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## CR CFR Title Distribution by DLC, Nayagarh

The District Level Committee (DLC) of Nayagarh, Orissa distributed **fourteen Community Rights (CR) and Community Forest Resource Rights (CFRR) covering twenty-four villages** of the district in the first phase of distribution on **November 2, 2021**.

The historical status of the day is established by the fact that titles were distributed to **Joint Forest Protection & Management committees** for the first time in the country. It was also the first time that community forest right titles were distributed to OTFDs.



## Jangal Mancha

22nd November, 2021



22nd November 2021 was a historic day in the history of Community Forest Management. **The day saw CR and CFR titles being received by the communities of 24 villages.** The titles had been previously handed over to **Mr. Arakita Sahoo, the secretary of the MMJSP** by the collector which were distributed on 22nd November, 2021 in the presence of the hon'ble MLA, the DWO, and various other authorities.

# Jangal Macha (CONTD.)

The Jangal mancha was scheduled on the day of the Annual Convention of the Maa Maninag Jangal Suraksha Parishad (MMJSP), the block level forest protection committee of Ranapur, Nayagarh.

Celebrations were at height in Surkabadi of Ranapur block, Nayagarh district, Odisha, as communities rejoiced in the new found freedom and to the fact their lifelong contribution to climate change had been finally recognized.



The Maa Maninag Jangal Suraksha Parishad presided over the huge gathering in Surkabadi that had come together to celebrate the event.

The event commenced with a cultural program which led to speeches from the secretary and the president of MMJSP.

The title distribution soon followed which saw the prominent members of the Forest Protection Committees receive the CR CFR titles from the hon'ble MLA, the secretary and the president of Maa Maninag Jangal Suraksha Parishad (MMJSP).

## Cross - Learning Experience on CFM by Vasundhara

On the historic occasion of Jangal Mancha, Vasundhara conducted a three day cross learning programme on Community Forest Management for people from various part of the state as well as the country.

The event saw members and leaders of indigenous communities, experts on CFM from Kashmir, Himachhal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and various parts of Odisha congregate for a discussion of CFM at various places in the country.

The first day saw a discussion on the various approaches to CFM at various places. On the 2nd day the guests were taken to villages in Ranapur for a finer experience where they conversed with Gram Sabhas, FRCs, CFR-MCs of specific villages. On the third day, a discussion took place at Vasundhara's state office. Vasundhara's executive director showcased the various aspects and approaches of Vasundhara.



### Youth Climate Interaction



Vasundhara conducted a program which saw young students discussing concerns regarding Climate Change with Archana Soreng in their school at Surkabadi which has seen a massive improvement in the recent years.

## Forest-Based Livelihoods Exposure Visits →

The first day, they visited Bamandagrah, Kuchinda to understand about the Siali leaf operations from the BBS union where they understood the challenges and current status of the union and its development since its commencement from President Haripriya Mausi.

On the second day, they visited two villages of Barkot, Chandiposi and Rangamatia, where they understood the livelihood issues similar to the ones they faced during their initial phase and are currently facing, through one of the group members.

They were encouraged with insights into the processes, management, decision making, strategies for trading, MIS, etc which helped in building their confidence for future endeavors in building resilient livelihoods.

The two days exposure visit to Deogarh and Kuchinda was organized by Vasundhara Jashipur's Livelihood team. It was an effective visit especially with regards to developing self-confidence among the Jashipur Producer's groups.



## Introductory Meetings, Orientation & Training Programmes

We have conducted a number of **Introductory meetings, collective meetings for various MFP value addition projects, claim facilitation for FRC, CR, and CFRR, and collective building for forest-based livelihoods.**

Meetings included **Board of Director (BoDs) assemblies for the further development of livelihood opportunities at our various intervention areas.**



**Review meeting of FRA Cell Coordinators at DLC PA, ITDA, Rayagada reviewed the status of FRA progress in Rayagada. ADWOs, WEOs, FRA Cell Coordinators, DEOs, Vasundhara and PRADAN participated in this meeting.**

## Community Forest Management - Documentation/ Facilitation of Management Plans

Documentation process for Institutional Mechanism of Community protected and managed forests in **Ranpur, Nayagarh.**

**Selection of landscape based CFM areas in Deogarh, Kuchinda and preliminary site identification.**

Meeting with various authorities involved in the process of management plan creation of Community Forest Rights - Management Committees in the different villages of Ranapur, Nayagarh, Phulbani, Kandhamal and Deogarh.

## Social Media Engagement



**FOLLOWERS**  
4515

**POSTS ENGAGEMENT**  
75+ 1000+



## Training on Cane Furniture in Tikiraipara

Vasundhara conducted a training workshop on the value addition potential and procedures regarding cane furniture products in the village of Tikiraipara of Ranapur block in Nayagarh district of Orissa.



The women collective of the village that is involved in NTFP collection participated in the workshop as it is a significant source of income for these households.

