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OAS PROBATIONERS VISIT TO RANPUR



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The current batch of Odisha Administrative Service probationers from Gopabandhu Academy attended a day-long exposure visit to our field area – Ranpur. The officers were oriented on the Forest Rights Act and its implementation, Community Forest Resource Management and livelihood aspects, through interactions with multiple stakeholders. They had detailed interactions on these aspects with the community members. The probationers also interacted with federation members from MMJSP and CWC and block-level technical officials on Interaction with block level technical team on FRA implementation.



NGO coordination meeting at Jashipur

Mayurbhanj Zilla Jungle Munch in coordination with Vasundhara, organized a day long NGO coordination meeting on Forest Rights Act. The participating Civil Society Organisations were given an orientation on the facilitation of claim making process under the FRA. This was crucial as the state plans to saturate the implementation of FRA in the state by 2024. The various other aspects covered were Salient features of FRA ● Typology of rights conferred under FRA ● Role and Responsibility of concern officers, Forest Rights Committee and Gram sabha ● Role of different authorities under FRA, Definition of Community Rights and Community Forest Resource Rights ● Difference between VSS and CFR, Importance of Community Forest Resource Rights and Community Forest Resource Management, ● Process of determination of Community rights and Community Forest Resource rights under FRA.

Members from CREFTDA, RCDC, PRADAN and Gram Swaraj were also present.



Manorama industry orientation drive

A training and information sharing event was organised by Vasundhara's Kandhamal Team in collaboration with Manorama Industries in Bangalasahi and Phulbani in Kandhamal District of Odisha. The event was aimed at educating more than one hundred forest-dependent primary MFP gatherers on sal seed and mango kernel collection, initial basic level processing, collective marketing, and effective ways of selling the MFPs. It also helped in promoting sustainable forest management practices and collective marketing, which are essential for the socio-economic development of forest-dependent communities. Shri Manmohan Barik, the district operation head of Kandhamal District, led the programme. It was attended by Mr. Subhashish Ghosh and his team from Manorama and Mr. Prashant Kumar Sahu, the business head of Vasundhara.



CASE RECORD SUBMISSION AT BISOI
TEHSIL IN MAYURBHAJ DISTRICT IN APRIL :
719 IFR & 23 CR, CFR



Meeting with Juanga Pidha traditional leaders

A meeting was held at the office of Juanga Development Agency, Gonashika, Keonjhar. Regarding the habitat rights of Junga pidha The meeting was called by the juanga mahapidha. In this meeting, PA ITDA Keonjhar, special officer JDA Gonashika, forest range officer Gonashika, ADW Keonjhar Sub Division, and the traditional leaders of Juanga Pidha have participated. Vasundhara has participated in this meeting as a resource organisation. All the queries raised by the forest department were responded to by Vasundhara.



WHH inception program



A three-day inception program was organised by Welthungerhilfe for its newly inducted partner organisations at Tilda in Chhattisgarh. The program was focused on discussing the project and making a plan of action for the year ahead. It was attended by project members from Vasundhara and volunteers from our selected field areas.

Following the inception program, a two-day orientation program was organised at Vasundhara's head office for our field-level functionaries. A road map and plan of action at organisational level was finalised and laid out in coordination with the field level fuctionaries from Keonjhar and Nayagarh districts.

Adi Bhumi Mahila sangha at Kuaanria Mahotsav

For the first time, Adi Bhumi Mahila Sangha participated in Kuaanria Mohatsava after its formation in February this year. The participation was supported by ORMAS and OLM. The women of the sangha focus on five minor forest products like turmeric, broom, harida, bahada, and kolatha dali. For two days of mohatsava, they earned a total of 13 thousand 8,000 rs. Adi Bhumi Mahila Sangha has 1100 members, 50 of whom are PGs from 60 different villages in Dasapalla block.



Meetings and Trainings

- 1) Livelihood team review and planning meeting at Deograh
- 2) Regional BoD meeting - Banogocha, Daspalla
- 3) Meeting with DPM-OLM regarding sal seed procurement in Daspalla, Nuagaon and Gania.
- 4) ABMS union BoD meeting
- 5) Meeting with sarpanch, ward members and PEO of Ranipokhri Gram Panchayat in Kaptipada block regarding FRA.
- 6) GP level workshop of PRI members at Chadeypalli panchayat
- 7) Training program on need assessment study conducted by Dr Premananda Panda.

CFR-MC formation:

Dahangivillage, Ulisahi village,

GPS mapping completed:

Chidukubadi village, Rairangpur tehsil

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CFR process joint verification :

Jarkanibeda village

Daspalla as an NTFP cluster

With the help of Vasundhara, the OLM (Odisha Livelihood Mission) of Nayagarh has decided to take Daspalla as an NTFP cluster for the year 2023-24. Daspalla has huge potential in this area with 75 major NTFPs like sal, silali leaf, harida, bahada, amla, tamarind, kusuma, and karanja seed are available in this area.

Using this NTFP cluster tag, all the forest dwelling communities will be directly benefit from it. Capacity-building training, different kinds of processing units, direct market linkages, etc. are part of the NTFP cluster. OLP DPM Sanjay Kumar Mohaptra assured the same.



Siali leaf plate making training to members of Boghabadi and Tumandi region of Adibhumi Mahila sangh. 10 women PG particuiated. The training was imparted by Banja Banijya Sangha, Kuchinda

Internship Diaries



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I know about the life and living of forest dwellers and their culture, practices, rituals, language, script, settlement pattern, housing pattern as well as social system about the tribal community, also I got an opportunity for staying in an interior rural community, so from that I observed their lifestyle very closely.

*Supriyo Sadhu,
Vishwa Bharati University*

The intern got to know how the forest dwellers collect forest resources and how the forest resources can generate income source

*Gargi Bhandary
Vishwa Bharati University*

My major learning during the intership was on FRA and its impact on the community people as a whole and the impact on an individual's life and living also.

*Manidipa Saha
Vishwa Bharati University*

During my one month of internship, I learned about formation & structure of producer group at village level and training of the producer group & Impact of the producer group in Women's life

*Bidisha Mitra
Vishwa Bharati University*



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