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## EDITORIAL

This issue of AJY MIRROR contains a snapshot of the important activities and events accomplished under the program Ama Jangala Yojana in the state. Besides celebration of Vana Mahotsava and World Elephant Day, a number of periodical activities also find place in this issue. Apart from these, several convergence, participatory and voluntary activities have been accomplished during this period which is published in this issue of AJY mirror in precise manner.

Forests contribute significantly to the life and livelihoods of the people in the forest rich districts of Odisha. The officials and staff of AJY, in convergence with various programs under Ama Jangala Yojana put our utmost effort to ensure sustainable livelihood for the forest fringe communities with protection and optimum utilization of natural resources. In spite of many natural disasters and climatic instability in Odisha, this organization functions as a constructive catalyst for sustainable development of the forest dependent communities.

As far as this program is concerned, this quarter is the most eventful period of the year to accomplish many routine activities and to take new initiatives. However, the committed team effort has made the program a successful one to reach to about 3180 Vana Suraksha Samities in 23 forest divisions across Odisha. Protection & conservation of the ecosystem, capacity building and livelihood enhancement of forest dwellers are some of the core areas almost fully addressed during the aforesaid period.

The project is now in its third year of implementation. We too have gathered much learning from the field, coming up as success stories on livelihoods and income generation initiatives. In this issue of AJY Mirror, attempts are made to bring some success stories of grass root interventions of our Divisional Management Units. Extra ordinary VSS management reports and case studies are collated in this edition to highlight the major progress in the forest divisions and field units.

About 540 new VSSs have been formed during last year to mobilize communities to come forward for protection of natural resources in JFM mode. There are also initiatives for convergences with other departments to mobilise communities around joint resource management and sustainable livelihoods.

There are numbers of success stories and replicable models reported by various DMUs during this period. Some of them are put in a precise manner and pictorial form in this news letter.

I wish all the AJY Divisions will continue their innovative works for the community and share their achievements so as to achieve the overall goal of AJY.

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## AJY in its 3rd year of Intervention:

Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) is a flagship program of Government of Odisha implemented through Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS). The scheme is intended to promote sustainable forest management in the state in participatory mode through Vana Surakshya Samiti (VSSs) with emphasis on livelihood support for the communities living in the forest fringe villages. Under the scheme, it is envisaged to strengthen the community based initiatives of protection of the forest and create alternate livelihood opportunities for the local community to reduce pressure on forest.

The program has a holistic approach encompassing many components of income generation and forest protection through training, capacity building, awareness, handholding and convergence support to the participating communities. The AJY has ensured the projects work in line with the community development and forest regenerations. Its implementation plan follows the Joint Forest Management principles and ensures that participation of all stakeholders is considered judiciously during the implementation of the program.

The program is presently implemented in 23 Forest and Wildlife Divisions of Odisha. As of 30th September, 2019 a total number of 3180 VSSs in 132 FMUs have been brought under the fold of AJY.

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Components	During 2018-19	Cumulative Total
No of DMUs in which AJY is implemented	23 Divisions	23 Divisions
<b>ANR without Gap</b>		
(a) 0 <sup>th</sup> Year	27000 ha	150983
(b) 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	27700 ha	132983
(c) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	106031 ha	106031 ha
<b>Block Plantation</b>		<b>1010 ha</b>
<b>Institutional Strengthening</b>		
1) No. of FMUs covered	132	132
2) No. of VSS covered	540	<b>3180</b>
3) No. of VSS Resolution passed in Palli Sabha	634	2971
4) No. of SHG covered in AJY Activities	1075	2958
5) No. Of SHGs in AJY Project area (3180 VSS areas)	-	7534
6) No. Of Animators Engaged in AJY Project	2559	2559
<b>Preparation of Guidelines for implementing AJY</b>		
1) No. of Guidelines prepared for implementing the scheme	1	11
<b>Commissioning services of Partner NGOs</b>		
1) No. of Divisions wherein Partner NGOs engaged	23	23
2) No. of Partner NGOs teams engaged	112 + 14 DOs	112+ 14 DOs
<b>Capacity Building Programs</b>		
1) No. of various Capacity Building Modules developed	0	11
2) No. of personnel & members of VSS & SHG trained	22340	91467
3) No. of VSS Sensitized through Capacity Building Programs	524	3011
<b>Key Activities</b>		
1) No. of VSS in which PRA exercise completed	498	2943
2) No. of VSS in which Micro-plan completed	465	2811
3) No. of VSS in which Micro-plans approved by DMU	322	1631
4) No. of VSS Buildings constructed	180	381
5) No. of VSS where Survey and Demarcation Work Completed	797	3114
6) Total area demarcated	24518.66 ha	169748.76 ha

Apart from these, Inter-sectoral Convergence is one of the important mandates of Ama Jangala Yojana. Convergence is a strategy to ensure optimal results with support from related Government programs. Substantial public investments are being made for strengthening of rural economy and livelihood base of the poor, especially the marginalized groups like SC/STs and women. Many activities have been undertaken in convergence with various schemes and programs of line departments. Some of them are highlighted below:

- Distribution of LPG with Chullah and CFL Bulb under PM Ujjwala schemes in all AJY DMUs
- Construction and renovation activities through MGNREGS such as renovation of ponds and drinking water facilities, roads, bridges and check dams
- Construction of community halls and individual houses
- Organizing animal and human health camps
- Construction of Swaccha Bharat Mission Toilets
- IGAs for individual members and groups such as poultry farms
- Convergence for other livelihoods activities such as NTFP processing and trading
- Convergence for skill building under DDU-GKY
- Support of solar lamps to the VSS members

Besides, several other convergence initiatives are taken up by the AJY team to ensure schematic benefit to the VSS and SHG members. The effort initiated at various levels has been given below.

#### Fund mobilized and persons benefitted in various convergence schemes under AJY

Name/ Nature of the convergence activities	No of Beneficiaries covered	Amount (Rs.) of funds mobilized	% of share of the total fund mobilized
Animal Husbandry	25677	2371167.2	0.19%
Construction of House/IAY/ PMAY/Biju Pucca Ghar	3243	419820000	33.61%
Construction Work/community Assets	1303	83440680	6.68%
Distribution of Mosquito nets/ Solar equipments/Blanket/ Chulla/Phenyl	35277	40498299	3.24%
Drinking water & Irrigation	4455	171231000	13.71%
Electrification	2611	5955206	0.48%
Financial Inclusion	8023	1089200	0.09%
Health Camp	304	438000	0.04%
Livelihood	269	2862120	0.23%
LPG	20420	75714061	6.06%
MGNREGA	3	400000	0.03%
Road Construction/PMGSY	294	63653400	5.10%
Skill Development	573	189600	0.02%
Toilet	25824	266895300	21.36%
Others	627	32681055	2.62%
Agriculture & Horticulture/KALIA	23847	82039001	6.57%
Grand Total	152750	124,92,78,089	100.00%

Various sectors where convergence have been made in AJY program have been listed above which shows the number of beneficiaries and the quantum of funds worth of convergence achieved for each sector.

## 1. Highlight of the Major Events During the Quarter

### 1.1 Entry Point Activities:

Renovation of water bodies under MGNREGS and many other Entry Point Activities (EPAs) were completed during the quarter. Among these, important ones were construction and renovation of ponds, distribution of water filter and office materials to VSSs.



Distribution of VSS materials to Ranjanaguda VSS, Kalahandi-N DMU

Distribution of water filter under EPA to Tentuliguda VSS, Goraput DMU

### 1.2 Survey, demarcation, Pillar Postings and SMC Work:

Survey and demarcation is one of the preparatory activities under AJY Scheme which following site selection of each VSS. Survey and demarcation is undertaken on the areas which are to be assigned to each VSS for coverage under the Scheme. Each VSS is assigned a treatment area of about 50 hectares of degraded forest, where Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) without gap would be taken up.

Within this quarter, SMC activities have been done in all 23 DMUs in the assigned areas, some of them are put here in a snapshot.



SMC work done by Guranga VSS, Angul DMU



Pillar posting work of Giramga VSS, Angul DMU and Panga VSS, Kalahandi (N) DMU

### 1.3 VSS Office- cum-Meeting Place:

There is a provision for construction of VSS Office-cum-Meeting Place in the villages under the AJY Scheme. The VSSs construct a low cost multipurpose building with meeting facility over a built-up area of around 400 sq. ft., consisting of an office room of around 150 sq. ft. with RCC (Reinforced Cement Concrete) roof, and a meeting space without walls of about 250 sq. ft. with RCC roof.

Guidelines for Construction of "VSS Office-Cum-Meeting Place" under AJY Scheme has been prepared and shared with DMUs to follow while processing for plan and estimate for construction of VSS Office-Cum-Meeting Place under the Scheme. In the reporting period, four VSS buildings have been completed, as above.



Mundighati VSS, Kalahandi-N DMU



VSS building of Sangam VSS, Keonjhar WL DMU



Ulisirka VSS, Kalahandi-N DMU



Paraja Bhimdol VSS, Koraput DMU

## 2. Convergence Activities under Ama Jangala Yojana

Cross sector convergence is one of the important mandates of Ama Jungle Yojana. During the reporting period, many activities have been undertaken in convergence with various departmental schemes and programs, some of them are highlighted below:

- Organizing animal and human health camps
- IGAs for Livelihood Improvement of individual members and groups
- Convergence for livelihoods activities such as NTFP processing and trading
- Convergence for skill building under DDU-GKY and SBIRSETTI
- Support of solar lamps to the VSS members

Convergence activities are a major part in the AJY program. Some of the activities carried out through schematic convergences in various DMUs are given in a snapshot.

## 2.1 Health Camps



Health Camp at Basudevpur & Jhatikiposi VSS under Deogarh DMU



Eye camp at Baniapanka Beat House, Keonjhar (WL)

Human health camps and Eye camps have been organized in Basudevpur VSS, Jhatikiposi VSS of Deogarh DMU and Baniapanka Beat House under Hadagarh FMU, Keonjhar WL DMUs to provide better health care facilities at the doorstep of the VSS members. These camps were organized in convergence with the Health Department of the respective DMUs.

## 2.2 Animal Treatment Camps

Animal health camps have been organized by Kalahandi (N) DMU in collaboration with Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Odisha. As many as 400 cows and goats were immunized and treated in these camps. The camps were followed by a community awareness meeting of VSS members on preventive measures and traditional healing practices.



## 2.3 Convergence for LPG connection

OFSDS in collaboration with Gol under PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana) have been a key coordinating and facilitating agency for ensuring cooking gases and lighting equipment to forest fringed households. This apart, many livelihoods activities have been converged with line departments for economic development of forest dependent community members.

Apart from this, the AJY team has accomplished many activities pertaining to forest protection and livelihood improvement. Some major initiatives taken during the last quarter have been described in brief.



Distribution of LPG gas Cylinders to Women in Kholbilung VSS, Bamra WL DMU and Kharadongripara VSS of Khariar DMU



## 2.4 IGAs for Livelihood Improvement

Many livelihood improvement and income enhancement activities have been taken during the reporting quarter. Most of them are agriculture based. Some major initiatives taken in this quarter are given in brief.



Watermelon Cultivation by Pallahara VSS under Deogarh DMU



IGA on Gotary at Asanapani VSS under Deogarh DMU



Mushroom Cultivation in Ataanka VSS, Deogarh DMU



## 2.5 Capacity Building Initiatives under convergence



Mushroom Cultivation Training At Saria Vss, Kalahandi (N) DMU

As a major component of AJY, capacity building programs in various thematic areas have been organized for the FMU staff and VSS members in the project area. This includes capacity building of VSS members on livelihood promotion, VSS management and enhancement of employable skills. The following picture depicts some of the major initiatives.

### 3. Success Stories from VSSs

There are many innovations, models and success stories created during this period. Some of them are replicable models and worth replication in other VSSs.

#### Unity and Integrity Diversified their Works; Success story of Block Plantation and other activities in Kabichandrapur VSS under Kalahandi North DMU

During 2016-17, Block plantation over an area of 10 ha has been done successfully which is a great achievement of the VSS. Due to proper care take up by the VSS members, the survival percentage of the plantation is high and average height growth of the plants is 180 cm. and above. The VSS members are taking much care of the plantation. They are actively taking part in patrolling of the forest area Handing over Papad making machine to the villagers by Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, IFS ,PCCF & HoFF, Odisha along with the Forest Staff. At present 11 nos. of Self-help groups are functioning in the village in which 112 members are there.



EC Committee, Formation of SHGs and Village Transect walk during Micro planning



AR Activities by Kabichandrapur VSS

The P-NGO team engaged under AJY scheme has taken a major role in assisting the Self help groups of the village in providing bank loan and other Government facilities. Due to sincere efforts of our P-NGO team all the 11 Self help groups of the village availed Loan amount of Rs.50,000/- in 1st phase and 3 nos. of self-help groups have availed loan amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- in 2nd phase from OLM (Odisha livelihood Mission). After getting the Loan amount the SHG groups have utilized the amount for preparing 1. Papad , 2. Masala Powder, 3. Leaf plate, 4. Badi making etc. and are earning a good amount by selling those items in the nearby market, which has improved their status of living.

Due to sincere guidance given at by the P-NGO team, 35 SHG members of the village have taken part in skill development training at the training centre at SBIRESTI (State Bank of India Rural Self-employment Training Institute) at Bhawanipatna and gained skills of preparing Papad, Pressing Khali plates and other items.

A training programme was also organized at DMU Level on dt.19.08.2019. In this training the members have been trained regarding operation and maintenance of Papad making machine and Paper Plate machine. Besides, a training program was also organized at DMU Level on use of sewing machine where 4 female members of the village have been trained. The VSS members have been supplied with one papad making machine and four numbers of sewing machine on 12.09.2019. Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar who visited to Bhawanipatna for circle level workshop on DGPS Survey and GEO- referencing of Forest Land in Odisha



had handed over those machines to the VSS Members along with a Certificate.



At the time of handing over the machines to the Villagers the PCCF (O) has given his valuable suggestions to the villagers regarding use of the machines

Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, IFS, PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar addressing the VSS members regarding protection of Forest and Wildlife.

and how to improve their status of living by using those machines. He also suggested that the villagers should take more care for protection of their forest and wild animals.

The VSS members are using the Machines and producing Papad. Women group have started stitching clothes and preparing readymade



Handing over Papad making machine to the villagers by Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, IFS, PCCF & HoFF, Odisha

garments in their village. In this way the income of the villagers is increasing day by day which provides an extra support to their livelihood. A VSS Building in the village has also been constructed during 2018-19 at a cost of Rs. 3,64,000/- under AJY State Plan. The Villagers have also assisted in construction work of the building for which the building has been completed in time and construction quality has improved a lot due to "Shramdaan" of the villagers. Now the building is being used by the VSS members for conducting various meetings at village level. The villagers will show even more interest in the protection of the forest & wildlife if such activities will continue under the scheme "Ama Jangala Yoajana" in the coming days.



Completion of Badi, Masala Powder making Training to SHGs

### Exemplary work towards Protection and Regeneration of Forest Resources; A Success story of Bandapai Vana Suraksha Samiti under Rayagada DMU

Kashipur, the most undeveloped pocket of southern Odisha has gone through many tragic stories in past. Acute poverty, inaccessibility, high rate of IMR and MMR, lack of education and health facility and many other of indicators of human development indices contribute to its low ranking as a CD block. Bandapai is a small village under Kashipur Forest Range of Rayagada DMU, having a mixed population of different castes living within a compact and isolated geography. The community consists of 60 households and about 245 populations, of which, 218 belong to OBC and rest 27 belong to Schedule Caste category. Traditionally



the villagers are dependent on subsistence agriculture and allied activities, confined either to their own land or in encroached land through Podu cultivation. A few of them were also dependent on dairy farming.

The overall economic conditions of almost all the households in the village were truly miserable. Pushed migration to outside states and districts was a common practice in the village. Seasonal migration of the entire or a part of the family was noticed owing to lack of job opportunity and immense poverty. In spite of many social and economic security schemes available for them, their struggle for livelihoods and income was never ending.

Prior to implementation of AJY, the forest land assigned to the VSS was a degraded, eroded and over exploited one. Community pressure on the forest for various products such as timber, fuelwood and NTFPs was very acute and the collection was disorganized. People were using the forest as a pasture land for animal grazing, and used to set fire in every summer with a belief to get good grass after an early shower. The villagers were not at all thought that protection, conservation and management of natural forest would be required for sustainable forest conservation.

After implementation of AJY in the VSS a series of meetings & trainings were conducted to create awareness among the people on forest protection, conservation and management. The real protectors of the forest, the VSS members joined their hands to protect their mother forest from all sorts of exploitation by putting their fullest effort. Activities like plantation over 10 ha of land and ANR without gap plantation over 50 ha. of land brought the greenery back in the completely denuded land and it also gave





ample opportunity to provide livelihood to the villagers of Bandapai village. As of now, about 5650 person-days of wage work have been generated in the VSS to provide engagement to the community members. Inter & intra state out flow of labourers have been reduced to a great extent by creation of such type of employment opportunity. Now the people of the VSS have been motivated and taken oath to protect their assigned forest. The villagers are also helping forest officials in protection and detection of forest offence and also in extinguishing forest fire. Podu cultivation has become a history in the village at present.

**A minor modification in the natural landscape can have a greater impact; a replicable story of Paraja Bhimdol VSS under Balda Range of Koraput DMU**



VSS Building of Paraja Bhimdol VSS

Paraja Bhimdol is a small village in Nandapur block of Koraput district. There are about 50 households with population of 145; all belong to Paraja and Jhadia community. Almost all the inhabitants of the village are forest dependents for their livelihoods and income. In other words, forest contributes a lot to them. Hence institutional mechanism for protection of the natural forest in and around the village was a felt need of the villagers over years. Being motivated by some volunteers, the villagers requested Balda Range Officer for inclusion their village under Joint Forest Management.

Following this, the FMU chief sent the PNGO team for an appraisal visit and to organize the people to form a Vana

Suraksha Samity. It was discovered during the visit that the soil of the village is rich in humus. So the team proposed for plantation activities in that village under Ama Jangala Yojana. The PNGO and the Department formed VSS in the village, conducted PRA, facilitated community based micro planning and got it approved. Finally the VSS was provided with a building in that village for meeting and multipurpose use.

After formation of VSS in the village, many activities pertaining to forest and environmental conservation and protection, livelihood promotion, awareness building and income enhancement were implemented in the village with support from AJY and convergence. The people also diversified their livelihoods options, other than depending exclusively on wood and leaves. They have initiated a drive on reduced and judicious utilization of the forest based resources by which cutting down of trees have been drastically minimized. In addition to this, deforestation is further reduced by supply of cooking gas connections to the households under PMUY. Now a limited number of forest produces are being collected by the villagers that include MFPs like jackfruit, Siali leaves, bamboo shoots and wild mushroom.

Many activities have been undertaken successfully by the VSS in collaboration and cooperation with AJY and line departments. Some of those have been presented below in a precise manner.

### **Game tank facilities in the Assigned Forest:**

The Paraja Bhimdol VSS had been provided 50Ha of Forest area for protection under JFM. Subsequently one game tank was dug in the assigned forest area, the water of which is being used by the wild animals, and farmers as well for cultivation purpose. The work has been done under state CAMPA by the forest department and the P- NGO, IAAED.





## Drinking water supply facility at the village



One permanent drinking water sources under SCA scheme has been created at Paraja Bhimdol village by AJY and P-NGO. The villagers are now accessing safe drinking water by a solar operated water pumping system; there by the priority issue of the village has been addressed successfully.

## IGAS through Women SHGs



There are 3 women SHGs within the VSS area, each having 10 members. All SHGs and individual members are into small business and IGAs for group and individual income enhancement. The women got into small business by producing vegetables and selling those in weekly market at Nandapur and Semiliguda. This fetch them additional income to fulfill their basic household and group needs.

## SMC in conservation of vegetation and improving water table

There is a visible change in the vegetative cover and moisture conservation in and around the village, after implementation of AJY. The geographical forest area of Paraja Bhimdol village has been increased by doing SMC and protection activities in additional 50 hectare of assigned area under JFM. Subsequently, within a couple of years, the water table in the village has been increased and the village is greener than ever before, which is evident from the

present landscape of the village. The vast foliage cover, bigger size dark green leaves of tree species in and around the VSS area in the present day indicate the positive changes in the soil moisture content and subsurface storage. This eventually will teach the entire forest community how a minor modification in the natural landscape can leave a footprint for years.



**Plantation made them Popular and brought a great honour for the VSS; A success story of Kechhupani VSS, Bamra WL DMU.**

Being motivated by the field staff and PNGO (SIDI) engaged under Bamra DMU, Kechhupani VSS was resolved under Ama Jangala Yojana in the year 2016. The inhabitants of Kechhupani village were, by nature, in love with forest and wildlife. Every year “Vana Mahotsav” is being observed by the villagers with participation of forest staff, PNGO members, school students and teachers with much enthusiasm. They were also interested in the activities like protection of forest from fire, afforestation and environmental sanitation. The VSS members have taken many initiatives towards



protection and conservation of forest and wildlife, which include organizing awareness campaigns through meetings and rallies to save the forest and plant trees. In the year 2019, an awareness rally of Jatiya Sabuja Vahini and Forest Department with participation of school children, teacher, VSS member & villagers was conducted on the occasion of 70th Vana Mahotsav celebration.

In addition to these, they have undertaken a commendable activity of planting one thousand saplings around their football field last year. The survival percentage of the plantation around the football field is about 95%. This was due to the sincere effort of the VSS and PNGO staff and proper care and maintenance of the saplings, such as regular weeding and soil working, tight fencing and fire protection activities. The VSS have been awarded with an amount of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) only for "Outstanding performance in plantation and Afforestation on the World Forestry Day" during the year 2019. The Sarpanch of Uchhakapat Gram Panchayat received the award from Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur on behalf of the VSS, who also praised the performance of the VSS.

### VSS pioneered the community development activities in the village; Case of Gayalmunda VSS under Keonjhar DMU

Gayalmunda is a tribal village under Ghatgaon Range of Keonjhar DMU, at about 12 km away from Dhenkikote. The VSS, formed during the year 2016-17, is located in a remote area surrounded by dense forest. The total population of this village is 253 consisting of 61 families. All the households belong to tribal community and come under BPL category. Being a forest dependent community, the primary occupation of the villagers is collection and selling of NTFPs.

The VSS was formed in this village by Keonjhar DMU under Ama Jangala Yojana with an assigned area of 62ha of forest land within Barabanka Reserve Forest.

Prior to the formation of VSS, the villagers were not interested for formation of any formal body for management of forest adjoining to their village. But, with sincere effort of P-NGO team and continuous sensitization through meetings and visits, the villagers had shown their interest and agreed to protect the forest under Joint Forest Management Concept. Various activities have been taken up in the VSS resulting in many assured livelihood opportunities for the VSS members, soil and moisture conservation, fire protection etc. under AJY. It is imperative to mention here that 28 families of this village have been included in the PMUY of Govt. of India and



LPG connections have been provided to them. Similarly 44 families of the villagers have been included in the sanitation program and sanitary toilets have been provided to them.

As a result of this initiative, the dependency of villagers on the forest for firewood has been notably decreased. This apart, the villagers had yearlong problems of road connectivity, electrification, drinking water and many basic needs, for which they were approaching the block officials several times for resolving these issues. But their voices had been hardly heard by anybody. After formation of VSS, the community effort has addressed all the above issues.

The P-NGO Team has prepared a Micro plan in consultation with the members of Gayalamunda VSS where in major issues and problems of the village have been placed on priority basis. The Micro plan was submitted to the concerned Gram Panchayat and got approved in the Gram Sabha. All the efforts have been taken to solve the problems of villagers by approaching to the concerned Departments, resulting in improvement in road connectivity, supply of drinking water and domestic electrification. The village is now connected with all weather roads and drinking water facility has been created in the village for the villagers.

## News Feed Highlight of the Major Events During the Quarter

### Celebration of Vana Mahotsava

70th Vana Mahotsava has been celebrated across DMUs with much enthusiasm and spirit. The celebration also includes plantations, awareness rallies, meetings and felicitations to persons/ institutions.



1. Celebration of Vanamahotsav at Santpur VSS of Kalahandi-N DMUs



2. Kutenpadara VSS of Kalahandi-N DMU



3. Batisuan VSS of Deogarh DMU



4. Rebana Palasapal VSS of Keonjhar WL

### World Elephant Day

World elephant day has been observed on 12th August, 2019 in Biru Purunasahi VSS under Angul DMU.



## Raksha Bandhan

Trees are the protector of our planet. As an innovative initiative, Raksha Bandhan to tree species was organized by the women members of Kechhupani VSS under Bamra-WL DMU on 15th of August, 2019. According to the VSS members, this initiative strengthen the emotional attachment between forest trees and forest dwellers & helps in reducing indiscriminate felling of trees.



## Meetings on 5-Ts of Governance

An orientation on the concept of 5-Ts of Governance was organized in the conference hall of OFSDS on 27th July, 2019, chaired by the Director, Shri L. K. Tewari. Following this, one meeting on 5-Ts of governance has been organized during the month of August, 2019 (24.08.2019). It has been decided to conduct meetings on 5T of governance during 4th Saturday each month.



## Up-Coming Events

Training for DEO (Accounts) for all AJY divisions has been scheduled on 16th - 17th October, 2019 at the conference hall of OFSDS, SFTRI Campus, Ghatikia, Bhubaneswar.

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