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CFR rights in revenue records - 1st in India

Nayagarh in Odisha has become the first district in the country to register the community rights and titles disbursed under FRA in its revenue land records.

The feat was achieved for Dumdumapalli village under Sikrida Gram Panchayat of Nuagaon block of the district. The village has 34 households with 33 belonging to the Scheduled Tribes. The Gram Sabha had received Community Rights and Community Forest Resource Right titles on 9th January, 2022.

The titles were distributed over an area of 80.43 acres of forest land, of which 18.1 acres is revenue land and 62.33 acres is reserved forest land.

The entire process was facilitated by Hemanata Kumar Nayak, OAS, Tehsildar of Nuagaon block of the district.



All women union formation in Daspalla

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A vendor sensitisation program was organised in Puri on February 24th in collaboration with the district administration.

The vendors who set up road side stalls across the district were sensitized on the use of biodegradable alternatives to thermacol and plastic plates and cutlery. This initiative aims to promote the usage of plates and bowls made of sal and siali leaves which is biodegradable and eco-friendly.



A three part training program on provisions of the Forest Rights Act and its implementation was organised for members of Zilla Jungle Manch in Mayurbhanj in February.

A similar program was again organised in March at divisional level.



MFP market linkage with Industries

Vasundhara through Vanjata initiated industrial linkages with some companies including Manorama Industries, Magma Group of Companies, Mahima Industries (Jagatpur), and Sinhania Group, for the supply of NTFP. Through this process, it is now easy for the 1 lakh forest dwellers to supply their forest products to a larger market and benefit financially. In the first phase, Vasundhara will collect jackfruits, wood apples, sal seeds, mango kernels, and tamarind from 17 districts of Odisha



CFR Claim making process :

Chidukubadi, Baliabadi,

FRA meetings :

Sonamera village

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CFR-MC formation:

Sundarataila

CR / CFR Joint Inquiry :

Champagada village

3 PGs register under MSME

Three producer groups from our field areas were registered under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

The three producer groups are Durubagan, Bahajharna and Punei Chandu Utpadak from Jashipur, Mayurbhanj. A total of 80 members are part of the three producer groups.

The PGs collect and sell various Non Timber Forest Products like Sal, Mahua, Honey, Karanj, Sal seed, and Mahua seed among others.

Sal and Siali Plate sale

Women from two-producer groups - Ramraja and Dhanipat in Mayurbhanj district, sold 5 lakh sal leaves and 25 thousand sal plates to the trader of Balasore.

Though SHG groups were functional in the villages, but it was only after Vasundhara's intervention, they started dealing with forest products and gained financial returns.

The PGs were formed as a result of vasundhara's intervention.

6,36,000 Sal leaf has been sold by the 3 producers' group of Baha Jharana PG, Sagin Buru PG, and Dhanpat PG in Jashipur.



Sal and siali leaf processing unit provided in Barkot, Deograh.



Meetings and Trainings

- 1) **BoD Adibhoomi mahila sangha: Daspalla**
The first board of directors meeting for Adibhoomi Mahila Sangha was organised in March. It was an inception meeting for further operations. 36 members from 30 PGs attended.
- 2) **FRA review meeting: Ranpur**
- 3) **Business planning meeting with Saginburu Utpadak - Jashipur**
- 4) **Meeting in Sudreju GP for tamarind collection: Kandhamal**
- 5) **FRA awareness meeting Sanamara village: Rairangpur**
- 6) **Gram Panchatay level meeting at Jamjhadi for livelihood ehancement : Kandhamal**
- 7) **Union Board Meeting of Mohak Sondhyani Mahasangha on business review : Jashipur**
- 8) **Regional BoD meeting in Tainsar and Laimur : Kuchinda**
- 9) **Orientation meeting on NTFP livelihood in non member areas: Kuchinda**

Workshops :

- 1) Capacity building workshop for PRI members in 4 GPs : Kuchinda
- 2) GP level workshop on NTFP at Darpanarayapur
- 3) CFR-MC workshop in Gundurbari, Ranpur
- 4) 4 days livelihood workshop for voluneteers and field functionaries

Block level NTFP workshop

A Block level workshop of NTFP based Livelihood for the govt functioneries was successfully conducted in Daspalla Block office in March.

Discussions were held on Vasundhara's work in Daspalla, NTFP & issues challenges faced by primari collectors, MSP for MFP Vanjata - state resource centre, Product quality & supply chain, Available govt provisions on NTFP for groups, Adibhumi Mahila Sangha and CFRMC

Key decisions taken:

BDO advised their staff to hold a meeting with different NGO working in Daspalla for collaborative mission mode work & convergence

WEO assured in the open forum to select our 4 PG for value addition & machinery support

BPC - Mission shakti assure to provided PG entreprise support & CB of 2.08 Lakh

They are offering a stall in Lankapodi Mela with our PG products

BPM - OLM, assured to provide building space to open NTFP Outlet in Daspalla or nearby GP of Daspalla

BDO advised all the GPLF to involve Adibhumi Mahila Sangha & Vasundhara in their monthly GPLF review planning meeting.

*GPLF linkages with Vanjata

