“MINIMATA SAMMAN 2026”

Field: Women's Upliftment and Awareness
(Department of Women and Child Development- Government of Chhattisgarh*)*

The Government of Chhattisgarh confers the prestigious "Minimata Samman" upon Lok Astha Sewa Sansthan, Gariyaband, in recognition of its outstanding contribution over the years towards promoting social equality for women, strengthening women's empowerment, advancing women's land and enabling more than 1,000 women to become economically empowered.

Lok Astha Sewa Sansthan, Gariyaband

Lok Astha Sewa Sansthan was established in 2006. For several years, the organization has been working towards the social, economic, and educational development of women belonging to deprived and vulnerable communities.

The organization has been actively working to address harmful social practices and connect more than 1,000 women with various government welfare schemes.

The key initiatives and achievements of the organization include:

- Encouraging 200 women to adopt organic farming practices.
- Facilitating land ownership rights for 158 women.
- Promoting the Solar Sakhi initiative.
- Strengthening the Sangwari Mahila Manch, a collective of women.
- Operating 40 Laika Ghar (community-based childcare centres).

Currently, Lok Aastha Sewa Sansthan is working in the districts of Dhamtari, Gariyaband, and Mahasamund in Chhattisgarh.

Award Selection Committee

- Smt. Laxmi Rajwade, Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh
- Dr. Mamta Sahu
- Dr. Varnika Sharma
- Smt. Raymuni Bhagat
- Shri Ishwar Sahu
- Smt. Shahla Nigar

It is a matter of great pride and honour for Lok Astha Sewa Sansthan (LASS) to have been conferred the prestigious **Minimata Samman 2026** by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Chhattisgarh.

The award was presented by the **Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah** ji, during the State Decoration Ceremony held on **03 November 2026**, as part of the Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav celebrations.

This recognition is an important acknowledgment of the organization's sustained efforts towards empowering women, adolescent girls, and children from tribal and marginalized communities. It recognizes LASS's continued commitment to promoting women's uplifting, social equality, leadership development, and positive community transformation.

This achievement is dedicated to the collective efforts of the entire LASS team, more than 4,000 women and adolescent girls associated with, community leaders, and all its supporters and partners.

Lok Astha Sewa Sansthan considers this honour a source of inspiration to strengthen its commitment and continue working towards building an inclusive, equitable, and empowered society.




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