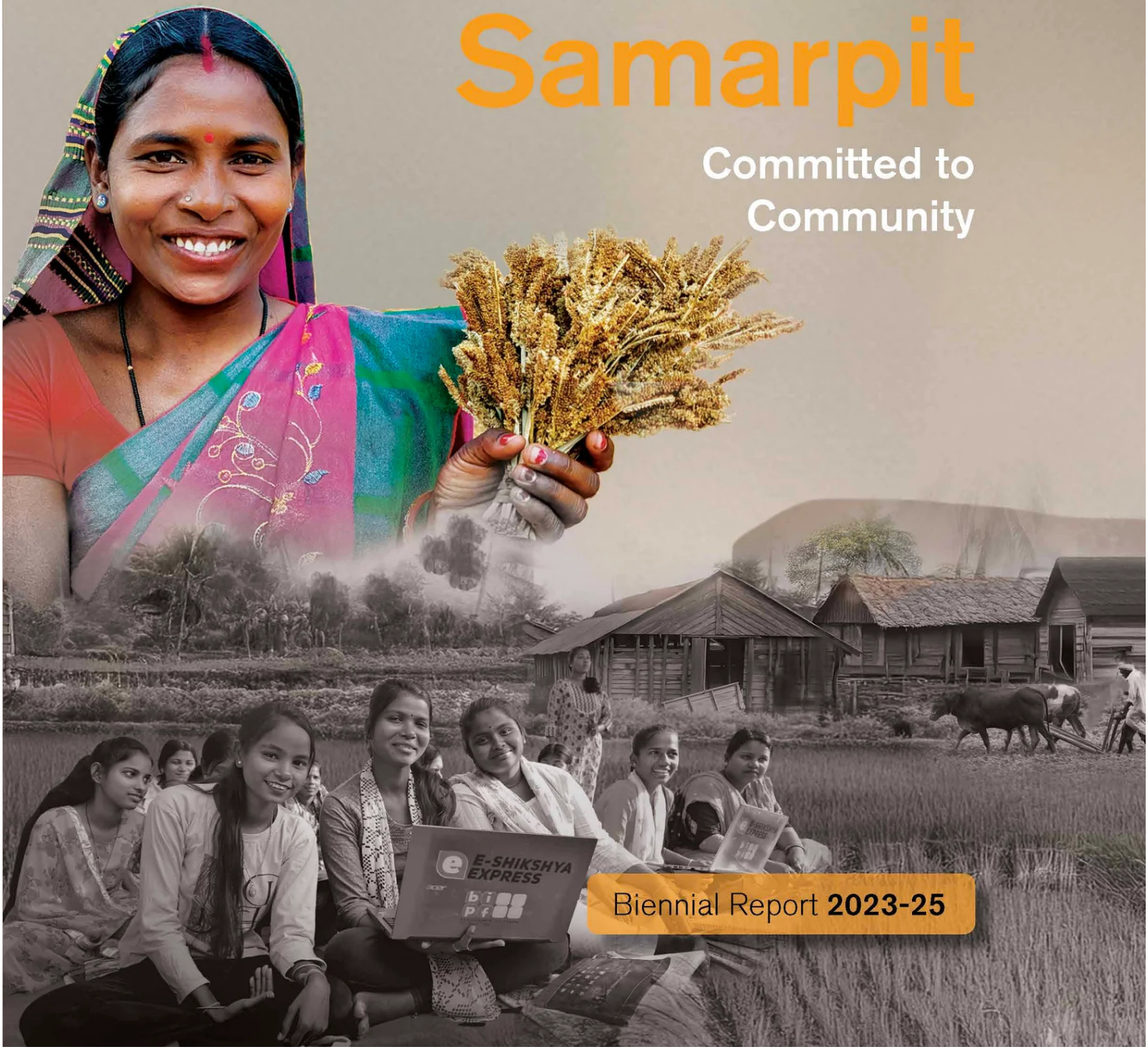
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Committed to Community



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About BIPF



Since the 1960s, Dr Bansidhar Panda and Mrs Ila Panda have touched the hearts and lives of their community in profound ways. Their legacy continues to resonate, and at BIPF, we are honoured to build upon the strong foundation they laid. Every day, we work relentlessly to further their vision—upholding the bonds of community and the sense of responsibility they believed.

VISION

Drive sustainable and scalable transformation among the most marginalised communities.

MISSION

Empower individual lives to achieve significant regional social-economic transformation.

Committed to making a difference

Established in 2011, the Bansidhar & Ila Panda Foundation (BIPF) is committed to making a significant difference in the lives of communities in rural and semi-urban regions of Odisha. The foundation draws inspiration from the visionary work of its founders, who pioneered community development in the region long before Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) became a widespread concept. With unwavering dedication, they not only provided employment opportunities but also educated people on healthcare, proper nutrition and significance of hygiene and sanitation, changing the course of many lives.

At BIPF, we believe in enabling individuals to chart their own paths to sustainable progress. We recognise that creating scalable impact requires collaboration. Therefore, we work closely with government bodies, local and international organisations and strategic partners to implement our programmes effectively.

Our approach is rooted in understanding and addressing the unique challenges faced by the marginalised. We strive to empower these communities through various initiatives that span across our focus areas, reaching over 377865 beneficiaries in 420 villages across seven districts of Odisha.

Our achievements demonstrate the impact of collective action in achieving substantial socio-economic progress. Through community engagement, education, and empowerment, we strive to foster enduring transformation, aim to create lasting change, and build a more equitable society.

Culture of governance

BIPF's governance philosophy emphasise transparency, accountability, and active community involvement. We uphold ethical practices and inclusive decision-making, ensuring our programmes are effective, equitable, and driven by the highest standards of integrity.



Sakshyam
Skill and Livelihood

Enhancing employability, entrepreneurship, and socio-economic mobility

Arogyadhara
Healthcare

Promoting health and wellness through sustainable interventions

Adhyayan
Education

Literacy and digital learning for transformative growth

Su-Swasthya
Water and Sanitation

Access to safe drinking water, hygiene, and sanitation practices

Samwaad Samman
Advocacy and Appreciation

Encouraging inclusive dialogue, and community empowerment



Curative healthcare

Our therapeutic health service initiatives are designed to bridge critical gaps in medical access for underserved communities. From establishing dispensaries that offer essential primary healthcare services to extending specialised ophthalmic care, we ensure that quality healthcare is accessible.

Dispensaries

We acknowledge the scarcity of basic healthcare facilities in remote regions and the burden this puts on vulnerable communities. To address this gap, we have established dispensaries in Sukinda and Therubali, serving as vital primary healthcare centers and providing the first point of contact for local residents seeking medical care. These centers offer an array of essential services, including free medical consultations, pathological tests and medications. By providing accessible and affordable healthcare, we aim to bridge the gap in medical services, ensuring that local communities receive the care they need.

Outreach health camps

We organise outreach health camps to deliver multi-specialty healthcare services to remote and hard-to-reach areas in collaboration with both government and private healthcare providers. These camps offer free health screenings, health checks, medical consultations and essential support to underserved populations, bridging the gap in healthcare access. For critical cases, we facilitate referrals to secondary or tertiary healthcare services for further treatment and specialised care.

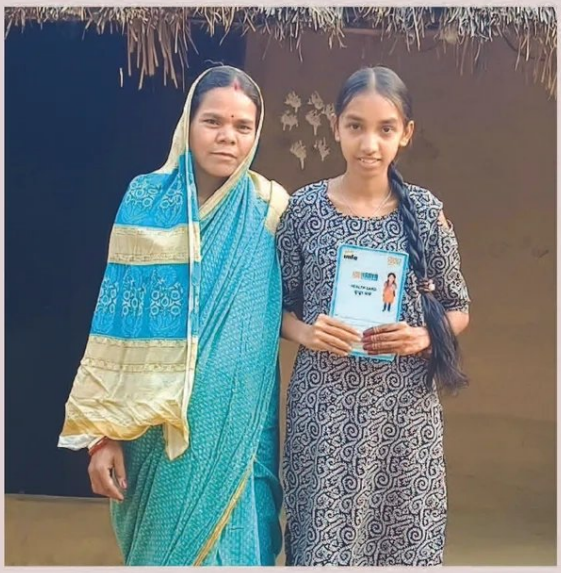
Opthalmic care

Our ophthalmic care centre, in partnership with the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) in Therubali, provides critical and timely interventions that transform lives. This initiative offers comprehensive services, including vision correction and treatment for eye infections, playing a vital role in restoring vision and helping elderly patients to overcome cataracts and other vision impairments.



Stories of empowerment

Redefining womanhood



Rakshi Mallik, born into a tribal family in Bairimal village, faced numerous challenges growing up. At just 15, she not only navigated financial challenges but also suffered from low haemoglobin, excessive menstrual bleeding and poor nutrition, leaving her frail and weak.

BIPF's Kanya Express provided her counselling on menstrual health, nutritional guidance and weekly iron folic acid supplements. Over time, Rakshi's health improved and her haemoglobin levels rose. However, her health again took a turn when she suffered from high fever; fortunately, the precautions she had learned proved beneficial. BIPF further advised her to seek medical care at the Primary Health Centre, ensuring she received proper treatment. Rakshi not only regained her health but also eulogises the crucial knowledge gained about hygiene, nutrition and self-care.

Transforming lives through vision restoration



Kudunji Perisika, a 62-year-old from Pujariguda village, had been slowly losing her vision, making it difficult to care for her granddaughter and perform daily tasks. With her son working hard to support the family, an eye operation seemed out of reach. She longed to be able to stay home and nurture her granddaughter, but her failing vision kept her away from this simple joy.

Hope arrived when BIPF organised a free eye check-up camp in the village. The doctors assessed her condition and recommended surgery. Following a brief hospital stay, Kudunji underwent the treatment and regained her eyesight. Thanks to the cataract surgery sponsored by BIPF, and the community's assistance, Kudunji and many others like her have been given a second chance to fulfil life.

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Professor Ghanashyam Dash Scholarship

Professor Ghanashyam Dash Scholarship (PGDS), launched in 2005, is a prestigious scholarship for meritorious students, enabling them to pursue higher education in Engineering, Medicine, STEM, and Liberal Arts at premier institutes across India. We cover 90% of their academic fees and related expenses, providing a maximum coverage of Rs. 6,00,000 per student for the entire course duration. Our former recipients have excelled academically, securing successful employment, pursuing postgraduate studies, and excelling in research programmes. We are delighted to be a catalyst for change, empowering students to achieve their aspirations and contribute sustainably to society. We believe encouragement and inspiration help inculcate wisdom, enabling individuals to focus and plan their paths to success.



Utsaah

Conjoined with the scholarship, awardees are entitled to our mentorship Programme, **'Utsaah'**. With the objective of supporting these young aspirants in their academic journeys and balancing study and social life, each mentee is paired with a suitable mentor. Mentors connect regularly over virtual platforms to provide guidance on academic progress, time management, stress management, social skills, networking, and career development. The primary goal is to provide constructive, positive interactions that empower and unleash their inner potential.



PGDS Recipients 2023

Prayas Rout
MBBS - AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

Priyanshu Panda
B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering - IIT Madras

Priyanka Dalai
B.Sc in Computer Science - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, New Delhi

Abhipsa Chowdhury
MBBS - AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

K.V.M Prasana Kumar
B.Tech in Computer Science - IIIT, Dharward

Himanshu Sekhar Patra
B.Tech in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering - IGIT, Sarang

PGDS Recipients 2024

Satyajeet Parida
MBBS - AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.

Alok Kumar Sahoo
MBBS - AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.

Sandip Subhrajit Sahoo
B.Tech. Computational Engineering, I.I.T Hyderabad.

Dibya Jyoti Jena
MBBS - SCB Medical College, Cuttack.

Tarini Prasad Mishra
B.Tech, Ceramic Engineering, I.I.T BHU, Varanasi.

Ariyan Sahoo
MBBS, F M Medical College & Hospital, Balasore.



Priyanshu Panda
B.Tech (Electrical Engineering),
IIT Madras

UTSAAH mentorship is invaluable. My mentor's guidance, both academic and emotional, has been transformative. PGDS is more than just a scholarship- it is a support system that fuels my growth and inspires me to contribute to society. Through the PGDS Alumni Network, we can connect to previous recipients of the scholarships and exchange ideas



Prayas Rout
MBBS,
AIIMS Bhubaneswar

Pursuing a career in medicine is a demanding yet incredibly rewarding journey. For me, the PDGS scholarship represents more than just financial support; it has provided invaluable guidance and mentorship from seasoned experts in the field. Under the mentorship of a distinguished professional, I have been able to enhance my skills in both clinical and non-clinical domains. I look forward to leveraging my skills and knowledge to drive positive changes and improve healthcare outcomes.



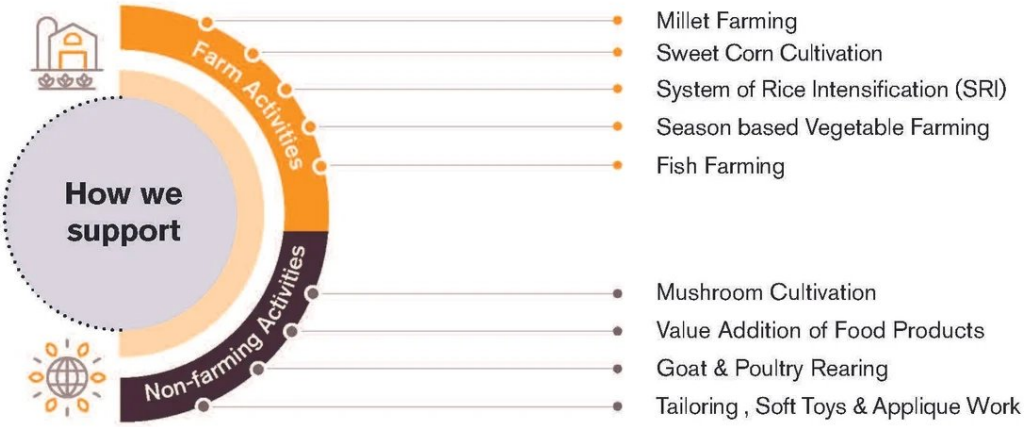
Aditya Narayan Rout
B.Tech (Chemical Engineering),
IIT Delhi

My mother came across the PGDS scholarship advertisement by BIPF, and it proved to be a turning point in my life, granting me the freedom to pursue my dreams without restraint. Under the guidance of my mentors from UTSAAH, my aspirations have been shaped, and I've developed a deep understanding of the importance of giving back to society. Their mentorship has instilled in me a sense of social responsibility, inspiring me to make a positive impact.

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Project Unnati

To empower rural women, we launched Project Unnati, an integrated capacity-building initiative under our livelihood programme. Unnati, meaning progress, utilises the self-help group (SHG) approach in rural and tribal areas. We also connect with financial institutions and government departments to provide financial assistance, training and support. The project aims to make women feel confident in participating in different economic activities. This is usually a big step in rural families and it is critical to cementing the quality of life of the future generations while also facilitating an alternative source of income for rural women. In addition to financial and livelihood training, we offer life skills training, covering topics such as WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), nutrition and reproductive healthcare. Within a span of three years of the project, we connected with these women directly for 151 sessions.





Stories of empowerment

Weaving tales of success



Tulasi Sundhi, a member of a tribal community, struggled to support her large family through share cropping, daily wages and soap sales. Her initial goat rearing venture was hindered by lack of knowledge and high mortality rates, leading to financial losses. In 2022, BIPF through its Project Unnati provided training in goat rearing, led by experts from Krushi Vigyan Kendra and the Block Veterinary Officer. This included training sessions and exposure trips, equipping Tulasi with the knowledge to effectively manage her herd, including vaccination, nutrition, and sanitation.

Now Tulasi owns a herd of 10 goats. This initiative has not only made her economically stronger but also empowered her to expand her business for a better livelihood. Today, she is a successful entrepreneur and a role model for those aspiring to achieve economic independence. Through this venture, she is now earning a handsome income.

Reaping the benefits of resilience and hard work



Geetanjali Pradhan, a resident of Saruabil village in GP-Kansa, was eager to start a mushroom farm but lacked the necessary knowledge of the cultivation process.

Through BIPF's support, Geetanjali received comprehensive training that ignited her enthusiasm and equipped her with the essential skills for mushroom farming. This included workshops and training sessions covering spawn preparation, substrate selection and environmental control, as well as practical on-site assistance with infrastructural development and equipment selection. Ongoing mentorship further ensured her sustained success by providing support and continuous learning opportunities to refine her farming techniques.

As a result of this training and support, Geetanjali successfully established her mushroom farm, leading to a significant increase in her income. She became a role model within her community, inspiring other women in Saruabil village to explore mushroom farming as a viable livelihood option.



Samwaad Samman

Amplifying voices & Acknowledging changemakers

BIPF firmly believes in the importance of advocacy and appreciation. To make a change that redefines the tomorrow, it is important to observe the present, understand the need and deliver accordingly.

Launched in 2012, Ideate, the annual Advocacy Panel platform curates a place for collaborative problem-solving for critical social, economic, and environmental challenges. This multi-stakeholder initiative convenes experts from diverse sectors, including policymakers, industry, academia, and civil society, to engage in structured brainstorming sessions. Launched in 2014 the Shambhavi Puraskar is a prestigious award through which BIPF recognises and honours outstanding individuals and organisations who have made significant contributions to social welfare, education, healthcare, and environmental conservation. This esteemed award is an acknowledgement of the tireless efforts of changemakers who have dedicated their lives to creating a positive impact on society.

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Awards and Accolades

Celebrating accomplishments

July 2023



Ms Shaifalika Panda (Trustee & Founder CEO, BIPF) was honoured for leading the G20 EMPOWER mentorship group.

September 2023



Conferred with Mahatma Award for 'Social Good and Impact for Gender Equality' at New Delhi.

October 2023



BIPF receives the "Most Impactful Rural Healthcare Initiative of the Year 2023"- India CSR Awards, at New Delhi.

November 2023



BIPF honoured with the 10th Greentech CSR INDIA Award for 'Gender Equality & Empowering Women' at Sonamarg, J&K.

February 2024



"The Best Foundation Award" was conferred upon BIPF by The CSR World-13th edition, at Mumbai.

December 2024



Times Now conferred upon BIPF the "Champions of CSR" award at New Delhi, for impactful contributions to education, health, women empowerment, WASH and advocacy.

Strategic alliances

Committed to fostering strong collaborations

National Bank For Agriculture & Rural Development

Directorate of Horticulture

Department of School & Mass Education

Ministry of Rural Development

National Health Mission

Department of Women & Child Development, Odisha

Rural Self Employment Training Institute

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd.

Department of Health & Family Welfare Government of Odisha

L&T Construction Skills Training Institute

Goa Carbon Ltd.

Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd.

Impact for Nutrition

LV Prasad Eye Institute

UNICEF

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry

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