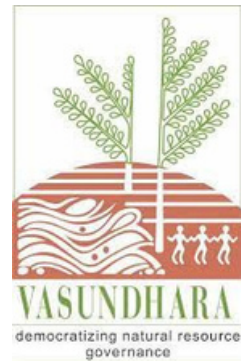


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Formation of Producer Groups

In the month of December, a total number of 4 producers groups were formed and finalized as a part of Vasundhara's efforts to market NTFPs to facilitate a fair price to these communities.

The PGs were formed at Khelapaju and Nagleju villages in Kandhamal, Tulsibani called Maa Burundabaati Utpadak Sangha. These Producer Groups have the potential for various NTFPs such as Sal-Siali Leaf Cutlery, Tamarind, Mahua, Kusum, Char, Karanj.



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.

Vasundhara becomes a certified 'Great Workplace'

We are honoured to get certified as Greatworkplace2021 in the category of Non - profit and Charity Organizations by Great Place to Work® Institute (India)

This is an endorsement of the true values we imbibe at Vasundhara. We would love to dedicate this certification to each and every member of the Vasundhara family for their hard work, passion and commitment.



Training Programme for Senior Sikkim Officials on Forest Rights

Vasundhara was honored to be invited in a training program for the senior officials of Sikkim on the subject of Forest Rights.

The Executive Director of Vasundhara attended the program as a resource person.



Awareness on Diminishing Quality of Sal Leaves

Sal leaves are a significant source of livelihood for the forest dependent communities in Orissa. Lately, a drop in the quality of Sal Leaves have been reported due to untimely monsoons and run off pesticides from neighboring agricultural fields.

Vasundhara has reacted by conducting FGDs to learn about the issue and by conducting awareness meetings and programs among the community. We are also planning to conduct a study to assess the impact.

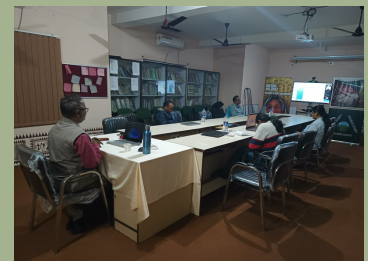


Executive Committee Meeting

Vasundhara conducted it's 46th Executive Committee meeting to discuss the various aspects of the organization and to decide on it's operational areas.

Multiple plans were discussed and debated against one another regarding the way forward for the organization. Some of the important aspects that were discussed are as follows:

1. Financial Status
2. State MFP Resource Center
3. Way Forward for the Sustainable Livelihoods & Economic Democratization Thematic
4. Changes in the Internal Complaint Committee
5. Changes in the Executive Committee.



Mapping/ Demarcation

Vasundhara facilitated mapping of village boundaries in villages of Burodihi of Kuchinda block in Sambhalpur district of Orissa.

GPS mapping is an essential component of the claim facilitation process. The mapping processes were done in the presence of Tahasildars, Forest Officers, Range Officers and other relevant authorities.



Formation of 'Mohok Sandhyani Maha Sangha'

On 29th December 2021, 25 Producer Groups of Jasipur came together to form 'Mohok Sandhayni Maha Sangha'. The aim of the Maha Sangha is to further strengthen the Women's Business Institution and to further increase their hold in the local market.

Meeting with HKMDA

A meeting was conducted with the HKMDA Special Officer to finalize the budget and activity plans for the value addition of Honey in Simlipal.

The meeting was attended by 75 members of the groups. An Executive Committee of 15 members was formed with Sumati Soren as the President and Rajni Mahakud as the Secretary of the Maha Sangha.



Social Media Engagement



FOLLOWERS
5515

POSTS ENGAGEMENT
95+ 1500+



Forest-Based Livelihoods



In an effort to create an NTFP Calendar, we have three more Producer Groups in the districts of Sambhalpur & Kandhamal.

Awareness programs and research studies regarding the diminishing quality of Sal leaves have been mobilized.



Vasundhara has decided on the final name and logo for the Producer Company to market NTFPs. The name of the company will be 'Banaja'

A meeting was conducted with the HKMDA Special Officer to finalize the budget and activity plans for the value addition of Honey in Simlipal.

A training program has been conducted for the volunteers in the district of Sambhalpur. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage and create a second line of leadership for the Producer Groups.

