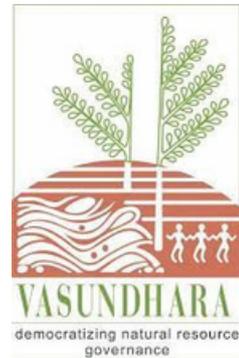


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## National Consultation on FRA

A two days national consultation on "Potential of Forest Rights Act in the context of Tribal Development : Implementation Gaps and Way Forward" was jointly organised by the SCSTRTI (TRI Odisha), ST & SC Development Department, Govt of Odisha & United Nations Development Program (UNDP) with support from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India, on July 7&8. The consultation aimed to initiate a dialogue on the different aspects and dimensions of FRA, its significance and implementation challenges.

Vasundhara's Executive Director Y Giri Rao, presented on "Guidelines for conservation, management and sustainable use of Community Forest Resources under FRA.

Odisha's ST and SC Development Secretary Ranjana Chopra during the consultation also declared that Odisha is aiming for a full roll out of FRA in the state by 2024.

Another major takeaway was Odisha's initiative of granting habitat rights to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

Of the 13 PVTGs identified in Odisha, habitat rights are being processed for 11 groups. Vasundhara had been instrumental in mapping of potential habitat rights of PVTGs under FRA in Odisha.



## Community Forest Rights Claim Making Process

In the past one month, CFR claim making process was initiated in at least ten villages of Bisoi block, where Vasundhara's intervention began since January this year. The process was initiated in :

Badhunia, Khadambeda, Kadapani, Khadambeda, Teleighutu, Musamari , Bisoi hill village, Kulugidih, Tarana and Pahadabhanga villages.



## Titles Distributed

12 CR-CFR titles were distributed to villagers of Nauagaon gram panchayat in Bisoi taluka of Mayurbhanj district.

The title distribution took place at Nuagaon Gram Panchayat Office on July 21, in the presence of Tehsildar, additional Tehsildar, Sarpanch and FRA coordinator of the village.



## Collector's Visit

Newly appointed collector of Kandhamal, Ashish Patil visited our MFP collectives area in Nagleju on July 14.

His first official visit to our field area was undertaken to oversee developmental activities, visit our pressing unit in Nagleju village and review various livelihood activities.

## Training Programs :

### Volunteer training on FRA : Dhenkanal

A day two training program was undertaken by Vasundhara in Gundichapada panchayat of Dhenkanal district on salient features of the Forest Rights Act. The training program also covered institutional mechanism of FRA, orientation on claim filing process, a mock drill on claim filing process and a deliberation on the way forward. The program was attended by 55 participants, including 40 volunteers, three trainers and traditional leaders of the Juang community.



### NTFP Data surveyor training: Dasapalla (Nayagarh)

A one day training program for Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) surveyors was conducted at our Dasapalla field office on July 27. Ten surveyors participated in the training program. The NTFP survey will be conducted in the month of August.



### Training by SDLC: Jeypore

The Sub District Level Committee (SDLC), Jeypore in Koraput district organized a training programme on the Community Rights Recognition process on July 1, 2022. The event was attended by our FRA team lead Ranjita Pattanik, as a resource person . The event also saw the presence of sub collector Jeypore, external resource persons and district officials from various concerned departments.



## Orientation to the PRI Members of Newly Reconstituted SDLC & DLC in Gajapati:

Recently, the SDLC & DLC was reconstituted in Gajapati district. An orientation to newly selected PRI members in SDLC & DLC was done in Gajapati district on 26 th July 2022. Zilla Parishad President Mr. Gavara Tirupati Rao addressed the house about the Forest Rights Act. He said that their Zilla Parishad members and Samiti Sabhyas were not aware about the provisions under the FRA and Vasundhara, Odisha would help to enlighten them about the provisions related to the role and responsibility of the SDLC DLC members. Total of 13 members including Zilla Parishads, Samiti Sabhya, Sarapanch and volunteers joined in this Meeting. The role and responsibility SDLC DLC members were discussed in the meeting. The issues related to pending claims and the rejected claims was also discussed.



## Village Meetings:

Throughout the month of July multiple meetings were held in various villages including annual general meeting, introductory meeting and review and planning meetings.

1) An introductory meeting was held in Kurmi Munda village, comprising 60 tribal households. The meeting was an orientation for the forest dwelling families on understanding traditional boundaries, importance of FRA and the convergence between forest protection and natural resource management.

2) Annual general body meeting held at Thakurguda village of Jashipur block in Mayurbhanj district with the agenda of  
Review last year's annual report and activities  
Business and organisational planning for next year  
Selection of new EC members.

Identify the member for forthcoming development and accounts training

3) A review and planning meeting was held for 6 cadres on salient features of FRA and prospective livelihood opportunities and enhancement for the community at Daspalla office in Nayagarh district.

## CFR-MC Formation

Community Forest Resource Management Committee (CFR\_MC) was formed in Gunthapaju, Dugudi and Bateni villages of Tendabali gram panchayat and Medisahi village of Bhogobadi gram panchayat in Daspalla block of Nayagarh district.

The committees were set up after a preliminary meeting to pass a resolution in this effect in their respective Gram Sabhas. In view of protection and conservation of their forest areas, they will now formulate rules and regulations for resource management governance and will also undertake assessment of their natural resources.



## Traditional Boundary GPS Mapping

Traditional boundary GPS mapping were undertaken in full swing in in Jaripada and Sankhajodi villages of Nayagarah district.



## FRA cell set up Rairakhhol



For the improvement of food security and poverty alleviation through implementation of the Forest Rights Act in tribal regions, FRA Cell was set up at the Sub Collector office, Rairakhhol in Sambalpur district in collaboration with District administration and other Civil Society Organisations.

# Sal & Siali Plates

## Kandhamal

On July 19, Maa Sarala MFP Nagleju, supplied 300 Sal Leaf plates to a local hotel. Continuing the arrangement further, they will now supply 3000 plates in a month.



## Mayurbhanj

An order of 17k donas were dispatched in 2 batches from Tulasibani & Badhjhilli villages of Podagarh GP, to Kolkata. This was the first supply from our producer group in Podagarh GP



## Sambalpur

On July 6 & 7, Banasagar, Pohlamara PG sold 1751 kg siali leaf and Nohnaguda PG managed to sell 4700 siali leaf plates .



## Nayagarh



Members at Sanakamiti prepared 2000 pieces of donas to supply at tiffin stalls of Daspalla. These donas are prepared with double layers of leaf which gives strength to the entire biodegradable cutlery and also ensured protection for the user.



### Staff Meeting :



HEAD OFFICE

The meeting was held to reflect on the work being undertaken by the FRA and livelihood teams and the discuss further developments. New members in the team were also introduced who presented their plans for the organisation.

### FRA Team Meeting :



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The meeting was held to identify the gap areas and challenges in terms of area selection for title distribution, capacity needs and capacity building strategies and collaborations. The two days session entailed critical reflection on gap and challenge areas and charting out recommendations for way forward.