

ORGANISATION PROFILE

Lok Sevashram Chiksaura

Working with the people of rural Bihar since 1992

Health. Education. Livelihoods. Dignity.



33+

years of service

16+

blocks reached in Bihar

325

women's SHGs formed

26,308

people made literate

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Who We Are

Lok Sevashram Chiksaura is a non-government organisation based in Hilsa, Nalanda district, Bihar. A small team of social workers and activists started it in 1992, inspired by the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and Jayaprakash Narayan: a society that is equal, peaceful and fair to everyone.

For more than three decades we have worked alongside poor and excluded families on health, education, sanitation and livelihoods. We work in the open, answer to a General Body, and keep our accounts audited.

OUR VISION A society built on peace, equality, social justice and self-reliance for all.	OUR MISSION To improve the social, economic, cultural and educational life of communities, through democratic and transparent ways of working.
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What we want to achieve

- Bring primary health care, education, food and nutrition, sanitation and better farming practices to every village.
- Spread awareness about tuberculosis and its prevention with village health committees, panchayat members and community leaders.
- Help small and marginal farmers and rural women earn better through skills training and income activities.
- Give children and adults from disadvantaged families an equal chance to learn.
- Protect natural resources, promote plantation, and address pollution and climate change.
- Encourage simple rural technology and non-conventional energy such as solar.

At a Glance

Organisation	Lok Sevashram Chiksaura (Non-Government Organisation)
Founded	21 July 1992
Based in	Chiksaura (Dallu Bigha), Hilsa, District Nalanda, Bihar – 801302
Where we work	12 blocks of Nalanda, 4 blocks of Patna, and urban areas of Sheikhpura, Nawada, Lakhisarai and Banka
Who we serve	Women, children, adolescents, adults, elderly and persons with disabilities from poor and excluded communities (SC, BC, Minority); small and marginal farmers
Our team	6 full-time, 6 part-time and 12 volunteers
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What We Do

Our work grew out of what villages asked for. Here are the main programmes, in short.

1. Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

With support from DRDA Nalanda under the SGSY scheme, we formed 325 groups of women from poor families in Hilsa and Tharthari blocks. Every group has a savings account, and about 80% are linked to bank credit. Members earn a livelihood and repay their loans on time.

2. Basic training for SHGs

We trained 395 SHGs in Ekangarsarai block on group rules, book-keeping and accounts, with DRDA Nalanda's support.

3. Tuberculosis awareness and care (AXSHYA Project)

With MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child, New Delhi, we help villages find and treat TB early. Our team:

- Surveys communities and refers people with symptoms for testing
- Meets village health committees, panchayat members, DOTS providers, ANMs and health workers
- Collects sputum samples and carries them to the designated microscopy centre
- Links patients who test positive with a DOTS provider and follows up on those who stop treatment
- Spreads the message through mid-media activities and wall writing



TB sample collection and referral centre



Community meeting on TB awareness

4. Kala-azar and malaria awareness

Community meetings in villages of Hilsa block on safe drinking water, using toilets and sleeping under mosquito nets.

5. Total Sanitation Campaign

In Tharthari block we ran awareness on safe drinking water, health and sanitation, and built 3,556 low-cost toilets for poor families. Families use them, and the village is cleaner.

6. Health and family welfare

We organise health check-up and eye camps for disadvantaged communities. In one cataract camp with Vision Plus, 96 people were examined by specialist doctors on the spot. We also helped 20,000 excluded families get health cards for free check-ups and medicines, and supported the immunisation of 5,000 children with the district health department.

7. Seminars and awareness camps

We hold seminars on issues that touch daily life: marriage at the right age, delaying pregnancy, marriage registration, the PCPNDT Act, safe drinking water, girls' health, solar energy, climate change, human rights, child labour, disability welfare, right to information, flood preparedness, Beti Bachao, yoga and naturopathy, and more.

8. Young people's reproductive and sexual health

With MAMTA, we run village camps that explain the risks of early marriage to health and life.

9. Crèche centres

With the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi, we run 3 crèche centres so working mothers can leave their children in safe care. About 75 children benefit each year.



Children at a crèche centre

10. National Awareness Environmental Campaign

For the last 10 years we have run environmental awareness campaigns with support from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi.

11. Total Literacy Campaign

Through the Zila Saksharta Samiti, Nalanda, and the National Literacy Mission Authority, we ran the literacy campaign in Hilsa block. 26,308 non-literate people aged 15 to 35 learned to read and write. For this work, the Chief Minister of Bihar gave us the "Akshar Shree" award on 7 March 2008.

12. Fisheries Farmer Producer Company

With NABARD's support, we helped fish farmers of Nalanda form "Matasyashay Fisheries Farmer Producer Company Pvt. Ltd.", registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in November 2021. It has 330 farmer members and is led by a dedicated Board of Directors. It runs a shop for fertiliser, seed, medicine and other farm inputs for its members.

13. Small and landless farmers

In five villages, we bring small and landless farmers together for group farming of cash crops such as vegetables and mushrooms. These families lack irrigation and other resources, and we are working to close that gap.

14. Skill development

With NABARD's support, 30 women farmers of JIVIKA groups received training in Chiksaura, with a stipend and certificate. Our courses have covered shorthand and typing, food processing, beautician work, pump-set and generator repair, tailoring, soft-toy making, motor driving, fitter and welding, carpentry, vermi-compost and mushroom production, and marketing.



Farmers' and women's training session



Certificates given at a skill training

What Has Changed

What we did	What it led to
325 SHGs formed in Hilsa and Tharthari blocks	Members earn through income activities, and other poor women are starting their own SHGs after seeing the example.
395 SHGs trained in group management	Groups understand how to run meetings, keep accounts and manage themselves.
Women reached on health, hygiene and marriage	Better understanding of primary health care, right age of marriage, delaying pregnancy and marriage registration.
Fisheries Farmer Producer Company set up with NABARD	330 farmers are members, and buy inputs together through their own company.
3,556 low-cost toilets built	Families use them regularly, and illness linked to poor hygiene has fallen noticeably.
Crèche centres for working mothers	About 75 children each year receive better care.
Trainings for women and small farmers	Skills in vermi-compost, mushroom cultivation and millet production.

Recognition

- **Akshar Shree Award**, Chief Minister of Bihar, for the literacy campaign, and a First Prize from the District Magistrate, Nalanda
- **India International Science Festival 2018**, Lucknow: award for our presentation "Our Efforts – TB Free India"
- **Global Health Strategy, Bihar Chapter**: recognised for good work under family planning norms

Where we sit at the table

- Member, Sub-divisional Legal Awareness Committee (headed by the Additional District Judge-1, Hilsa)
- Member, Partnership for TB Care and Control (PTCC), Alliance India, New Delhi
- Member, Rogi Kalyan Samiti, Sub-divisional Hospital, Hilsa

How We Are Run

Executive Committee

No.	Name	Sex	Designation	Experience
1	Ram Nandan Ram	Male	Chairman	23 years
2	Radhey Lakhan Prasad	Male	General Secretary	31 years
3	Bahar Ahmad	Male	Treasurer	23 years
4	Anju Devi	Female	Member	13 years
5	Anita Kumari	Female	Member	15 years
6	Prem Prakash	Male	Member	15 years
7	Arvind Paswan	Male	Member	13 years

Our people

	Full time	Part time	Volunteers
Men	3	4	8
Women	3	2	4
Total	6	6	12

Money Matters

We share our figures openly. Our accounts are audited by Raghu Nandan & Co., Post Office Building, Punai Chak, Patna.

Year	Money received (Rs. lakh)	Money spent (Rs. lakh)
2024–25	57.87	57.54
2023–24	55.68	53.38
2022–23	27.50	26.83

We hold separate bank accounts for general funds and foreign contribution (FC) funds, with State Bank of India, Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank, Bank of India and Punjab National Bank. Account details are shared on request.

Our Partners and Supporters

We are grateful to the institutions that have trusted us with their support:

NABARD	MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child, New Delhi
Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi	Goonj, New Delhi
State Social Welfare Board, Patna	Rural Youth Coordination Centre, Patna
DRDA, Nalanda	Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi
District Water and Sanitation Committee, Nalanda	Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad, Patna

Legal Status

Registration	Details
Societies Registration Act, 1860	Reg. No. 600/1992-93, dated 27 Nov 1992 (Govt. of Bihar, Patna)
Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act	Reg. No. 031340099, dated 10 May 2005 (Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi)
Income Tax Act, Section 12A	Reg. No. AAAAL0450CE20221
Income Tax Act, Section 80G	Reg. No. AAAAL0450CF20231
CSR Activities	Registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
PAN	AAAAL0450C

Let's Work Together

If you would like to support our work, visit a project, or partner with us, we would be glad to hear from you.

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