongside solo performances by Kuchipudi danseuse Ranjini Nair and Bharatnatyam performance by Dakshina Vaidyanathan. The festival was attended by eminent danseuse Guru Soraja Vaidyanathan (Padma Bibhushan), Guru Sonal Mansingh (Padma Bibhusan), Guru Uma Sharma (Padma Shri), Guru Jayarama Rao (Padma Shri), alongwith former Minister and MP (Rajya Sabha), Smt. Mohsina Kidwai. We were extremely privileged to have these eminent artists and scholars amongst us.

2. Awareness Program on Women's Rights

2. The Organization's Tribal and SC empowerment programme

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An exclusive workshop and seminar was held in remote corners of Odisha to empower the backward communities in the state. It aimed to encourage participation from the fringes in the political and public sphere.

3. Tailoring & Training Programme

To encourage skill development and financial independence amongst women irrespective of social identities, the organization held an exclusive tailoring and computer training programme in several parts of Odisha, including Puri, Khurdha, Nayagarh et al.

4. Sanitation Program

As the govt of India re-invigorates its policies focusing on Sanitation and Public health, the organization emphasized on Sanitation Program in the municipality of Puri and other parts of Odisha.

5. Awareness Program on Women Atrocities

To aware urban and rural women from every part of the society, the Organization curated awareness program focusing exclusively on laws and regulations in place to curb women atrocities and sexual assault. It was attended by over 100 participants from several parts of the city.

6. Anti-Dowry Awareness program

As Dowry cases and domestic violence is on a rise in the country, the organized planned to encourage women's participation in curbing such violence by a awareness program organized in the capital city of Bhubaneshwar in Odisha, as well as at the fringes of Odisha.

7. Several national and state-level seminars was organized by the NGO in collaboration with other NGOs and government bodies on themes of women empowerment, gender equality, to curb violence against women so on and so forth.

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The organization is immensely indulged in raising awareness, encouraging women's participation in the public sphere on the themes of cultural empowerment, health, sanitation, sexual violence laws, skill development etc.

The President of the organization presented the Annual Report for the year 2015-16 to the members and staff. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and recorded. The

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President

L. Nitya Semaarohy 2015

Nitya Semaarohy is an annual dance and music festival held by the organization for 5 years. National Campaign. The festival was held on 12th April 2015 at the Indian Hospital Centre, New Delhi. The festival featured a wide range of performances by talented artists from across India. It aimed to raise awareness about women for the cause of women's empowerment and gender equality through the medium of performing arts.