

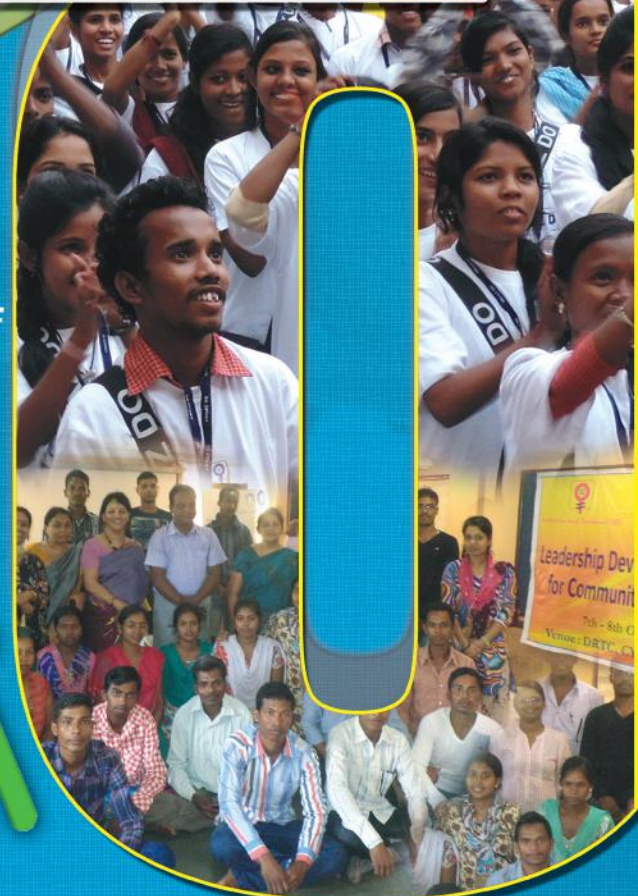
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Justice B.K.Mishra
Acting Chairperson
Odisha Human Rights Commission



सत्यमेव जयते

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Institute for Social Development (ISD), Bhubaneswar, is going to celebrate its 20th Anniversary on 17th Jan.2017. It is heartening to note that to commemorate the occasion; the Institute for Social Development is going to publish a souvenir.

Time and Tide waits for none. The Institute for Social Development which came to be established in the year, 1997 has now reached its 20th year and is consistent with its endeavors, especially in the field of “women empowerment”. The basic objective behind empowerment of women is to empower the women by promoting and facilitating their participation in all areas and sectors to build a strong economy, improve the quality of life and bring gender equality.

While appreciating the efforts of the 'Institute for Social Development', I sincerely extend my warm greetings and wish all success to the publication of the Souvenir.

(Justice B.K MISRA)





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MESSAGE

I avail the opportunity to convey you and the Executive Committee of the Institute for Social Development (ISD) my greetings on the 20th Anniversary of the organization. This is a special occasion. Institute for Social Development under your leadership has taken strides to cover a number of areas of development including women and children, including skill development and growth, including urban and rural diversities and imparting awareness in society.

2. A State like Odisha is in greater need of non-Governmental organizational activities and initiatives. This not only helps connecting the grass root issues with the mainframe political and economic content of development and growth but also strengthen the hands of Government bureaucracy and policy makers to implement developmental measures.

3. I am always proud of your leadership. On this special occasion I wish you and Institute for Social Development more power and active participation in charting out more modules of growth and development for Odisha.


(Dr. Amarendra Khatua)



Sj. Sarat Kumar Dash (IRS IT)
Commissioner of Income Tax,
Bhubaneswar

MESSAGE

I am elated to learn that Institute for Social Development , Bhubaneswar has completed 20 years of its existence and set now to celebrate its 21st birthday on 17th January 2017. The Institute has carved out a name for itself in service to society, especially to the women, and is quite active in the field of women empowerment and justice for women. I wish the Institute , its executives and members all success in their endeavour to make the world a better living place.



(S. K. Dash)



H.B. Das, SJS (Retd.)
Former Special Judge, CBI

MESSAGE

Dear Subhashree,

I am glad to know that Institute for Social Development is going to celebrate its 20th Anniversary on 17th January, 2017. I had the occasion & privilege to associate myself with the ever expanding activities of this social organization working in the areas of gender justice and women empowerment. This would certainly go a long way to arrest the growing trend of domestic violence on women & mitigate their suffering.

I wish the function all success.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,
(Hrudayaballav Das)





Bandana Pattanaik
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MESSAGE

" I would like to congratulate Subhashree and Bina, the two founding members of the Institute for Social Development (ISD) for realizing their dream of building an organization for social change, the dedicated team who carry out the everyday work of ISD, the board and other advisors for guiding the organization and the donors for supporting ISD's excellent work. I feel privileged to have been associated with ISD and have learnt much from colleagues there. As an active member organisation of the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW), ISD is an inspiration for all our members. On the occasion of ISD's 20th Anniversary, GAATW International Secretariat wishes the team more energy and success in the years to come."

Warmly
Bandana apa



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Additional Director

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MESSAGE

Dear team ISD !!!

Big Congratulation on completing 20 years of successful journey of social justice!

I know ISD from 2008 when we started work with men for gender equality in Odisha with the small campaign called "Naye Mard Ki Nayi Soch" (Today's Men Think Anew). This campaign helped to bring me closer to ISD and had good relationship as well as energetic partnership in setting up state network of Forum to Engage Men (FEM Odisha). ISD took the concept of involving men and boys for gender justice in its all project and convened the network in Odisha very well. ISD served as resource organisation to state network members and succeeded to bring many social activists, media professional, lawyers, Students and many more in the efforts of Gender Justice and helped many men and boys to become profeminist.

As Co-traveler, partner and well- wisher of ISD, I am wishing a very successful and meaning full many more decades in future.

Satish Bhai

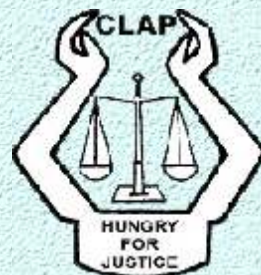




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MESSAGE

The Institute for Social Development (ISD) has a unique place in the voluntary sector. It is unique not because it is a Women's Organisation only. It is also not merely unique because of its thrust area for intervention i.e. violence free lives of women. Because there are many women organisation working for promotion of women's right in Odisha so also in India. In the same length there are many organisations who are striving to combat domestic violence and trafficking on women. What makes ISD unique is the solution it offers to address violence on women. The ISD has meticulously designed an innovative effort by initiating a process to establish **Women Support Centre Madhyam** in District Police establishments to cater to the needs of women who are subjected to violence. The Women Support Centre Madhyam emerges as a model innovation to address women right issues. As a model initiative the Women Support Centre Madhyam very successfully provides assistance to women who comes to Police Station seeking police help in various forms like arrangement of shelter facility where there is a need, helping women for medical support, linking them to legal service provisions of the state and where possible empowering them for economic rehabilitation. These services are rendered in addition to counselling facility by trained counsellors in all cases of women. As a result of the intervention of ISD through its signature initiative Women Support Centre Madhyam not only the burden on police and judiciary has been substantially and demonstratively reduced but also in many cases conciliation between the parties could be arrived at of course without compromising with the rights of women. This model initiative is definitely coming in the category of innovation in governance. A time has come to consolidate the idea with best practices and success stories with a view to scale the idea to other parts of the state and institutionalise this innovation in governance in the area of criminal justice system.

On this occasion of 20th Year of successful journey of Institute for Social Development (ISD), I wish them all success in their model initiative. I hope over the years to come the ISD will uphold its unique position in the voluntary sector.

Dr. Bikash Das



Dr. (Mrs.) Bijoya Mishra,
Former Principal, Rama Devi Women's College,
Chairperson, "MAMATA"
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MESSAGE

I have been associated with Institute of Social Development (ISD) almost from the day of its inception and watched it grow to present state. It is definitely one of the best NGOs of the state, which is widely known not only because of its publications but because of changes it has brought about in so many lives, particularly women. I am very much impressed with the sincerity of Subhashree, who will not rest until the goal is achieved. She is lucky to have Bikash with her, who not only a legal expert but is famous for fighting for justice for the poor. The couple has brought ISD to the height of reputation. I hope, ISD will continue to grow and work for the unprivileged for a very long time. I wish the 20th Anniversary Celebration of ISD a great success.

Bijoya Mishra



Dr. Seba Mohapatra
Former Director, Health Services
Odisha

MESSAGE

Dear Subhashhree & Bina

Congratulations !! ! on reaching a great milestone, the 20th year of service at the Institute for Social Development for Women Empowerment.

I am sure under your very affectionate and dynamic leadership ISD would continue to touch the thousands of women's lives in a positive manner with the objective of ultimate empowerment.

Congratulations to the entire team of ISD and wish you many more such occasions to come....

Dr. Seba Mohapatra





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P.K. Sahoo
Chairman, CYSD

MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Institute for Social Development (ISD) will be completing its 20 years of significant development journey on 17 January 2017.

I am greatly impressed by ISD's wonderful works rendering valuable services to bring positive changes in the lives of the poor people and distressed women in particular, to promote socio-economic justice. Moreover, the milestones achieved by ISD towards building violence free , gender sensitive society and its continuous efforts in this direction is praiseworthy.

My heartfelt Congratulations and complements to ISD family for celebrating its Twenty years of visible accomplishments!

I wish ISD to pursue its relentless endeavours in mitigating the sufferings of Youth and Women and to champion their causes in future years. Let ISD embark upon completing another 30 years of its glorious dedicated services to the society.





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MESSAGE

Guide with example

The great emperor, Akbar lost his mother when he was a baby. Another kind hearted woman breastfed him. For this magnanimity the Son of the woman named as Yunus, who was little older than Akbar was rewarded with few villages and was made a small king.

Many years later, Akbar became a prominent emperor but Yunus lost everything due to his poor managerial capabilities and laziness.

Yunus then approached Akbar and said, “ We both drank milk from the same mother therefore, we are brothers. As elder, I should have been the emperor, but, I am not interested in that, kindly help me bring to my original position as you have everything and I have nothing ”. Akbar was deeply moved, introduced Yunus to everybody as his elder brother, gifted him few more villages and wealth.

Getting all these, Yunus said to Akbar, “ I also can have a very big empire like you to not to disturb you in future, if can have a smart minister like Birbal”. Akbar was so moved that, he instantly ordered Birbal to accompany Yunus to the village. Listing the discussion between both, Birbal said to Akbar, “ I have an elder brother who should be the best minister for your elder brother, if you permit, I shall bring him”, everyone was happy with this arrangement.

When the departure time of Yunus came, Birbal came with a fat Bull and said, we both have drank milk from the same mother (The Cow gave birth to the Bull).....And Akbar could understand, a smart Minister always guides with examples.

We at Sanjeeb Kumar & Associates always love to guide with examples to help our patrons to take most appropriate decision.



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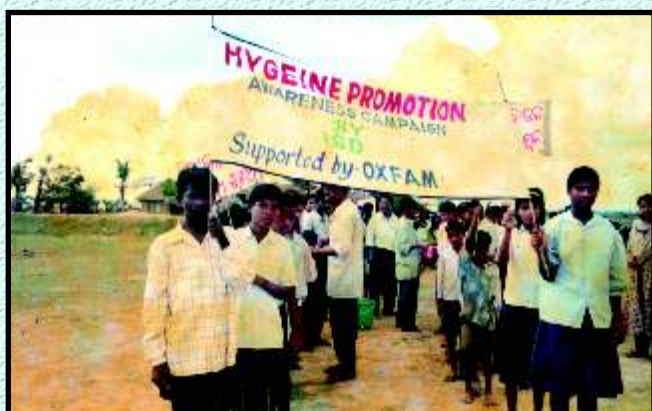
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Super Cyclone Intervention - 1999



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Domestic Violence & Remedial Measures

[Incidence of bruised and battered wives and even women in live-in-relationship are now on increase in spite of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act-2005 in place. Law always does not help. The social attitude and psyche of the male-dominated society has to change to arrest the rising trend of violence on women both at home and outside]

Protection of women from domestic violence Act-2005 is a special legislation to provide for effective protection of the rights of women guaranteed under the Constitution who are victims of violence of any kind. This legislation was hailed by the National Women Commission as a great charter of social security for women. Undoubtedly it is a human rights issue and it is a serious deterrent to the development of women. The Vienna Accord of 1994 and the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (1995), all these International charters have acknowledged this menacing problem facing the society. The United Nations Committee on Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in its General Recommendation in 1989 has recommended that State parties to protect women against violence of any kind especially that are occurring within the family. It has remained largely invisible to outside and are not always in the public domain. Where a woman is subjected to both physical and mental cruelty by her husband and her relatives, is treated as a cognizable offence u/s 498A of the Indian Penal Code besides Domestic Violence Act. The civil law does not however address this issue of cruelty toward women in its entirety. The problem of bruised and battered women

remains largely a hidden crime in the society. The victims are very often being afraid of the social stigma are left with no choice but to keep quiet. The domestic violence also includes torture for dowry, sexual perversions, harassment and marital rape etc. It also manifests in other forms which may range from minor burning to fractures, throwing acid on women and girls to disfigure them and even killing them out of anger and frustration. The scenario is no doubt scary. The British who designed the penal law left India 68 years ago. In those days the need for laws for protection and social security for women was not felt necessary as Indian culture respected women.

After independence there was freedom and opportunity for women to be involved in multifarious activities both at home and outside. This also led to family frictions and violence. It was hoped that by the introduction of the new penal provision in IPC and by this special legislative enactment "cruelty" to married woman by the husband and in-laws which includes both "mental" and "physical" torture can be largely curbed. Police are empowered to enter the homes of married women and are allowed to arrest offending husband or the in-laws without warrant based

on an FIR containing some facets of prime facie evidence. Question arises as to whether is it not a serious onslaught on the men folk that without testing the veracity of the version of the women, the truth or otherwise of the complaint, action is taken readily by the police instantly in an overzealous manner only to satisfy the complainant and her kith and kin. Law is like a sharp-edged weapon which can cut both the ends. Therefore the standard of proof required for establishing the charge and the level of its trustworthiness and acceptance by the court in most cases are in a fluid state. That is why Section-498(A) is an enigma in the Penal Code. The Supreme Court directed the police investigating machinery not to arrest the husband, her parents and relations without collecting full-proof evidence and without taking the permission of the Magistrate explaining regarding the necessity of the arrest. The apex court felt that husbands at times are framed with misuse of law by police. Very often such cases are framed with the ulterior motive of the lady to harass the husband and her in-laws for various reasons as it depends on the interpersonal relationship of the parties beyond the reach of the law. The lives of many a newly married couple are ruined for misusing this provision of law for personal gains and to satisfy one's grudge. Before soliciting the help of the law to the bedroom of the spouses, an enquiry by the family counselor recognized under the provisions of the Family Courts Act-1984 should also be made. The assistance of the 'Protection Officer' and 'Service Provider' created under the Domestic Violence Act-2005 should also be taken so that conciliation can be arrived at the threshold.

It must be kept in mind by the investigating officer dealing with this law that in many cases of strained relationships between the husband and wife some dubious characters play their roles. These characters who have vested interests and are mischief-mongers

aggravate the situations in the family who need to be identified so that the truth of the entire episode can be brought to light. Before any action is taken all possibilities should be explored by the law-enforcing officer to solve the conflicts between husband and wife through counseling as envisaged under Section-14 and 15 of Domestic Violence Act. Law has also elements of social engineering and law is meant for social progress and solidarity. So the harsh provisions of law may be invoked only in extreme cases. It is gratifying to note that the Act gives protection to the women to reside in the shared household and she shall not be evicted or excluded from the shared household. If the Magistrate is prima facie satisfied that domestic violence has taken place, can pass protection order as well as residence order restraining the respondent from dispossessing or disturbing the possession of the aggrieved lady from the 'shared household'.

The Court may also pass an order directing the police to give protection to the aggrieved lady and to assist her in the implementation of the residence as well as protection order. The Magistrate may impose on the respondent obligations relating to the discharge of rent and other payments, having regard to the financial needs and resources of the women. The Magistrate may direct the respondent to return to the possession of the aggrieved person her 'Stridhan' or any other property or valuable security. The Court can also award compensation for the injuries sustained and for her mental torture and emotional distress caused by the acts of domestic violence. The court can also grant immediate monetary reliefs to the women for her maintenance, medical expenses etc.

Concluding this is a special legislative enactment made keeping in view the rights of women guaranteed under Articles-14, 15 and 21 of the Constitution and to protect women from being victims of domestic violence of any kind.

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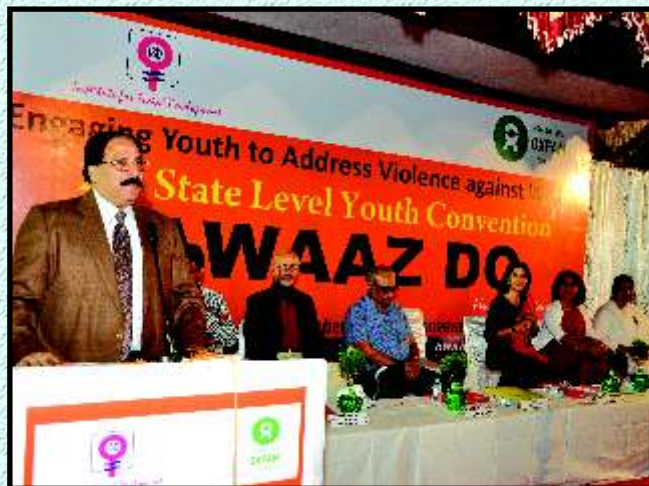


Women Support Centre



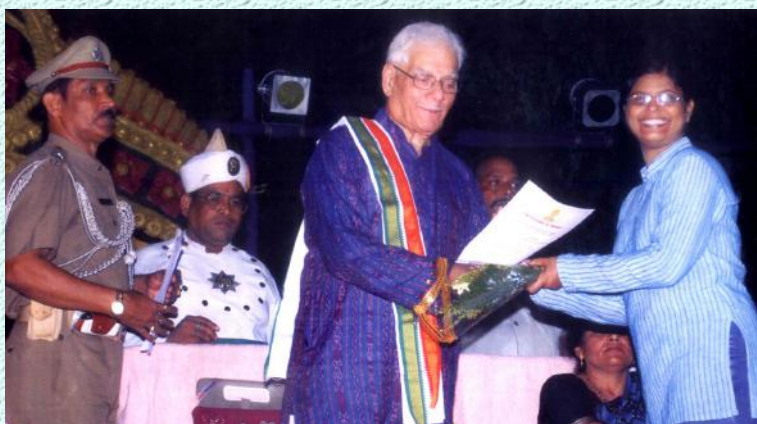
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Felicitation & Achievements



WHO WE ARE

ISD was initiated by a group of young social workers and professionals in the year 1997 with a mission to bring positive change in the lives of people in social, economic and political scenario. It is a women's organization that works for ending Violence against Women.

VISION

Violence-free gender sensitive social development with participation of the poorest of poor woman in decision-making process.

MISSION

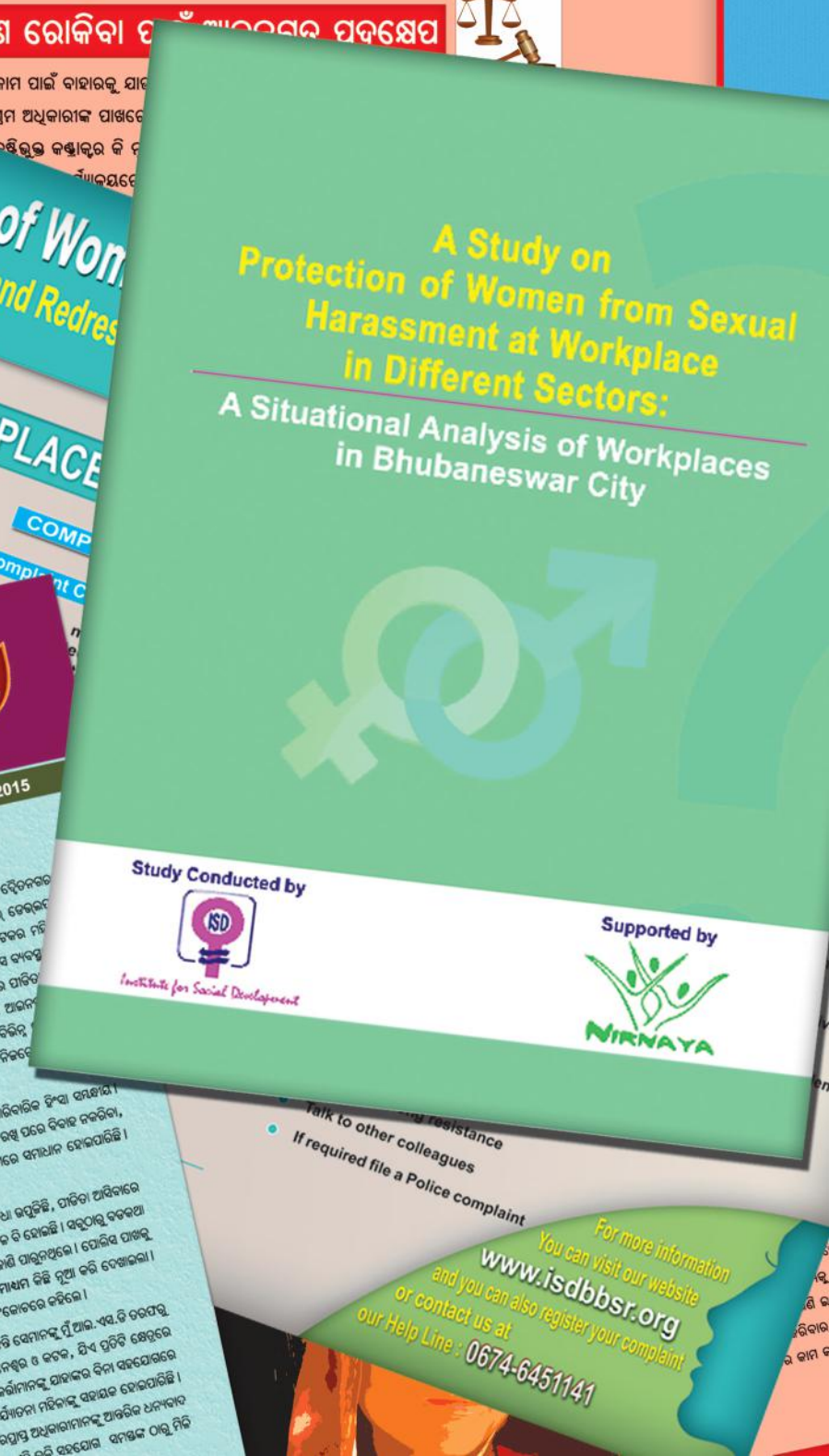
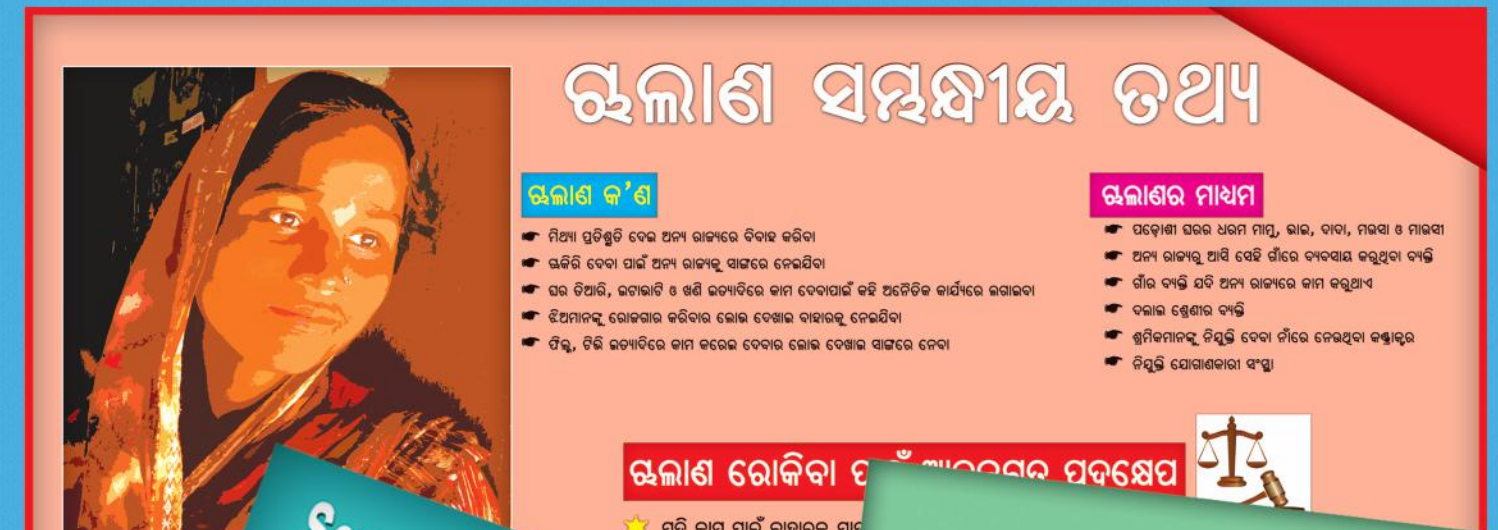
To promote violence free life of women with dignity in the society and work towards empowerment of women and challenging social barriers for gender justice.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To formulate and promote various programmes for the Socio-economic development of the socially excluded communities
- ❖ To provide institutional services and implement programs to ensure proper rehabilitation of victims of violence against women
- ❖ To protect and safeguard the rights of women by empowering them
- ❖ Striving to bring attitudinal change both amongst men and women on issues of Gender equity
- ❖ Reaching out to various groups including youth and providing appropriate platform to discuss and debate on pertinent issues affecting the lives of women and children

OUR VALUES

- ◆ Valuing every person
- ◆ Commitment
- ◆ Trust
- ◆ Excellence



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