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About OSSAAT

Odisha Society for Social Audit Accountability and Transparency (OSSAAT) is an autonomous Society of Govt. of Odisha. It is registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 vide registration No.-23344/64, dated 24.09.2011 as a necessary requirement under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Audit of Scheme Rules, 2011 of Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India to facilitate the conduct of Social Audit of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and other Schemes in the state.

OSSAAT is functioning under the aegis of Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water (PR & DW) Department,

Govt. of Odisha. The Society came into existence with the vision "to work towards strengthening and deepening the Social Audit processes in Odisha so that Social Audit becomes an integral part of governance in the State and to ensure that autonomy and purity of Social Audit process is maintained by all stakeholders". It is working with a mission "to uphold and expedite the Social Audits as an ideal means for incessant public awareness, monitoring and appraisal of all welfare and progressive schemes executed for benefit of the poor and thereby ensuring accountability in its implementation".

Initially tasked with conducting Social Audit of MGNREGS only, it has over the



Entry Meeting

years been entrusted with auditing various other government schemes like, National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), National Food Security Act (NFSA), Prime Minister Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), 15th FC Grants, PM Poshan, Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) & MAMATA, etc. Presently a total of ten (10) schemes are being audited and more schemes are expected to be brought under its ambit.

The OSSAAT has a Governing Body and an Executive Committee as under:

1. (a) Governing Body: The Governing Body of OSSAAT comprises of total seventeen (17) Members. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha

is the Chairperson; Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary is the Vice Chairperson; Secretary, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department is the Member Secretary; Director, OSSAAT is the Member Convenor of the G.B. There are thirteen (13) other Members, including three (03) Members nominated by the Chairperson, representing from Civil Society Organisations, Academic and Training Institutions of the State.

1. (b) Executive Committee: The Executive Committee consists of eight (08) Members. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department is the Chairperson and Director, OSSAAT is the Member Secretary-cum-Convenor of the E.C.

1. (c) Structure of OSSAAT: OSSAAT is headed by Director and supported by six (06) Social Audit Experts (SAEs), Accounts Officer, Manager (HR), MIS Officer, Documentation Officer and other support staff at the Social Audit Unit, Odisha, Bhubaneswar. It has 32 District Social Auditors (DSAs) functioning at district level, assisted by 314 Block Social Auditors (BSAs) functioning at block level and 5903 Village Resource Persons (VRPs) working at Gram Panchayat level in 6794 GPs. The State Office functions at SIRD&PR Campus in the 3rd Floor of MGNREGS Building, Unit-8, Gopabandhu Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Message from the Director, OSSAAT

It gives me immense pleasure to declare release of the quarterly newsletter of the Odisha Society for Social Audit, Accountability and Transparency (OSSAAT) for the period October–December 2025. This edition highlights the key initiatives, activities, and progress made by OSSAAT in strengthening programme implementation across different sectors, while promoting transparency, accountability, and participatory governance in the state.

Social audit plays a vital role in empowering communities and ensuring that public welfare schemes reach and benefit the intended beneficiaries. During this quarter, OSSAAT has undertaken several important activities, including social audit programmes in different districts under MGNREGS and Samagra Shiksha, capacity-building initiatives on Samagra Shiksha especially for SAFT and CSA, review meetings with District Social Auditors, and collaboration with various government departments such as SSEPD. These efforts are aimed at enhancing the quality of social audits promoting greater community participation in the governance process and follow up of ATR.

I am pleased to note the successful organization of training programmes for 1,650 Village Resource Persons (VRPs), Social Audit Facilitation Teams (SAFTs), and newly recruited officials such as ABDOs and GPDOs. These

initiatives are crucial for strengthening the institutional framework of social audits and equipping stakeholders with the knowledge and skills required for effective implementation.

Field visits conducted by Director OSSAAT & SAEs across districts, including Kendrapada and Mayurbhanj, provided valuable insights into the ground-level implementation of social audit and the functioning of Gram Sabhas. Such interactions help us better understand community concerns and challenges which are stepping stones to improve our processes.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and cooperation extended by various departments, FS & CW Department & SSEPD Department during this quarter, in facilitating the social audit of important schemes.

I sincerely appreciate the commitment and sincere work of our District Social Auditors, Block Social Auditors, Village Resource Persons, and stakeholders who continue to contribute for strengthening the social audit system in Odisha. Their tireless efforts play a key role in promoting good governance and ensuring that development programmes truly benefit the people.

Let us continue working together to build a more transparent, accountable, and inclusive system of governance in the state.



2. Samagra Shiksha Review & Presentation of Social Audit Findings:

A presentation on the Samagra Shiksha Social Audit was successfully made on 18.10.2025 at the OSEPA conference hall before Commissioner-cum-Secretary School and Mass Education Deptt. & SPD OSEPA. The meeting was held to discuss progress and achievements made so far and future roadmap of the Samagra Sikshya Social Audit conducted in the State. Detail deliberations were made on various components of the Samagra Shiksha scheme, focusing on its objectives of providing equal



and inclusive quality education from pre-school to senior secondary level. Findings of Audit was discussed in details.

The presentation made was very effective and concluded fruitfully.



The Commissioner-cum Secretary provided valuable insights and directives to further strengthen implementation of the Samagra Shiksha program across the State to OSEPA Officials, ensuring that its goals are met effectively.

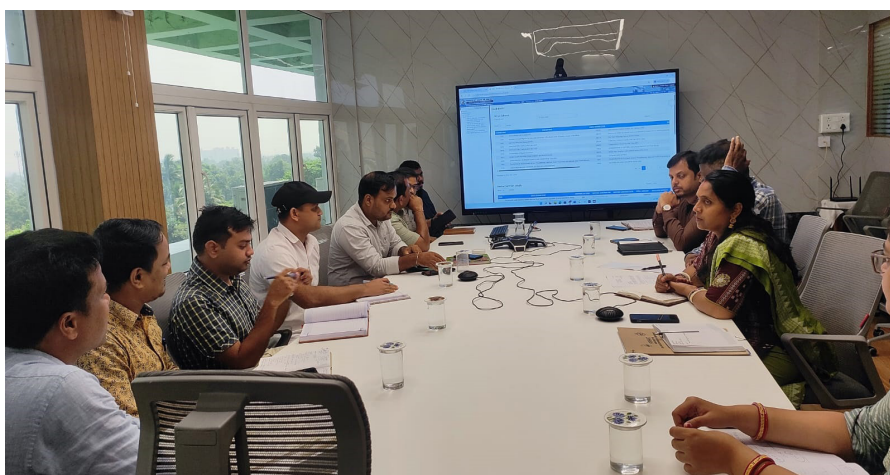
3. Training Programme On SNA-SPARSH Mechanism

SNA-SPARSH is an integrated system that aims to achieve "just-in-time" payments by pulling funds directly to the beneficiary's bank account. The system is built upon an integrated framework of IFMS, PFMS, AND e-Kuber (RBI platform).

A one-day intensive training session on use of the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) SPARSH mechanism was conducted on 22.10.2025, at the Directorate of Treasury & Inspection (DT&I), Bhubaneswar. Primary objective of this session was to equip operating personnel with necessary knowledge and hands-on-skills to operate the SPARSH module effectively.

Broad Objectives of the Training :

a. To provide a comprehensive



overview of the SNA-SPARSH mechanism and its significance.

b. To deliver hands-on training to key functionalities including user login,

navigation and data management.

c. To enable participation in processing common transactions related to pay, allowances and loans.

4. Refresher Training Program for Village Resource Persons (VRPs) :



A one-day refresher training program for all Village Resource Persons (VRPs) involved in Social Audits of MGNREGS and other schemes was planned to be conducted across all 314 blocks of the State from October to December 2025. This initiative aims to enhance

VRPs' skills and knowledge in the audit process, scheme guidelines, evidence building, and report writing. It also facilitates experience sharing among VRPs and strengthens their community mobilization efforts, ensuring larger public participation in Social Audit Gram



Sabhas. Each training batch is designed for 40 participants. The training calendar is being prepared by the District Social Auditor (DSA) in coordination with the CDO-cum-EO, and sessions are imparted by DSAs, BSAs, BDOs, MCs, APOs, and other empanelled Resource



Persons from SIRD & PR.

The training program are commenced in various districts, with 1650 Village Resource Persons (VRPs) already



trained in 13 districts comprising 83 batches. As advised by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, PR & DW Dept., the monitoring of this

training program through the SIRD Training Monitoring Portal has been initiated and actively carried out by the district teams.

5. Internship Program for TISS Mumbai Students :

A 30 days internship programme for Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) Mumbai students was organised by OSSAAT with the objective of enhancing practical understanding of rural development and social audit processes in Odisha. The programme started with a week-long orientation covering organisational functions, social audit systems and ongoing initiatives. After completion of the orientation period the students were placed in Mayurbhanj District for a six-week field practicum. They interacted



with communities, observed rural governance structures and collected data related to development schemes. OSSAAT provided necessary formats and tools to support documentation and field enquiry. Through field exposure, students gained experience in grassroots administration, community participation and implementation of development programmes. They also developed skills in analysis, report writing and presentation.

The internship was monitored under the guidance of Social audit experts of OSSAAT, ensuring continuous academic and field support. The programme concluded with presentation of findings and

recommendations at the State level by the interns. To support their fieldwork, OSSAAT developed questionnaires, formats and tools for data collection. Students conducted studies in Jashipur Block of the said District, documenting findings related to rural development schemes and implementation practices.

Learnings and Outcomes :

- Practical field exposure in grassroots rural development
- Interaction with local institutions and community members
- Understanding the role of social audits
- Development of analytical and documentation skills

The team was tasked with conducting a field study, along with internship program. To support this, SAU, Odisha developed a set of questionnaires to facilitate the process. For field study, one block in Mayurbhanj District was selected. The team stayed in the field for 20 days duration and successfully completed the study. The whole process was guided by Shri Jyoti Ranjan Satapathy and Smt. Jyotirmayee Samal, both SAEs of OSSAAT, under supervision of Director, OSSAAT. After completion of field process the internship team prepared a report and presented before the Director OSSAAT. An evaluation of performance of all students was made by OSSAAT.

6. Meeting With SSEPD Department for Social Audit of MoSJE Schemes :



A meeting was held on 31.10.2025 with the State Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) Department regarding the conduct of Social Audit of Schemes under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE). The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Parul Patwari, IAS, Director, SSEPD. During

the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on the framework, scope and implementation process of Social Audit. The roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders were deliberated upon to ensure effective planning and smooth execution of the audit process. Emphasis was laid on transparency, community participation and timely

reporting being the key components of the Social Audit mechanism. Officials from SSEPD and other concerned representatives shared their views and provided inputs on operational challenges, coordination and ensuring adherence to the guidelines issued by MoSJE for successful conduct of Social Audit.

7. Training Program for SAFT and CSA Under Samagra Shiksha :

After completion of two numbers of Master Trainer Training at the State level; training programmes for Cluster Social Auditors (CSA) and Social Audit Facilitator Teams (SAFT) were undertaken across various districts of the State. These trainings were conducted in line with targets assigned for carrying out Social Audits under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme.

The Social Audit initiative aims to cover approximately 50,000 schools over a period of five years. During the first year of implementation, Social Audit Unit (SAU) focused on completing necessary preparatory activities, including capacity building and orientation of field-level teams. Subsequently, the social audit



process was initiated in selected districts as part of the phased rollout plan.

These district-level training programmes played a crucial role in strengthening understanding of

social audit procedures, roles and responsibilities among participants, there by ensuring effective implementation of social audits at the grassroots level.

8. DSA Review Meeting :

Quarterly Review meeting of all District Social Auditors (DSAs) of OSSAAT was successfully conducted on 06.11.2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the MGNREGS Conference Hall, SIRD & PR Campus, Bhubaneswar. The meeting was chaired by the Director, Special Projects, PR & DW Department, Government of Odisha.

The meeting was attended by the Joint Secretary and the Accounts Officer (MGNREGS), Social Audit Experts of OSSAAT, other State Officials and District Social Auditors (DSAs) of all Districts, except Nuapada.

At the outset, the Director, OSSAAT



welcomed the Chairperson and participants and elaborated on the objectives of the meeting. The MIS team presented the current status and progress of Social Audit programmes across districts through a detailed presentation.

Key discussions in the meeting focused on strengthening the Social Audit Unit through third-party evaluations, adherence to the code of ethics, effective functioning of Social Audit Gram Sabhas, Public Awareness initiatives, availability of

human resources, and performance assessment of Village Resource Persons (VRPs) at the GP level. District Social Auditors were advised to submit improvement for suggestions based on field-level challenges.

The Accounts Officer briefed the participants on financial matters including submission of Utilization Certificates, travel allowances of DSAs, incidental expenses, SNA-SPARSH preparedness, reconciliation of SEGF accounts, FM recovery status, and timely submission of absentee

statements to avoid EPF penalties.

The Director also reviewed progress of ongoing Social Audits, IEC activities, conduct of Model GPs, Gram Sabhas through the Panchayat Nirnay App, findings of the NIRD & PR research study, submission of Action Taken Reports (ATR), and best practices adopted by districts.

The meeting concluded with directions to ensure improved coordination, timely compliance, and strengthened implementation of social audit processes across the state.

9. Social Audit Programme and Progress During the Quarter :

The Social Audit Programme for the first cycle of the financial year 2025-26 was systematically planned and executed by OSSAAT with the approval of the Chairman, Executive Committee. The programme was designed to promote transparency, accountability, and effective governance in the implementation of various flagship welfare schemes across departments, with a strong focus on citizen participation and grassroots-level monitoring.

During the reporting quarter, extensive Social Audit activities were undertaken across multiple schemes to assess implementation status, financial utilization, service delivery mechanisms, and adherence to prescribed guidelines. Under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme, Social Audit was conducted in approximately 10,000 schools across the State during FY 2025-26, as per the requisition of the School & Mass Education Department. The audit assessed infrastructure availability, utilization of grants, teacher deployment, and delivery of educational services at the school level. Key gaps, best practices, and areas requiring corrective action were identified and documented for follow-up.

Simultaneously, Social Audits were conducted at the Gram Panchayat level covering schemes implemented under the Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water (PR & DW) Department, including PM-POSHAN and MGNREGS. The audit process focused on verification of



Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Target Schools	Period of Audit Covered	FY Year Covered	Nos. of School Completed
1	Samagra Sikshya	10000	2023-24	2024-25	4107

records, transparency in execution, timeliness of wage payments, quality of works, community participation, and beneficiary satisfaction. Public

hearings were facilitated to ensure community voices were heard and grievances were addressed in an open and participatory manner.

Samagra shikya



PM-Poshan



MGNREGS



Across all schemes, the Social Audit process followed a structured methodology involving record verification, field-level inspections, beneficiary interactions, community meetings, and public hearings. Observations and findings were compiled into scheme-wise Social

Audit Reports and shared with the concerned departments for necessary action and policy-level improvements. Overall, the Social Audit activities conducted during the quarter significantly contributed to strengthening transparency, improving service delivery, enhancing

beneficiary awareness, and reinforcing accountability mechanisms at the grassroots level. The programme reaffirmed the role of Social Audit as an effective tool for participatory governance and continuous improvement in the implementation of welfare schemes.

10. Social Audit Training to Newly Recruited ABDOs and GPDOs :

The State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (SIRD & PR) organized a Social Audit training programme for newly recruited Gram Panchayat Development Officers (GPDOs) and Additional Block Development Officers (ABDOs) at SIRD & PR, Bhubaneswar. The objective of

the training is to enhance participants' understanding of transparency, accountability, and effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level.

community participation, and the roles and responsibilities of GPDOs and ABDOs in ensuring proper conduct of Social Audits. Special emphasis was laid on strengthening transparency in governance and improving service delivery of rural development programmes.

The training covered key aspects of the Social Audit process, including its significance, verification of records,

11. Social Audit of Social Justice Scheme:

In compliance with the guidelines of the Government of India MoSJE and to ensure transparency, accountability, and community participation, the Social Audit of Social Justice Schemes has been initiated in Malkangiri, Sonapur, and Mayurbhanj districts. The audit is being conducted under the supervision of OSSAAT through trained Resource Persons.

The main objectives of the Social Audit are to assess the implementation and effectiveness of Social Justice Schemes, to verify records, beneficiary details, and service delivery, to ensure transparency and accountability in scheme implementation, to provide a platform for beneficiaries to share feedback and grievances.

The Social Audit covers major Social Justice Schemes implemented by the department, including welfare schemes for SC/ST beneficiaries, Senior citizens, Persons with Disabilities, Other vulnerable and marginalized groups. The Social Audit process has been formally started in the following districts in Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Sonapur districts. Entry meetings were conducted at districts, block and GP levels with the participation of officials PRI member, community representatives and beneficiaries.

The commencement of the Social Audit of social justice scheme in



Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Sonapur districts marks a significant step forward strengthening transparency and accountability. The audit process

is expected to improve service delivery, address gaps, and enhance trust between the administration and beneficiaries.

12. Field visit of Director OSSAAT attending special Gram Sabha on VB-G Ram G



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A Special Gram Sabha on the Implementation and Benefits of the VB-G RAM G Scheme was successfully conducted at Chandaka Gram Panchayat, Bhubaneswar Block, Khurda District. The programme was attended by the Director, OSSAAT, along with Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, GP officials, community members, and beneficiaries.

During the Gram Sabha, the Director, OSSAAT highlighted the objectives, key components, and

intended benefits of the VB-G RAM G Scheme, emphasizing transparency, community participation, and effective implementation at the grassroots level. The scheme's role in improving livelihood opportunities and strengthening social justice measures was explained in detail.

Officials are provided with an overview of the implementation process, eligibility criteria, and grievance redressal mechanisms. Officials. The state holders present in the meeting.

shared their experiences and raised queries, which were addressed by the officials. The interaction helped create awareness and encouraged active participation of villagers in the scheme.

The Special Gram Sabha concluded with a positive response from the community, reinforcing the importance of social audit, public accountability, and collective monitoring to ensure effective delivery of benefits under the VB-G RAM G Scheme.

13. Prof. Sohini Sengupta, TISS Mumbai visit to OSSAAT State Office

Prof. Sohini Sengupta from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai visited the State Office of OSSAAT on 28th OCT for a discussion on the Social Audit process. During her visit, a detailed interaction was held with the Director, OSSAAT, focusing on strengthening the institutional framework and improving the quality and effectiveness of Social Audits in the state.

The discussion covered key aspects such as capacity building of Social Audit functionaries, methodological improvements, community participation, documentation practices, and the use of evidence-based approaches in Social Audits. Prof. Sengupta shared her academic and field-level insights, best practices



from other states, and suggestions for enhancing transparency and accountability through Social Audits.

The Director, OSSAAT highlighted the ongoing initiatives, challenges faced in implementation, and future plans for expanding and deepening the Social Audit process across departments and schemes. The interaction was

constructive and provided valuable guidance for further strengthening Social Audit mechanism in the state.

The visit concluded with mutual agreement on continued academic and institutional collaboration for knowledge sharing, training, and research support in the field of Social Audit.

14. Field visit to Mayurbhanj districts by SAE

As part of the ongoing Social Audit of Samagra Shiksha (SAE Programme), a field visit was conducted to Jashipur Block of Mayurbhanj District. The objective of the visit was to review the Social Audit of Samagra Shiksha

interventions at the school levels and to ensure transparency, community participation, and accountability in the Implimentation Process.

Objectives of the Field Visit;

To conduct meetings with block-level

officials for coordination and support

- To hold an entry point meeting at the GP level for initiating the social audit process
- To interact with school authorities, students, and community



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representatives

- To assess implementation of Samagra Shiksha components at the school level
- To gather feedback from stakeholders on educational facilities and services

A formal meeting was held with the Block Development Officer (BDO) and Block Education Officer (BEO), Jashipur Block. Key discussion points included: Overview of Samagra Shiksha implementation in Jashipur Block, Role of block administration in facilitating social audit activities, Availability of records and cooperation of field-level functionaries, Importance of community involvement and transparency and Both the BDO and BEO assured full cooperation and extended necessary support for smooth conduct of the social audit.

An entry point meeting was conducted at Tangabila village to formally initiate the social audit process. Participants included: Local community members, PRI representatives, School Management Committee (SMC) members, GP officials.

Community members were sensitized about the purpose and process of social audit roles and responsibilities of stakeholders were explained,

People were encouraged to participate actively and share feedback, The meeting helped in building trust and awareness among the villagers. A detailed interaction was held at Sano High School, on Samagra Shiksha. Interaction with the Headmaster regarding school functioning, Review of infrastructure, teaching staff availability, and student enrolment, etc. Discussion on implementation of Samagra Shiksha components such as:

- Teaching-learning materials
- Scholarships and incentives
- ICT facilities
- School grants and maintenance

The Headmaster shared information on challenges and good practices adopted by the school. An interactive session was conducted with Class 10 students. Key discussion areas are

- Teaching-learning environment
- Availability of textbooks and study materials
- Examination preparedness and academic support
- Issues related to facilities, classrooms, and sanitation

Students actively participated and shared their experiences and expectations. Overall feedback indicated satisfaction with teaching

support, though some concerns related to infrastructure and learning resources were highlighted.

A meeting was organized at Pantho Gram Panchayat with the Sarpanch and other GP officials. Discussion was made about role of Gram Panchayat in school monitoring, Community participation in education-related activities, Coordination between GP, schools, and education department, Issues faced at the grassroots level and possible solutions. The Sarpanch and GP officials committed to extend their cooperation for strengthening school education and supporting social audit initiatives.

Key Observations of field visit:

Good coordination observed between block administration and education officials, Schools are functioning with basic facilities available, Community awareness about education and social audit is improving, Students are motivated but require continued academic and infrastructural support

The meetings and interactions provided valuable insights into the implementation of Samagra Shiksha and the role of various stakeholders. Active participation of officials, school authorities, students, and community members reflects a positive environment for effective social audit.

16. 4th GB Meeting

4th Meeting of the Governing Body of Odisha Society for Social Audit, Accountability & Transparency (OSSAAT) was held at November 2025, 07:00 PM, in 2nd Floor Conference Hall of Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar Chaired by Chief Secretary, Odisha.

The Meeting was convened to review the functioning, achievements, and progress of Social Audit activities undertaken by OSSAAT across the State.

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, PR & DW Department to the Hon'ble Chief Secretary and Chairperson of the Governing Body, along with all other members of the GB.

At the outset, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary briefed the members about the structure, mandate, and functions of the Governing Body of OSSAAT, along with the provisions of the By-laws of the Society. He further apprised the Governing Body about the statutory mandate of Social Audit under the MGNREGS Act and the subsequent extension of Social Audit to other flagship schemes of both the Government of India and the State Government.

The Director, OSSAAT presented a comprehensive overview of the physical and financial performance of the Society during the last two years. The presentation highlighted major achievements and new initiatives undertaken by OSSAAT, including:

- Strengthening of IEC activities for Social Audit
- Promotion of Model Gram Panchayat practices
- Use of Panchayat Nirnaya App (PNA) during Social Audit Gram Sabhas
- Capacity building and training of officials from different line departments through State Administrative Training Institutes, SIRD & PR, etc.

The members of the Governing Body appreciated the sustained efforts and effective functioning of OSSAAT in

conducting Social Audits of ten (10) different schemes, namely:

1. MGNREGS
2. NSAP
3. MBPY
4. NFSA
5. ICDS & MAMATA
6. PMAY-G
7. 15th Finance Commission Grants
8. PM-POSHAN
9. Samagra Shiksha
10. Ministry of Social Justice Schemes (Senior Citizen Homes, Drug De-addiction Centres, PM-AJAY)

The Governing Body also took note of the Social Audit conducted over the last nine (09) years, including the progress made in financial misappropriation recovery and Action Taken Reports (ATR) by concerned departments.

The meeting concluded with valuable guidance from the Chairperson and members for further strengthening the Social Audit process, expanding its scope, and enhancing transparency and accountability in the implementation of Government schemes. The Chair appreciated the dedicated efforts of OSSAAT.

17. Four Days Residential Training Programme

To Strengthen the Social Audit process and ensure accountability at the grassroots level, a 4-days residential training programme on Social Audit & Social Accountability was organized for newly selected Village Resource Persons (VRPs). in Puri district in Astarang Block.

Objectives of the Training

1. To orient newly elected VRPs on

the concept and importance of Social Audit

2. To enhance understanding on roles and responsibilities on VRPs in social audit
3. To enhance the skill & knowledge of VRPs on MGNREGS scheme implementation process
4. To develop community mobilisation and leadership skills of VRPs

The training was conducted from 01 December 2025 to 04 December 2025. Sessions were facilitated by BDO, SAE, DSA, BSA, and resource persons from the Social Audit unit.

Key topics covered ;

1. Concept and principles of Social Audit
2. Legal provisions and guidelines related to Social Audit
3. Roles and responsibilities of VRPs
4. Record verification and field-level processes
5. Community participation and grievance redressal
6. Transparency and accountability mechanisms

Outcome of the Training: VRPs gained clear understanding of the Social Audit process, Improved awareness on accountability and transparency in implementation of schemes, Participants expressed confidence to actively engage in Social Audit activities at village level.

The 4-days residential training on Social Audit & Social Accountability was successfully conducted and proved effective in building the capacity of newly selected Village Resource Person. Such trainings are crucial for strengthening social audit resource persons working at grassroots level.



