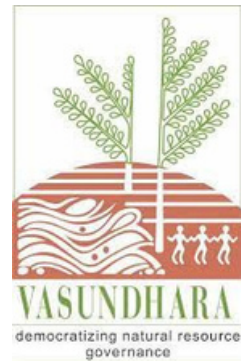


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Formation of Collectives

In the month of October, a total number of 5 collectives were formed and finalized as a part of Vasundhara's efforts to market NTFPs to facilitate a fair price to these communities.

The Collectives were formed at Baunsnali Panchayat, Belulam village, Jhadpadar village, Debidanka village, Khaliberana. These collectives 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.

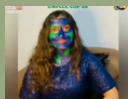
Training programs have also been conducted for the reformation of the FRC committee, support to primary groups, FRA orientation processes, VDVK Training Programme in presence of PA ITDA, S/O ITDA, LDA, and other governmental authorities.

Policy Brief on Climate Justice for the Forest-Dependent Communities of India

Independent Researchers Shruti Agarwal and Tushar Dash in association with Vasundhara has published a policy brief on Climate Justice for the Forest-Dependent Communities of India.

The policy brief reiterates the issues with India's current CC mitigation & adaptation policies. It also highlights the necessity of recognition of the contribution of forest-dependent communities to CC mitigation & adaptation.

Voices for COP26



Vasundhara conducted a program which saw young students raising concerns regarding Climate Change through Social Media. Vasundhara collaborated with IIFM, and other prestigious institutes.



MMJSP Member Discussion with MLA regarding CR/CFR tile distribution in Nayagarh

The Maa Maninag Jangal Suraksha Parishad met with the local MLA to discuss the title distribution of Community Rights and Community Forest Rights. This was following the open protest displayed by the group at the Nayagarh District Administration Office.

The Nayagarh District Administration finally made the announcement to distribute the pending titles in multiple phases. The first phase would see 14 CR/ CFR titles being distributed to 24 villages in the Nayagarh district.

Zila Adima Jana Jati Juang Manahasangha Program

Zila Adima Jana Jati Juang Manahasangha conducted a program in the Kankadahad block of Dhenkanal district of Odisha regarding the preservation of culture and language of the Juang Tribe.

Discussion points also included the facilitation and recognition of forest rights through the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

The program saw the community members display their traditional art forms. Traditional songs were sung and many danced to them in a special dance form, unique to the Juang community, known as Changu Nritya.



Joint Efforts by MoEFCC & MoTA for better implementation of the FRA

The Government of Odisha has released a letter following the historic Joint Communication Signing Ceremony between MoEFCC and MoTA, which saw the two ministries come together for the better implementation of the Forest Rights Act,

Some of the salient features mentioned in the letter is as follows,

1. Demarcation & correction of RoRs and maps in respect of the FR titles vested,
2. Recognition of Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights,
3. Constitution of Management Committees,
4. Conversion of forest villages/un-surveyed settlements etc. into revenue villages,
5. Proper exercise of the Community Rights granted for collection, use and disposal of MFPs,
6. Convergence of various schemes and programs of the Govt. for livelihood enhancement of the right holders

Mapping/ Demarcation

Vasundhara facilitated mapping of village boundaries in villages of Khajurigochha, Budharasta, Osamaska in Chadeyapalli, Daspalla of Nayagarh district of Odisha.

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.



Integration of GPS Technology

Vasundhara has worked extremely dedicatedly to integrate Mapping skills at the community level. Local communities being able to demarcate their customary boundary is a sight that inspires us to work harder.



Community Forest Management - Best Practices Documentation

Documentation process for Institutional Mechanism of Community protected and managed forests in Ranpur, Nayagarh.

Selection of landscape based CFM areas in Kandhamal, Phulbani and preliminary site identification.

Meeting with MMJSP on procedures of conflict resolution and gender inclusion history in block level federation.

Further meeting scheduled for discussion and consultation with MMJSP on the formulation of a broad Management Framework along with Gram Sabha.



Social Media Engagement



FOLLOWERS
4515

POSTS ENGAGEMENT
75+ 1000+

Review & Validation of CFR Map of Alnui Village

After reviewing the CFR map of the Alnui Village, the Tahsildar and his officials which included Additional Tahsildar, RI, Forest Officials paid a visit to validate the area under the map as area under Community Forestry.



The Secretary of the Forest Rights Committee of Alluni village presented the CFR map before the Gram Sabha in presence of Revenue officials for validation of their CFR claims.

