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Meeting with S/O of HKMDA

The livelihood Team Leader met with the Senior Officer of HKMDA regarding the value addition of Sal Leaf plates. The HKMDA has requested Vasundhara for technical and marketing support for the trade of Sal Leaf plates.

The livelihood team leader also visited the Khali Stitching Unit that has been set up in Uttarash for monitoring and evaluation purposes. The visit was as an important one to assess the production potential of the unit.



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.

Training programs have also been conducted for the reformation of the FRC committee, support to primary groups, FRA orientation processes, VDVK Training Programme in presence of PA ITDA, S/O ITDA, LDA, and other governmental authorities.

BBS Volunteer Review Meeting

Vasundhara conducted a volunteer review meeting for planning purposes.

In the meeting it was decided to conclude the audit of 37 remaining primary PGs. The target for PG formation was set at 8. A region specific plan was developed, along with the completion of product profiling. A record estimation for the PG was also in the agenda, It was also decided that a meeting needs to be organised for Nahmaguda and Surupa PG for a potential estimation.



BanaSita Collective Meeting

Vasundhara conducted a Collective meeting for planning purposes.

The Storage Unit is being built though complete community action. Different responsibilities have been distributed among different members. This storage unit will cover 22 PGs in the Laimura and Jharagogua. The estimated budget has been set around 4-5 lakhs.

The discussions with the Forester regarding cleaning up some surrounding vegetation for the purposes of building the storage unit.

BMS Union Volunteer Review Meeting

A review meeting was conducted by the BMS Union to review the activities and the plans of the volunteers with respect to livelihood security. Focus was on cash Book Keeping, Accounts Training.



Discussion with Lok Sanghatan - Forest rights, Jashuguda

A discussion with Lok Sanghatan - Forest rights, Jashuguda was held regarding the opportunities around livelihood security of forested communities in the area. The Livelihood Team Leader attended the meeting.



Did You Know?



A man from pastoralist community out for grazing his cattle in the grasslands of the forests in Nayagarh. They are called Jabor Cheria (Nomadic cattle rearers) who move from one patch of land to another with their cattles. They are also primarily forest dependent as cattle grazing in the forest grasslands is their main source of livelihood.

Annual Planning Meeting

Vasundhara conducted an annual planning meeting at all of its operational areas. The thematic team leaders along with the Documentation and Research team met at each of these areas to streamline the activities for the year,

The main focus was on determining the targets for the year in consultation with the field team in the respective areas.

Documentation and Research plans were discussed with the teams to diversify the scope of intervention in the areas.



Facilitation of Habitat Right Claims in Orissa

Vasundhara is facilitating claim making process for the habitat rights of the 13 PVTGs in Orissa in collaboration with SCSTRTI, Bhubaneswar since April 2021.

Till now, claims for habitat rights in 15 micro-projects out of 20 have been completed. Out of those 15 micro-projects, habitat rights claims have been submitted in 12 micro-projects at SDLC, i.e. the claim of **Chuktia Bhunjia** in CBDA, Nuapada; **Paudi Bhuyan** in PBDA, Deogarh; **Hill Khardia** and **Mankirdia** in HKMDA, Mayurbhanj; **Saura** in TDA, Tumba, Ganjam; **Saura** in SDA, Chandragiri, Gajapati; **Juanga** in JDA, Keonjhar; **Juanga** in JDA, Dhenkanal; **Bonda** in BDA, Malkangiri; **Didayi** in DDA, Malkangiri; **Kutia Kandha** in KKDA, Belghar, Kandhamal; **Paudi Bhuyan** in PBDA, Anugul.



In the process of rights determination, it was found that there is no habitat concept in **Lodha, Mayurbhanj; Lanjia Saura, Serango, Gajapati; Lanjia Saura, Putasingh, Rayagada, and Birhor, Jajpur.**

The habitat rights claims are ready for submission for the **Paudi Bhuyan, Sundargarh and Juang, Jajpur.** The claims for **Dongria Kondh** in DKDA, **Parsali and Chatikona** in Rayagada district; for **Kutia Kondh** in KKDA, **Lanjigarh** in Kalahandi district; for **Paudi Bhuyan** in PBDA, **Banspal** in Keonjhar districts are in process.



Podagarh Panchayat of Jashipur - Business Enhancement/ Price Hike

Today in Podagarh Panchayat of Jashipur, a total of 349 bundles of Pali was sold by our producer groups for Rs. 68/- While the cost of the local market is Rs. 55-60/-.

Gradually, In the presence of an organised approach, they are being able to realise the actual worth of their products.



Nalini Mausi Obituary

Among all of the news, the CSO sector in Orissa was left stunned by the passing away of Nalini Mausi, a warrior and champion in Community Forest Protection and huge contributor to democratic forest practices in the area.

Vasundhara recently facilitated a study on the Forest Rights Act in collaboration with Council of Social Dvelopment, Hyderabad. The report assesses the situation in 11 states in India with regards to FRA implementation.

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Facilitation of the Conversion of Forest Village to the Revenue Village

Vasundhara facilitated the process of the conversion of forest village to revenue village in Eripit village in Kashipur block under Rayagada district administration in collaboration with the Rayagada district administration. The organization extended training and other technical support in the district to facilitate the conversion process. Maximum of the forest villages are situated in Kashipur block in Rayagada district. Vasundhara organized training programme for the field level officials of revenue department, forest department and welfare department including the FRA Cell coordinators at Kashipur.



The implementing team, then, started the process at field level. Till now, claims from 4 forest villages in Kashipur block have been submitted at DLC for the conversion into revenue village.



Bana Bahini & Kusumi, Jamankira BoD Meeting

The Bana Bahini Board of Directors met in the month of February, 2022 to discuss the various aspects of value addition and collection of Non Timber Forest Products in the area.

Kusumi & Jamankira BoD meeting was also held in the month. Discussion were focused around annual plan, financial management, collective process etc.

Discussion with DA Deogarh

A discussion was held with the Deogarh DA regarding the aspects of Forest Rights. The meeting was attended by DWO, FRA Cell Coordinators and Revenue Department. Susant Kr. Dalai coordinated the training programme.

Initial Planning Meeting at Barogadiya, Jashipur

An initial planning meeting was held in Barogadiya, Jashipur regarding Forest Rights and Livelihood approaches.

Concept Structuring of Case Study on JFM concept in Dimiria & Mahatapalla Village

The concept and structuring for the case study on Multiple Community Protection concept was concluded in the village of Dimiria and Mahatapalla Village NTFP Collection Documentation - BanaBahini PG

A complete audio visual documentation was carried out by the Deogarh Team and the new General Manager in the Area.

Regional BoD Meeting at Kuntarabahal of Jorabaga Region

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