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Current Occupation:

1. Chairman, All Odisha Third Gender Welfare Trust, Bhubaneswar
2. President & Co-Founder, SAKHA-first LGBT CBO in Odisha, India.
3. Mahamandaleswar of Odisha Kinner Akhada

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES:

To bring a change using my own Strength, Academic and professional disciplinary knowledge and skills that seeks to facilitate the Welfare of Communities, Individuals, Families, and groups which will promote Social Change, Development, Cohesion, and Empowerment.

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:

Father's Name: Late Artabandhu Parida

Gender : Transgender (male to female)

DOB : 23/03/1982

Nationality : Indian

Marital Status : Never Married

Academic Qualification:

- High School Certificate at Radhakanta High School, Gadatara, Khurda Orissa in the Year 1997.
- +2 Arts from CHSE, Odisha
- B.A. from Fakir Mohan University, Odisha

Brief Background

Meera hails from a very poor family in Odisha, reflecting unparalleled strength of character and an enigmatic personality. Meera has really come a long way—from an illiterate and rustic ‘maichia’ (derogatory usage for feminine men in Oriya) to one who took the torch of humanity down to Washington DC as a representative of Indian LGBT community! Meera surpassed all obstacles and has evolved as an exemplar for the LGBT Community by the dint of her hard work, determination; never say no attitude, compassion and skills of uniting and mobilizing the LGBT community and the mainstream society. Meera possesses what it takes to be a leader, and still to be one among them, to work with and for everyone!

Meera is a Graduate in Arts, possesses computer training, and several important trainings in the areas of HIV/AIDS Counselling, Community mobilization, Peer and Community Outreach, and working with LGBT community broadly.

Meera has been a champion of human rights of the deprived and disenfranchised in general and Transgenders and LGBQ community in particular. She has been actively working as a professional in the field of HIV/AIDS, health and wellbeing for past 8 years. Her journey started with working at the grassroots level, spanning across more than 150 street plays around nooks and corners of Odisha. Subsequently, she joined Sashakt project at SAATHI Odisha in 2009 where she was primarily responsible to act as a community mobilizer. In this role, she played a lead role in developing and uniting the Transgenders and LGBT community. She was responsible for field level supervision, monitoring and evaluation of field activities, collaborating and working with other CBOs and NGOs besides working on program management, report writing, and planning and implementation of project goals.

Later on, Meera moved on to represent Sakha-premier LGBT CBO in Odisha at the Sashaktproject of SAATHI for next 5 years (2010-2015) where she was primarily responsible for community outreach, building bridges between HIV/AIDS professionals and a diverse and deprived LGBT community. She has since then been juggling many roles at once— was a President of All Odisha KinnarMahasangha (2009-16) and currently Chairman, All Odisha Third Gender Welfare Trust. She displays great courage as a spokesperson in media and press very frequently for a community struggling for their basic human rights which are violated and infringed upon day in and day out. She has been able to inspire thousands of Transgender in the state to fight and work for right to live with dignity, by being a part of short films like ‘The Reel and the Real’. She has been

a face of several public health related campaigns mostly focused around HIV/AIDS advocacy for example, 'friendly five Odisha'. She has channelized the energy among LGBT youth to work for the community, and to work for a dignified life, starting with employability training, gender sensitivity and health and wellbeing training, etc. She has been a master trainer in HIV/AIDS Counselling for DIVA Project, OSACS and SAATHI and thereby trained thousands of community members and students around the country, by spearheading the campaign of 'moadhikaara' (equal rights of Transgender in the society. Notably, she has been recipient of several local, national and international awards, honours and accolades including Odisha Press Academy's 'Odisha Samman 2015' and a Prestigious Fellowship (International Visitor's Leadership Program, in September-October, 2016 by U.S. Government and was hosted by Human Rights Campaign, USA to collaborate, participate and engage in their cultures and contribute back to India.

She was felicitated as BEST TRANSGENDER LEADER 2016 by NACO, UNAIDS, HIV ALLIANCE on the occasion of world aids day 2016. For her continuous work & support ton her community made her deserve to be a eminent leader of the year. Again she got BIJU PATTANAIK EXCELENCY AWARD by OODISHA INTERNATIONAL CENTER. Followed by many award like eminent best social worker award 2016 by ZKALINGA media channel. Excellent Trainer Award 2016 by NISS institutions, bbsr.

Key Work Experiences:

<u>Post</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
Community Mobiliser	- Saathii (Sashakt) Orissa	1 st Dec 2009 To July 31 st 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Level Supervision of Activities. • Monitoring And Supervision Of Field Staff • Arrangement of Various Meetings and Seminars. • Preparing of Technical Reports. • Visit to Other Partner Ngo as Resource Person. • Attend Various Meeting withCBOs & NGOs. • Preparing Monthly Plan and Implementation of Project Activity.

Out Reach Worker / Community Mobiliser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saathii (Sashakt Project, Sakha) Orissa. 	: 1 st August 2010 To 1 st Aug 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Level Supervision of Activities. • Monitoring And Supervision Of Field Staff • Arrangement of Various Meetings and Seminars. • Preparing Of training Reports. • Attend Various Meeting with CBOs& NGOs. • Preparing Monthly Plan and Implementation of Project Activity.
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Trainings:

- Attended 5 Days Training On Sex/Gender And Sexuality And Rights In Lepera Society, Bhubaneswar, and ODISHA.
- Attended 5 Days Training On SRH And Rights In Saathii, Orissa
- Attended Various Training Programme As A Resource Person Organize By Osacs, Ti Projects, Cbo And Other Rights Based Organization.
- Attended 2 Days Training On Communication Training Programme Lepera Society, Orissa.
- Attended Four Days Transgender and Hijra Work Shop in Nagpur.
- Attended Four Days Training on Home Based Care and Support for people of HIV Organize by Lepra Society, Orissa.
- Attended Two Days Training On Organization Development In Mumbai Organized By Infosem.
- Attended 4 Days Training On Welfare & Development Organised By Vhs Msa Diva At Chennai.
- Attended 3 Days Training Programme Organised By Humsafar On Human Rights At Gouhati.
- Attended 21 days international leadership exchange program organised by Hyderabad consulate.

Awards & Honors:

- STATE AWARD FOR SOCIAL SERVICE-2016 from Government of Odisha, Deptt. Of Sports & Youth Services in recognition work in the field of SOCIAL SERVICE, first Transgender in state who got this Award.
- First trans Gender Rotarian of Odisha as a member of Rotary Meadows
- BHART SHRI AWARD-2018 held on 25th Feb 2018 at PRESS CLUB OF INDIA, New Delhi for ELITE HONOR regarding for OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN SOCIETY
- CHINTA 'O CHETANA NATIONAL AWARD towards for the Commandable Contribution in the field of Social Service on 17th April 2017 organised by NATIONAL BAISHAKHI FESTIVAL in association with the ministry of I&B.
- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE from UMEED ASIA for excellence in the field of SOCIAL WORK-2018.
- THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO award towards for certificate of Friendship presented by KELVIN L FAULCONER, MAYOR.
- Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (J-Nonimmigrant) participated in INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM regarding the TRASNGENDER ISSUES IN THE U.S from 19th September to 07th October 2016.
- TG RIGHGTS ACTIVIST Award from National Human Rights Council of India, Odisha state-2017.
- Rajya Stariya PARASAMANI Award by JANANI Foundation on 21th Oct 2017 for TG Rights Activist.
- AVEKSHA SAMMAN-2017 as a Social Activist from AVEKSHA Oranisation.
- SAMVABI AWARD-2017 regarding Nari Shakti Jagarana towards Women's Empowerment.
- RISING ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR-2017 for TG LIVELIHOOD work by running a boutique presented by START UP INDIA-2017.
- KADAMBINI SAMBARDHANA AWARD-2017 from KADAMBINI MEDIA.
- PARAMPARA AWARD towards for the Empowering Women Empowering Society from PARICHAYA FOUNDATION at Stelin Auditorium Indian Habitate Cenre, New Delhi-2017.
- CHANGE AGENTS OF ODISHA-2017 from YES WE CAN towards for one of the Pearls we found developing deep into the sea of Humanity.
- ODISHA SAMMAN-2015 from ODISHA PRESS ACADEMY.
- Social Activist Award-2016 from Shreya Charitable Trust.
- SambadKeshari Samman-2015 from SambadKeshari.
- Social Activist Award From Trisakti Mahila Parisad.
- Odisha Prativa Samman 2016 at Kalinga Yuba Mahostachv.

- Social Activist Award from Nawo International Women's Day 2015.
- ABOLOKARA SAMMAN from ABOLOKARA Sahitya Sansad, khorda.
- ASHRYA GOURAB SAMMAN by Ashraya Orphan House.
- Eminent Social Activist from Odisha International Centre (OIC).
- Eminent social activist award from Sikshadaan International School-2016.
- Best Transgender Leader 2016 award by NACO, UNAIDS, & HIV ALLIANCE.
- Human right Defender award from ISD & CLAP.
- DISA, Best social worker award by Zee kalinga news channel.
- WHRPA Education Excellency Award 2016 by World human rights Protection Association.
- Best women security activist award by Chandra madhab memorial trust & waris foundation.
- BIJU PATTANAIK CENTENARY MEMORIAL EXCELENCY AWARD-2016 in New Delhi by OIC (Odisha international Centre) regarding SOCIAL ACTIVIST.
- First time in India- Transgender Traffic Volunter Duty award-2015 from Commisionerate Traffic Bhubaneswar on the occasion of 26th National Road Safety Week-2015.
- 4th PILLOR AWARD from Talcher Working Journalist's Association towards for the Social Service 2017.
- Social Activist Award 2016-2017 from LIONS CLUB for Social Activist.
- HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER AWARD from ISD Organisation in 2016.
- Social Activist Award 2018 from Samarpit Social Foundation Trust.
- Grooming for Excellency Award-2016 by NIIS Group of Institutions, Bhubaneswar.
- Patanagada Rajendra Narayan Smruti Samman-2014 for TG Community Mobilization and Leadership Award.
- MAHAK-2018 Award from MAHAK, Dashpalla for Social Activist.
- PRATIBHA SAMMAN-2018 Rastriya Seva Yojana Award organised by NSS Bereu CHC, Odisha for Social Activist.

Professional Skills:

- Analytical & Problem Solving Approach.
- Excellent In Writing and Documentation in Odia.
- Organization & Management of events.
- LGBT & HIV/AIDS Counselling.
- Excellent Motivation for transgender & marginal people.
- Community Mobilization.

Computer Knowledge:

- DCA (Ms Office, Excel, Power Point)
- Internet.

Areas of Interest:

- HIV / AIDS Awareness.
- Women and Child Welfare.
- Rural Development.
- Human Rights.

Linguistic Proficiency:

- ODIA (Native Speaker)
- HINDI (Native Speaker)
- ENGLISH (Very Good)

Hobbies:

- Fashion (Make Up, Styling) & Dance.
- Reading Spiritual Books.
- Social networking.
- Travelling.

Declaration

I do hereby that all the above furnished statements are true and correct to the best of my Knowledge and Belief.

Mx. MeeraParida

Signature