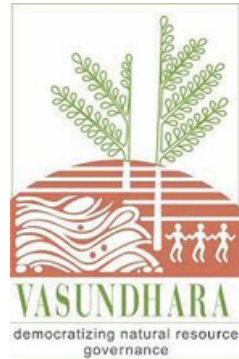


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IN THE LOOP



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Producer's Group in Mayurbhanj

A producer group was formed and finalized as a part of Vasundhara's efforts to market wild honey to facilitate a fair price to these communities.

The six women seated around our representative Biswanath Tung are the committee members selected by the villagers from amongst themselves. The members belong to the Khadia tribe and are of Podagarh Gram Panchayat in Mayurbhanj.



Introductory Meetings, Orientation & Training Programmes

We have conducted a number of Introductory 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, planning meetings, FRA orientation processes, and training of FRA coordinators.

Vasundhara invited to be part of one of the working groups on 'Forest rights and recognition of CR/CFR'

Vasundhara reached yet another milestone in its journey this month.

The State Planning Board, Chhattisgarh has constituted working groups for "Tribal Development and Governance", where they have invited Vasundhara to be part of one of the working groups on "Forest rights and recognition of CR/CFR". This expands the scope for Vasundhara in the mentioned conversation.



International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Vasundhara celebrated this auspicious occasion by encouraging insights from the communities and our field executives in a video series shared through our social media platforms. Sulei Pradhan's account on what she thinks of the occasion was particularly interesting. She hails from Dengajhari and is a part of the village's CFR-MC. Our own field executives Shikha, Sushila, Ipsita, Chakradhar had their say on the occasion.

Our Executive Director was featured by various local and national media houses.

Training Programme to Govt. officials as well as PRI member

The Keonjhar district administration for entrusted Vasundhara with the responsibility of imparting training programme to Govt officials as well as PRI members on the effective implementation of Community Forest Rights, Community Forest Resource Rights & Conversion of Forest Village into Revenue village by strengthening the capacity of FRA Cell and forging coordination among implementing officials.



Sale of Procured Honey



We sold off most of the procured honey for the season. We made a surplus of Rs. 35 / Kg and around Rs. 12,000 which we plan to channelize back to the communities.



Annual Livelihood Review Meeting

Vasundhara's two day Annual Livelihood Review meeting concluded recently.

Multiple plans were discussed and debated against one another regarding the way forward for the Livelihood Team. The Director, FRA Team Lead, and other departmental leads



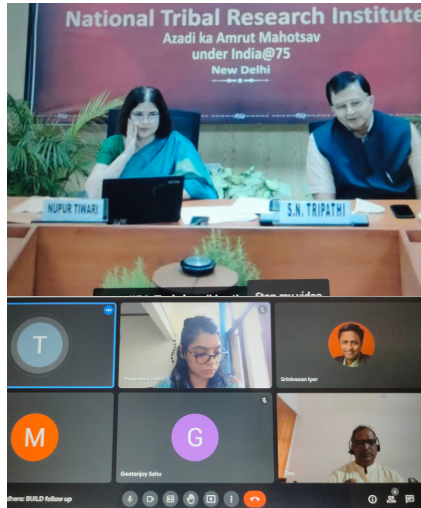
Independence Day Celebration

Vasundhara celebrated the 75th Independence Day with flag hoisting ceremonies at each of its four Action Research Centers. The Maa Maninag Jangal Suraksha Parishad was involved in the ceremony at Ranapur, Nayagarh.

3-days National level Virtual Training of Trainers Programme on Forest Rights Act, 2006 by MOTA

Vasundhara participated in the 3-days National level Virtual Training of Trainers Programme on Forest Rights Act, 2006, as a knowledge partner.

Our Executive Director took various sessions and spoke on topics ranging from Process of determination of Forest Rights, RoR correction, Forest Land Diversion, Habitat rights. Other known faces such as independent researcher, Tushar Dash, Supreme Court Advocate Shomona Khanna were also at the event.



Project Review

Vasundhara recently discussed the various aspects and reviewed the Ford Foundation Project. The status of the current year as well as the plans for the next year were discussed.



Research Partnership with IIFM

Vasundhara discussed on the methodology and approach for the research on CFR potential and challenges being conducted by IIFM in partnership with Vasundhara.

Two days Online Capacity Building Training for Personnel (Coordinators and Data Entry Operators) engaged in 160 Forest Rights Cells

SCSTRI, Government of Odisha will be conducting two days Online Capacity Building Training for Personnel (Coordinators and Data Entry Operators) engaged in 160 Forest Rights Cells.

Vasundhara participated in the event. The Executive Director, Y Giri Rao specially invited as a resource person citing his eminence in the field of tribal development. This training programme will enable the personnel of FRA cells to effectively execute their functions and ensure implementation of FRA in time bound manner



Social Media Engagement



FOLLOWERS

4515

POSTS

75+

ENGAGEMENT

1000+

Forest-Based Livelihoods



We facilitated business of Tamarind, Mahua Flower, Cashew, Char Seed, Beta Seed, Ambasara, Sal Seed, Kendu leaf, Honey and Siali leaf plate



We achieved a business turnover of more than

1050 +

₹ 87,00,000

Members were associated in the NTFP collection and business this year

