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MO JUNGLE JAMI YOJANA; A NEW HOPE

73 no pending IFR titles were distributed at Sialinai Village who were displaced from Ramjodi (Similipal). The introduction of the Mo Jungle Jami Yojana scheme by the state government, however, marked a turning point. With the assistance of various officials including the Revenue Tehsildar, Range Officer, and others under the Karanjia Tahasil of Mayurbhanj district, the villagers of Sialinai finally received their IFR titles, paving the way for improved livelihood opportunities.

In 2019, 113 households were displaced from Ramjodi of (Similipal) to Sialinai in the Mayurbhanj district, facing challenges due to their relocation. The villagers, who had updated their ration cards and pension addresses; struggled with identity documentation as their property documents remained unchanged. Without permanent address proof like Aadhar cards or land property addresses in Sialinai, these families faced difficulties. Although they applied for Individual Forest Rights (IFR) titles post-relocation, there was a delay in receiving them.

OVERVIEW :

- Mo jungle jami yojana; a new hope for sialinai
- State -level workshop on Mo Jungle Jami Yojana
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- **GPS mapping for traditional boundaries**
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Statelevel workshop on Mo Jungle Jami Yojana

A state-level workshop focusing on the Planning & Execution of the Mo Jungle Jami Yojana (MJJY) was held at Hotel Presidency in Bhubaneswar on December 20-21, 2023. During the meeting, the participant discussed the strategies of MJJY and the progress report of the field assistant, which was presented with date-wise information.

The second-day workshop gave emphasis on MJJY for FR Cell Coordinators and District officials presenting the district-wise plan of action for facilitating the claim-making process under the Mo Jungle Jami Yojana. Dr. AB Ota, former director of SCSTRTI, actively participated in the planning meeting, providing crucial support for the seamless execution of the initiative across the districts. The workshop also saw the participation of distinguished personalities including Vasundhara executive director Y. Giri Rao, independent researcher Tushar Das, Rajkishore Das, and other dignitaries.



Training for MJJY



- A district-level training program for government officials and district coordinators held in Nayagarh and Jajpur districts. This program aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of officials directly involved in the implementation of the MJJY scheme.
- Block-level facilitation sessions were organized in Kuchinda and Maneswar blocks of Sambalpur, Dhangadibhaban in Jajpur, Udala in Mayurbhanj, and Nuagaon in Nayagarh district. These sessions focused on facilitating the effective rollout of the MJJY at the block level, addressing local challenges, and ensuring smooth execution.
- a volunteer training program was conducted on the Mo Jungle Jami Yojana in Shamakhunta, Rashgobindpur, Baripada of Mayurbhanj, and Rairakhol of Sambalpur. This program aimed to empower local volunteers with the necessary knowledge and skills to support them.



GRAM SABHA

Ranipur, kosarada, Saldiha, Baliadi, Bahalda, Tadkhijharan, Dhalabani, Tobagadi, Beldongri, Degam, Betakata, Chatrapur, Shyamsundarpur, Kasda, Hatigada village of Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Sambalpur and Ganjam District

GPS mapping for traditional boundaries

GPS mapping activities are currently in progress in Dwarika Village, Nilagiri Tahashil, and Shyamsundarpur GP of Balasore district. The mapping initiative involves key participants such as a panchayat member, secretary, president of the Dwarika Jungle Committee, forest official, and FRA cell personnel. Additionally, Suakathi forest village in Keonjhar district witnessed collaboration among the forest department, revenue department, Vasundhara team, FRC members, and villagers utilizing GPS mapping techniques to measure traditional boundaries. In Bagira Sahi Forest village, Rebenapalaspal GP, members of the FRC, villagers, foresters, and the Vasundhara team actively identified and demarcated the village boundary. Further, the ongoing GPS mapping from Managada to Panchalingeswar in the Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary, Shyamsundarpur, includes a comprehensive team consisting of forest officials, RI, FRA cell personnel, and additional team members covering the entire distance.



Villagers draw their own map

Colorful drawing of maps shows the community effort and pride of the villagers from Suakati, Dangadhar, and Nuabeda in the Keonjhar districts. These maps were not just geographical representations; they symbolized much more. The villagers illustrated their traditional boundaries and the areas from where they collect forest resources, which are an integral part of their livelihood and culture.



The process was a collaborative effort involving elders and key members of the community. Their participation ensured that the maps accurately reflected the community's understanding and relationship with their land and resources. Similarly, the community in Rissia, Balasore, undertook the same initiative. The villagers expressed their pride in these creations, which symbolize their deep connection to their land and heritage.

Way to plastic free zone

A crucial meeting took place at Dhalabani in the Jashipur Block of Mayurbhanj District, focusing on the establishment of a Plastic-Free zone. Ward Members, Club Members, and the Village Development Committee actively participated in the discussion. The agenda included the formation of a 12-member Core Group dedicated to creating awareness among the local community to safeguard the environment and promote a Plastic-Free zone.

Meetings and Trainings

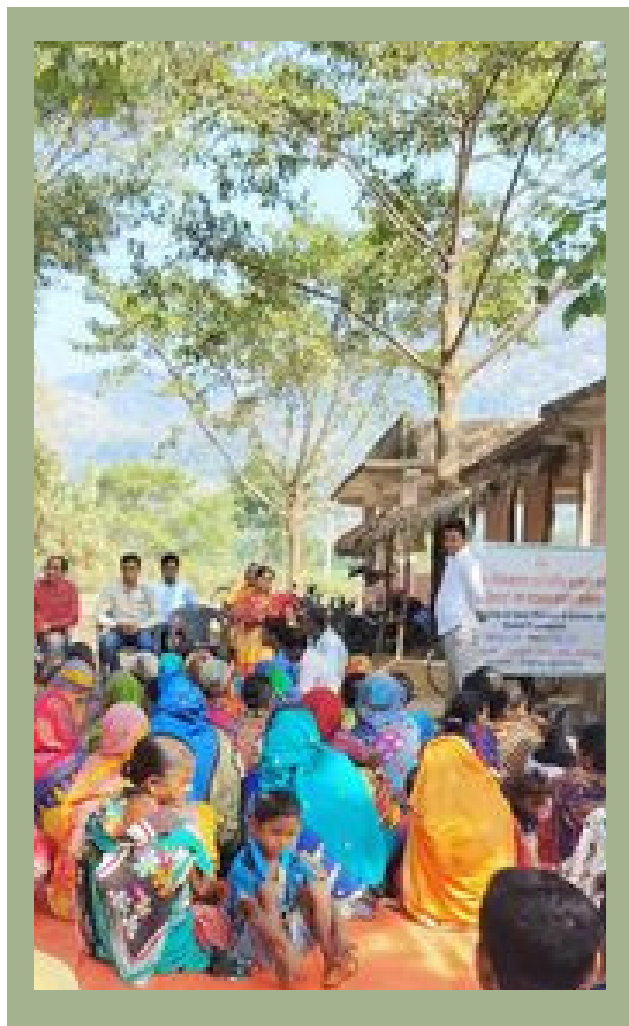
- Block-level FRA Training programme was held at Raruan Tehsil.
- FRC meeting was held jointly at Badegurda village of Gajapat district.
- A monthly meeting was held for the FRA Cell at Karanjia Tahasil in the Mayurbhanj district.
- A meeting was held jointly by the Forest Rights Committee (FRC) at Dangadhar and Alutuma forest villages.
- A reconstitution meeting was held in Pandu Sahi and Manduru Sahi revenue village, which is situated in the Kaptipada block of Mayurbhanj district.
- A joint verification meeting was held in Kridashpur, 16 Mauja, Balugaon, Nayagarh Block, Nayagarh District.
- Two-days training program on FRA 2006 was conducted in Nayagarh district.
- A meeting was held with the WHH director at Jamuganda village of Bandhamunda GP.



Interns from KIIT School of Rural Management, who try to find the village life, realities and the livelihood systems of Kapanda village, mayurbhanj



Awareness programme on social security schemes



In Daspalla, an impactful awareness program was recently organized at the panchayat level to disseminate information about various government schemes. A total of 100 participants, comprising both women and men from 12 different villages, actively attended the meeting.

The Block Social Security Officer played a crucial role in the meeting by delivering valuable insights and updates on government schemes. The presence of the Sarpanch of Kalashkhaman and the Village Level Worker (VLW) added significance to the event, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of the government schemes among the community members.