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**BAITARANI**

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## **PREFACE**

“Our mission is for the destitute, the poor and the illiterate peasantry and labouring classes and if after everything has been done for them first, there is spare time, then only for the gentry.”

- Swami Vivekanand

Located at Bhattasahi, a backward and benighted village in Keonjhar District in Odisha, **BAITARANI** is a women based and women-oriented NGO at grass-root level. The organization has been registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, Government of Odisha, vide Registration No. KJR-4616/92, dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2003.

The genesis of the organization dates back to 2001-02. A group of village women under the leadership of Smt. Santilata Shi came out from the four walls of the domestic chores and wanted to do something for other needy and neglected women of the society. No doubt it was very difficult at a backward village reeling under grim illiteracy and the resultant social superstitions and religious dogmas. The resistance came from the male dominated society, but the women were desperate. Neither any obstacle nor any odd could dissuade the spirit of a group of sincere and dedicated women who got united and took a solemn vow to enlighten and empower other poor women and marginalized segment of the society. Their firm resolution was translated into action with the establishment of **BAITARANI** a women based and women regulated civil society in the year 2001-02 which was registered later under the S.R Act in 2003.

Thanks to the tenacious efforts of a group of village women, **BAITARANI** has already made its presence very much felt among the distressed, downtrodden and deserted women at the village Bhattasahi and its neighbouring area. The organization stands poised to go forward with its lofty mission of helping the helpless women and other poor people in the coming years.

