

# At a Glance



*In quest of march towards  
sustainable development*





## BACKGROUND:

Rural Development Foundation (RDF) is a nonprofit organization registered under the Societies Registration Act of XXI of 1860 in the year 1991. It is a philanthropic agency came in to existence realizing the poverty, sorrows and suffering of the common people in the year 1991 with the generous inspiration of a renowned Gandhian, Dr. Radhakrishna, the founder of Gandhi Peace Centre.

To promote gandhian movement, a group of rural youths in Odisha joined hands and formed RDF. Initially, Gandhi Peace Centre fosters this organization for more than a decade with the leadership of a young gandhian Harish Chandra Raj founder of RDF. Later, with the generous support of various concerns in the Government of India and non government donor agencies the organization serves the vulnerable sections of the society like; women, children, farmer, artisan , tribal and marginalized population.

**VISION:** Peace and Social Justice

**MISSION:** Sustainable Development through Education, Health and Environment

**OBJECTIVES:**

- \* Check the growing isolation in society and built peace.
- \* Revitalize the village development through Gandhian Constructive Programs
- \* Mobilize youths into Gandhian Lines
- \* Create awareness about usage of medicinal plants
- \* Orient public about natural farming.
- \* Adopt Science & Technology in the field of Agriculture
- \* Enable people for public amenities
- \* Create a suitable environment in managing the natural resources
- \* Progress socio-economic activities towards sustainable development



*"I shall work for an India, in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country, in whose making they have an effective voice; an India in which there will be no high class and low class of people ; an India in which all communities shall live in perfect harmony."*

*- M.K. Gandhi*



## RDF ACTIVITIES

- \* Gender Equity
- \* Public Amenities
- \* Climate Action
- \* Health and Nutrition
- \* Herbal Gardening
- \* S&T in Farm Sector
- \* Languishing Lacquer Craft
- \* Legal Literacy for Women
- \* Tribal Cultural Conservation
- \* Gandhian Constructive Work
- \* Livelihood and Skill Development
- \* Family Counseling Centre (FCC)
- \* Service Provider under PWDV Act.
- \* National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC)
- \* Sector Reform Project (Pani Panchayat)





## COMMENTS OF VISITORS ABOUT RDF!

"I visited one village and model farm of RDF, "which "was quite interesting. Multidisciplinary approach was implemented there and it looked successful. I am very impressed by your activities with involvement of local people."

- **Mr. Hiromichi Muraoka,**  
*Country Officer, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan*

"It is a pleasure in visiting such an institution meant for the public benefit at such a small town like Balasore. There are Counselors in various fields' where I stay in Lund University City, even in schools, colleges and hospital also. It is not a small thing anyone volunteers give assurance & hope in the problematic life at its ones need in a collective effort."

- **DR. R.N. DASH, M.D.**  
*Lund University City, Sweden*

"This is the only recognized FCC in the district and has a potential outlook. I hope one will be able to work out necessary arrangement for close co-ordination to the mutual benefit of the organization and the police, not least the general public."

- **SUDHANSU SARANGI, IPS, Chairperson, Sanjog-FCC,**  
*Superintendent of Police, Balasore*

"I found the Sanjog FCC is really working positively. The note sheets, case histories are very good in nature. I wish every success to Sanjog running by RDF."

- **SMT. PRABHATI PARIDA, Chairman,**  
*Orissa State Social Welfare Advisory Board, Bhubaneswar*



**OUR KEY SPONSORS :**

- \* DST, Government of India
- \* State Social Welfare Board, Odisha
- \* Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi
- \* Centre for Environment Studies, Odisha

## APPEAL:

Rural Development Foundation has crossed a long way with the generous support of many non- government organizations and government departments in implementing their projects successfully and programmes. And, RDF expects their hearty cooperation for further development. RDF also appeals the likeminded individuals, organizations, corporate and universities to join hands and encourage the philanthropic activities to bring peace and happiness in all.

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