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Message from SECRETARY

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It is heartening to know that the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project has been extended by two years and has started the consolidation works for sustainability of its initiatives beyond the Project period. The project has supported 2376 VSSs for execution of major interventions in JFM mode in 11 Forest Divisions and 52 EDCs in Wild Life Divisions. I expect that our field functionaries and VSS must have achieved the plantation targets, planned for the year.

Enhancing the capacity of communities participating in Joint Forest Management activities is one of the main focuses of the Project. It is learnt that the Project has engaged Capacity Building Support Agencies (CBSA) for VSS / EDC members to equip them with desired knowledge / skill in technical, institutional and financial aspects for consolidation and sustaining VSS/EDC as empowered village institution for democratic and scientific forest resource governance. Similarly, Income Generating Activity Support Agencies (IGASAs) have been continuing for their support for capacity building, hand holding, skill trainings, clustering and market linkages for the SHGs so as to improve their economic condition.

I am sure that with active involvement of all stakeholders, the OFSDP will achieve its objectives and goals and the learning thereof can be used for wider replication across the State on a sustained basis.

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DFO's conference 2012



The State Level Conference of Divisional Forest Officers was organized at State Secretariat on 17th & 18th August, 2012. The Conference was Inaugurated by Shri Bjoyshree Routray, Hon'ble Minister, Forest & Environment. The Conference was attended by all Divisional Forest Officers, all Senior Forest Officers of the Department, Forest Corporation and the Senior Forest Officers in other Departments. The Conference was conducted by Shri R.K Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Shri P.N Padhi, IFS, PCCF, Odisha, Shri K. Jude Sekhar, IFS, PCCF (KL), Odisha, Shri J.D Sharma, IFS, PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, & Shri Vinod Kumar, IFS, Project Director, Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Minister released OFSDP booklet on 'OFSDP Highlights..... towards sustainability', launched 'Web GIS' and the new logo of the Odisha Forest Development Corporation Limited.

Issues related to all departmental activities from all wings of the Department were discussed in the conference. Practical field bottlenecks for implementation of MGNREGS were also discussed in presence of the Director, Panchayati Raj Dept. On OFSDP, the Project Director, OFSDP made a presentation on implementation of different project activities and highlighted

the issues concerning forestry sector vis a vis project progress. Following decisions were taken on deliberations for the project:

- (a) All project divisions were requested to identify suitable area for AR teak.
- (b) The RCCF, Baripada was requested to examine the issues concerning implementation of approved Casuarina harvesting and replanting scheme of Balasore & Bhadrak and to submit details of harvesting of 300 ha and replanting along with GPS details within 30th September, 2012.
- (c) DFO cum DMU Chiefs of Project Divisions having PA and issues of human-animal conflict were also requested to develop eco-development plan with EDC having proposals for Solar Power Fencings for mitigating Human Animal conflicts; excavation of small ponds for habitat management.
- (d) All DFOs (T,WL, KL) were requested to share their innovative approach/ success stories with photographs for publication in the OFSDP News Letter (Quarterly) for dissemination.

With the onset of monsoon, plantation activities with restoration of degraded forests on JFM (5th batch) sites over 11,480 ha, mangroves sites in JFM mode over 253 ha, Non JFM Teak plantation sites over 1,360 ha and Casuarinas sites over 49 ha have been taken up in 10 Divisional Management Units of Angul, Balliguda, Bonai, Jeypore, Koraput, Phulbani, Rayagada, Rourkela, Balasore WL & Bhadrak WL. These sites had been identified in 2011 for silvicultural works & pre-planting activities till plantations. Simultaneously, replacement of casualties in the plantations raised in earlier years were also taken up by all 11 Forest Divisions implementing OFSDP.

Financial Year	RESTORATION OF DEGRADED FORESTS							COASTAL PLANTATION			Grand Total	
	JFM MODE IN VSS							AR Teak (Non JFM Mode)	Mangrove	Casuarinas		Total
	ANR	BLOCK PLANTATION IN VSS					Total plantation under JFM					
Eco		Fuel & Fodder	Bamboo & Cane	NTPF	Total							
upto 2011-12	1,47,358	7,497	8,248	2,294	19,112	37,151	1,84,509	11,572	2,516	92	2,608	1,98,689
2012-13	7,688	812	533	214	2,233	3,792	11,480	1,360	253	49	302	13,142
Total	1,55,046	8,309	8,781	2,508	21,345	40,943	1,95,989	12,932	2,769	141	2,910	2,11,831

Mass Plantation:

Mass Plantation Programme by OFSDP Divisions was organized this year also along with all Forest Divisions of the State on 07th July, 2012. The Forest Department over 5 years to create awareness and to sensitize the people on tree plantation with its impact on amelioration of environment and reduction of global warming has been conducting mass plantations on a single day by involving people from all walks of life in all Forest Ranges.



Parlakhemundi Division on the the occasion planted 96,000 seedlings of tree species i.e. Acaccia, Chakunda, Gambhar, Amla, Badachakunda, Kadamba, Cashew, Karanja, Mango, Jackfruit, Teak, Sissoo & Sunari in 07 FMU cum Ranges. Apart from this, awareness activities, free distribution of seedlings, quiz competition

amongst school students and plantation by different line departments were also organized.

At Jeypore DMU, local Panchayati Raj members, Journalists, Academicians, learned people, NGOs, Schools and College students, VSS members and other departments' staff participated & planted on the day in Borigumma, Boipariguda, Gupteswar, Jeypore, Kotpada and Kundra FMU cum Ranges. Awareness programme like mass rally, campaign, meetings were organized to spread the message among all categories of people about the

importance of forest, different livelihood based afforestation programme and plantation works. Further, junior and senior level debate and painting competition had also been organized among school students and prizes were distributed to successful competitors.



Eco-Clubs of Govt High Schools of Jeypore, Narapader, Bagra & Mundiguda took up plantation inside their school campus.

At Phulbani Forest Division, mass Plantation was observed in all



most all seven FMU cum Ranges of Phulbani Forest Division on 7th July 2012. Local stakeholders along with FMU staffs were engaged in mass plantation. In Phulbani Range, the mass

plantation work was held at Garakumpa village having VSS implementing OFSDP from 2nd phase. Total planting area was 17ha. Before taking the area into mass planting of different species, the land was lying barren and the site was selected with preparation for the day of Mass plantation to give it a new look for productive purpose. Total 27,200 tree seedlings of Teak (10,000), Chakunda(5,200), Karanja(6,000) and Simaruba(6000) were planted on this date. On the day of mass plantation, a mega

meeting was organised at the plantation site to create awareness about degradation of forest and its impact on the environment, for livelihood of the people and, on benefits of plantation. DFO, Phulbani, SP of Kandhamal district, Local MLA, Block Chairman, Zilla Parishad member, Sarpanch of Khajuripada panchayat, Ward member of Garakumpa were attraction of the meeting. The villagers of neighbouring Jhagadapata VSS and R.Nuagaon, students from R. Nuagaon High School & Garakumpa U.P. School participated both in the meeting and in planting of seedlings. This was one of the successful mass plantation programme in the division with peoples participation.

Vana mahostav was celebrated in all ranges of Rayagada forest

Division. Total 1, 31,287 saplings were planted in the week. In Rayagada range 24,580, Tikiri 18150, Kashiipur 92, Gunupur 16655, Gudari 18400, Muniguda 16410 and in K Singhpur 37000 saplings were planted by department, other public offices, Schools & Colleges, Clubs & Samitis.



SUCCESS STORY

PONDIKOTE VSS IN NABARANGPUR FOREST DIVISION

Pondikote is a tribal village, located at 7 Km from Papadahandi. The village constitutes of about 80% tribals, 15% schedule caste and 5% of other caste. The poverty and short term livelihood urgency on exploiting neighbouring good forests over two decades accentuated the deterioration of the natural forest. Vast tracks of the forest areas in Baghsargi RF and Phatakote RL were encroached for cultivation of short duration crops. This unplanned exploitation gained momentum and the forest cover lost its vigour and was decimated to shrubby forest. However, some villagers with farsightedness gathered courage to motivate the hackers to desist from the pernicious habit of destroying natural wealth. About 8 years back the villagers realized the follies and came to a common platform to protect the neighbouring forest areas. They protected the forest and refrain



Harnessing Support of Villagers of Pondikote

other villages from damaging their protected areas. The endeavour of the villagers caught the attention of the Forest Division six years back. The Vana Sanrakshyana Sammittee (VSS) was constituted in the village on 20.01.2003. The VSS also unanimously resolved to plant encroached areas in Baghsargi RF and Phatakote RL adjoining Pandikote village along with protection of existing natural growth. The villagers evinced interest in plantation activities and willingly declared to evict the encroached areas for a common cause.

AR MIX PLT. - 2004-05(RLTAP) At Pondikote



Nabarangpur Forest Division raised plantation in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2008-09 & 2009-10 over 30 ha, 35 ha, 45 ha, 20 ha, 25 ha, and 70 ha respectively. These plantations are being looked after by the villagers and "Thengapali" is being practised in the village for contributory protection. All the plantations have been successfully established. The endeavour of the villagers, which started in a modest way, has caught up with the time and the present achievement is laudable and praise worthy. All out effort is being made to support the cause of the villagers in disseminating the ideas of Joint Forest Management.

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Science Express

BIODIVERSITY SPECIAL



Special train decorated as "Science Express-Biodiversity Special" in 2012 had been launched by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India from Delhi station on 9th April 2012. The Special Train and activities of awareness with participation along the train route was precursor to the 11th Conference of the Parties (COP-11) to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) held in Hyderabad from 01-19 October, 2012 to be attended by over 170 countries.

This special train moved through Odisha in the month of July 2012 and halted for days on 4 Railway Stations at Rourkela, Sambalpur, Cuttack and Berhampur for public viewing and participation. From our State, biodiversity conservation practices had been exhibited in the train under the theme of "Deccan" & "Coastal and Islands".

This special train was having 8 coaches decorated under different themes like, Biodiversity (Generic), Himalayas, Deserts (also include arid, semi arid and dry sub humid areas), Gangetic Plains, Western Ghats, Deccan, North East Region, Coastal & Islands. Some of the biogeographic zones had been clubbed under one theme due to similarity in biodiversity. Besides, activities like Panel discussions, Film show, Philately exhibition and competitions were taken up on the platform of the halting stations. Large number of students from schools and colleges visited the express.



EMPOWERING VILLAGE INSTITUTIONS THROUGH Capacity Building Activities

Capacity Building is a focused activity of OFSDP, which aims at enhancing the capacity of Forest Department staff, VSS/EDC members, SHG groups and the community at large which in turn helps in improving their forest cover and in minimizing dependence of forest for livelihood. Regular trainings are being organized through project at Divisions for all the stake holders. Topics of trainings are identified and details formulated with current assessment, project learnings as well as emerging needs.

Under the project till September 2012, one hundred eleven trainings have been organized by the PMU and 1,236 Field Officers have been trained. 38 Officers have been sent abroad to get improvised skills and



SMC Training

knowledge on application of different modern techniques on forestry, wild life and biodiversity management. Important trainings imparted through PMU are Nursery Techniques, Micro planning, Need based SMC in Forest areas, Ecotourism management, Micro finance and Micro enterprise, Root trainer nurseries, NTFP management, Sustainable management of natural forests, Enforcement of Wildlife Act and intelligence gathering, Positive Attitudinal Changes, Bamboo management, Total Quality Management, Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Result Based Management and others.



Study team in Kakadu National Park, Australia



Training on Nature Guide & Interpreters



Training on Bhalia Processing

Capacity Building through DMUs

Trainings have been organized by DMUs for grass-root level project workers & Executive Committee members since inception of OFSDP from time to time till March 2012 including VSS/EDC/SHG members. Total 56,056 Persons have been trained till March, 2012 on one or more modules of trainings as detailed below:

Capacity building of persons

Trainings imparted by Divisional Management Units of OFSDP upto March 2012

Sl No.	Name of the DMU	No. of persons trained	No. of person days
1	Angul	21,226	37,544
2	Balliguda	2,292	6,268
3	Bonai	4,012	4,928
4	Deogarh	2,467	63,982
5	Jeypore	4,488	5,225
6	Keonjhar	1,753	19,899
7	Koraput	1,901	39,023
8	Paralakhemundi	2,263	9,799
9	Phulbani	1,202	6,681
10	Rayagada	9,855	23,486
11	Rourkela	1,462	11,866
12	Bhadrak(WL)	1,191	714
13	Balasore(WL)	221	1,040
14	Satkosia(WL)	1,723	1,856
Grand total		56,056	2,32,311

Capacity Building Modules

Training Modules for VSS

1. VSS/EDC Promotion, Awareness & Information Dissemination on OFSDP
2. Micro-planning-I: Baseline Data Collection, PRA at village level & Livelihood Analysis etc.
3. Soil and Moisture Conservation, CCT (where applicable)
4. VSS/EDC Exposure Visit to Best Practices within DMU
5. Micro-planning-II: Input from exposure, Forest Development Plan, Species selection including Nursery, Fodder & Forage Selection, Village Perspective Plan, Annual Plan and Utilization of grid map for detailed micro-planning
6. VSS Book Keeping, Fund Management, Micro-Finance
7. Forest Protection - Grazing Management & Fire Control
8. Livelihoods Visioning, IGA, Skill Transfer Training, Health
9. Participatory Monitoring & Review of VSS activities

10. Refresher Training on VSS Book Keeping, Fund Management and Loaning to SHG
11. Need based Training/Refresher for VSS/ EDC/ SHG/ CIG

Training Modules for SHG

1. SHG/CIG Promotion & OFSDP Livelihood Perspectives
2. SHG Book Keeping, Fund Management and Micro-Finance
3. SHG / CIG- IGA, Microenterprise and Marketing
4. SHG Exposure Visit to Best Practices within DMU
5. SHG Exposure Visit to Best Practices within DMU
6. Need based Training/Refresher for SHG/ CIG

Training Modules for EDC (in PA and in Mangroves areas)

1. Livelihood Improvement includes Visioning, IGA, Skill Transfer & Convergence
2. EDC formation, activation, Rejuvenation, Election of EC and Management Guideline
3. Training on Book Keeping of EDC, Accounting of EDC, Fund Management of EDC & Loaning to SHGs
4. Forest Protection, Grazing Management & Forest Fire Control
5. Participatory Monitoring & Review of EDC Activities
6. SHG / CIG- IGA, Micro Enterprise, Entrepreneurship Development, Business Development Plan and Marketing
7. Bio-Diversity Conservation - Need, Importance and Management
8. Mitigation of Man-Animal Conflict and Depredation Techniques
9. Community Biodiversity Register
10. Mangrove Restoration & Management
11. Fodder Cultivation
12. Team Building & Participatory Conflict Resolution & Decision Making
13. Refresher Training for each EDC comprising Project Components

Capacity Building through CBSA

Project during 2012 has engaged Capacity Building Support Agencies (CBSA) at each Divisional Management Units for VSS/EDC to equip them with desired level of knowledge/skill in technical, institutional and financial aspects for consolidation of OFSDP programmes upto 2015 and for sustainability of VSS/ EDC beyond 2015 as empowered village institution for community development with forest resource management at local level. This has provided impetus to capacity building of Executive Body members of VSS & EDC and their identified working group members. Between March 2012 and September, 2012, total number of persons trained on one or more of 6 designed training modules are 10,204. The different modules of trainings are :

Training Modules for VSS

Consolidation training modules - Reorienting and VSS functioning; Financial management & Book keeping; VSS Institutionalization, Leadership and Conflict Resolution; Revisit of micro plans; NTFP augmenting & sustainable harvesting, Soil & Moisture Conservation & Forest Protection, Fire Control & Grazing management,

Sustainability training modules - ANR Silviculture, Biodiversity & change monitoring, Peoples' Biodiversity Register; Innovation - development concept; Model VSS Management technical processes; Monitoring, review and revision of forest management; Fund raising and management of VFDF; Institutional Interface and Convergence; Forest management and Village Development; Model VSS management; Institutional processes, Strengthening leadership.



Training Modules for EDC



Consolidation training modules - Coastal Plantations-Mangrove & Casuarina Management, Participatory Growth & Impact monitoring;

Revisit to micro plan, convergence plan for Forest & Community Development; EDC Institutionalization, Leadership & Conflict Resolution; Book keeping, Accounting and Fund management of EDC & loaning to SHGs; Ecotourism & Livelihood Intervention by EDC.

Sustainability training modules - Mangroves (Fishery & Fodder) & Casuarina (fuel) Resource management; Fuel & Fodder land Development; Promotion of ecotourism and sustainable livelihood; Convergence with line department and Team Building; Strengthening and Management of VFDF; People' Biodiversity register; Institutional interface and Convergence.

Persons Trained by CBSA up to September,2012

Sl No.	Name of the DMU	No. of persons trained	No. of person days
1	Angul	1,323	2,731
2	Satkosia(WL)	156	199
3	Rourkela	914	1,616
4	Deogarh	609	1,962
5	Bonai	604	1,477
6	Paralakhemundi	382	527
7	Balasore(WL)	68	136
8	Bhadrak(WL)	105	260
9	Balliguda	520	812
10	Jeypore	619	1,961
11	Keonjhar	1,179	2,585
12	Koraput	2,114	3,170
13	Phulbani	982	1,734
14	Rayagada	639	1,126
Grand Total		10,204	20,296

Participation of OFSDP in the Agriculture Exhibition-cum-Sale 2012 of Golden Jubilee-Celebrations of "OUAT" in Bhubaneswar

Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP) participated in the Agriculture Exhibition-cum- Sale-2012 organized by "OUAT" Bhubaneswar from 22nd-24th August 2012 on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Project facilitated 18 members of 9 SHGs, one each from 09 DMUs of Angul, Balliguda, Jeypore, Keonjhar, Koraput, Parlakhemundi, Phulbani, Rayagada and Rourkela to showcase their products in the Exhibition. The SHGs marketed about 40 products on NTFPs, handicrafts, farm and non-farm based items to the visitors worth amounting to Rs 85,000/-. Good demand was for Hill brooms, Turmeric (both powder & fingers), Jhuna, Pulses, Ragl, Bamboo Crafts, Honey, Harida, Bahada, Aonla, etc. The SHG members, who came from very remote areas, had a wonderful and rich experience on visiting the capital city, selling their products at such a platform. They were very happy and thankful to OFSDP as well as to OUAT for providing them such an opportunity.



Income Generation Activities (IGAs)

Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project supports for various capacity building programmes in enhancing the Income Generation Activities (IGAs) mainly of Forest dependent communities for augmenting alternative livelihood options. Most of the trainings are imparted to SHG members of VSS/EDC, who undertake the IGAs. By September 2012, above 5,400 SHGs Involved with IGA process in 2,200 VSS & EDC have been associated with Project. The specialized IGA Support Agencies (IGASA) are engaged by the project for SHG's business plan development, capacity building thereon, for handholding process and market linkages for promotion of IGAs. Simultaneously, the EC members as well as the Project staffs are also being trained so that they would also facilitate SHG in business of the IGAs. Following categories of the training programmes have been carried out through IGASA at each Divisional Management Unit:



Name of the Training programmes	Total no. of person days training imparted			
	During the year 2010-11	During the year 2011-12	During the year 12-13 (upto Sept, 12)	Total
SHG Foundation Training	10050	11370	6570	27990
Training on Micro Enterprise Management (MEM)	15030	11040	7800	33870
Skill Development Training	3750	6120	3300	13170
Exposure Visits	2940	5460	1860	10260
Refresher Training on MEM	-	21420	2610	24030
Revolving Fund Management	-	-	600	600
Grand total	31770	55410	22740	109920

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