



# NEWSLETTER

## Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project

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### PD's Desk

With New Year greetings of year-2012, the first issue of OFSDP News Letter is being communicated in the 6<sup>th</sup> year. I am also glad to inform you that project period has been extended over two years for interventions towards consolidation of activities undertaken since inception. As informed through the April-June, 2011 issue of OFSDP News Letter, the planned programmes for consolidation and sustainability of project activities by the Vana Surakhya Samities and Eco-Development Committees are now approved to be put in operation during 2012.

The present issue high-lights the project activities – awareness and dissemination from the VSS level to State level as well as at National level through participation of SHG members, VSS/EDC members and project officials. I would therefore, urge upon the VSSs & EDCs implementing the project to regularly undertake designed participatory research of ANR activities as well as participatory monitoring and evaluation of Micro-plan implementation for restoration of their forests and for community development with livelihood opportunities. I am sure these two activities undertaken regularly by the Executive Committees would enable VSS & EDC for consolidating the developments in forests and community, and for empowerment towards sustainability.

Jai Utkal Janani,

(Vinod Kumar)  
Project Director

## Celebration: World Forestry Day



World Forestry Day was celebrated by Forest & Environment Department with active involvement of OFSDP at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2012. Minister of Forest & Environment Dept. Sri Devi Prasad Mishra graced the occasion as chief guest and Sri Pravat Ranjan Mohanty as chief speaker. Sri Raj Kishore Sharma, IAS, Pr. Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Dept. , Sri Priyanath Padhi, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha and Sri. J.D.Sharma, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL), Odisha were the other guests on dais. A book on compilation of stories named 'Pilanka Jangal Kahani' written by the participant students of Odisha Environment Congress was released along with a booklet named 'Highlights of Odisha Forest Department, 2011-12'. The best Educational Institutions, Best students and the best forest personnel with outstanding performance towards protection & conservation of Forests were rewarded and felicitated on this occasion. An exhibition on different activities related to the Forest Department was made where, different Project activities of OFSDP were also exhibited through thematic photographs. Two 3D Models on 'Model VSS under OFSDP' and 'Smokeless Fuel Efficient Chullah' were also displayed. Different SHG groups of Project Division also showcased their products. The exhibition was highly appreciated by the visitors.



# 6<sup>th</sup> HPC Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> High Power Committee Meeting of OFSDS was held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at the State Secretariat. The Chief Secretary and President of OFSDS, Sri Bijay Kumar Patnaik, IAS presided the meeting. A detailed review of the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project was made

Act, 2011. On the occasion, one book titled 'Capacity Building Compendium' and 'News Letter' of quarter ending September, 2011 was released.

Other members/officers present were; Sri R. N. Senapati, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner-cum-ACS and Vice President of OFSDS, Sri R. K. Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary Forest & Environment Department, Sri P. N. Padhi, IFS, PCCF Odisha, Sri Vinod Kumar, IFS, PD, OFSDP, Sri J. D. Sharma, IFS, PCCF (WL), Dr. R. V. Singh, IFS, OSD & Special Secretary, Planning & Co-ordination Dept., Sri A. K.



and budget for the year 2011-12 was approved. The Annual Activity Report 2010-11 was also approved. The HPC also concurred for altering the name of the society as 'Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society' in pursuance of the Orissa (Alteration of Name)

Mishra, IA & AS, Special Secretary, Finance Dept., Dr. A. K. Padhee, IAS, Director Projects, Panchayati Raj Dept., Sri S. K. Popli, IFS, Director, ST & SC Development Dept., and Sri D. Biswal, IFS & Sri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS, Jt. PDs, OFSDP.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the conference hall of Rajiv Bhawan, Bhubaneswar under the chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner-cum-ACS and Chairperson of Governing Body Sri R.N. Senapati, IAS. Sri P.N. Padhi IFS, PCCF Odisha, Sri Vinod Kumar IFS, PD, OFSDP, Sri J.D. Sharma IFS, PCCF (WL), Sri B.P. Singh IFS, Spl. Secretary, F&E Deptt., Sri P.K. Behera, Secretary NEWS, Sri Rajiv Kumar IFS, Sri D.D. Biswal IFS & Sri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS all Jt. PDs of OFSDP were present in the meeting. Matters like extension of project period, construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan, installation of smokeless fuel efficient chullas and others were discussed. Review of approved action plan for 2011-12 and progress there upon was made. Action Plan and budget estimate for the year 2012-13 was also decided for approval of HPC.





# Adivasi Mela-2012

Theme of this year's Adivasi Mela : Better Livelihood & Happy Life



Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP), like the previous years, participated in State Level Annual Adivasi Mela -2012 from 26<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012. This mela provides a platform to the tribal people for showcasing their culture & products and exposure to the modern developments.

OFSDP, this year, facilitated 48 SHGs & 82 members from 39 Vana Surakhya Samities (VSSs) of 11 territorial Project Forest Divisions to participate in the Mela. They made a business of Rs.7.65 lakh over a period of 11 days by selling more than 50 varieties of products, of different NTFPs, handicrafts, farm and nonfarm based items. Good demand for hill brooms, turmeric (both powder & fingers), jhuna, pulses, ragi, bamboo crafts, honey, harida, bahada, aonla, etc. was noticed.

Forest and Environment Department's organizations, OFSDP, OBDA (Odisha Bamboo Development Agency) and SMPB (State Medicinal Plant Board) exhibited their community products in a common stall (sponsored by OFSDP) with 15 display/sale counters. The visitors showed keen interest to purchase different items from the stall as the materials were of good quality and organic in nature. The video documentary films on project activities were also played and appreciated by the visitors.

The SHG / VSS members, who hailed from very remote areas, had a wonderful and rich experience from visiting the capital city, selling their products at such a platform and interacting with other SHG members. They seemed to be very happy and were thankful that the Project provided them with such an opportunity.







Mr. Vinod Kumar, Project Director, OFSDP addressing the participants at Sameekshya - 2011

The State level Annual Review Meeting "Sameekshya 2011" was held on 29<sup>th</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012. The objective of the Annual Review Meeting is to provide a forum for exchange of views amongst the staff members from PMU, DMU, FMU and key representatives of the Vana Suraksha Samities (VSSs), and also to share the best practices for replication, identification of technical, social and managerial issues to be addressed for proper implementation of the Project and provide feedback on appropriate measures to address issues/problems and lessons learnt for adoption in Project management. The progress of the Project was also reviewed.

The first day of Sameekshya-2011 was organized at Hotel Pal Heights, Bhubaneswar, which was attended by the Regional CCFs; DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs, Field level Expert (FLE), one Sr. FEO, two Range Officers-cum-FMU Chiefs, two VSS Member Secretaries, two VSS Presidents, two Animators from each Project Division; Officers from PMU; and the Experts of the General Consultants. In altogether, about 170 participants participated in the Review Meeting. There was an exhibition of IGA products of SHGs, photographs, posters depicting project activities & outcome in all 14 project Divisions. The exhibition

# Annual Review Sameeksha



## Prizes for the best VSS in each DMU based on the "evaluation of VSS per

DMU	FMU	Best Performing VSS (2010-11)
1 Angul	Raigoda	Pokatunga
2 Balliguda	K. Nuagaon	Kundari
3 Bonai	Bonai	Nuadihi
4 Deogarh	Reamal	Jharjhari
5 Jeypore	Gupteswar	Badapada
6 Keonjhar	Keonjhar	Champadihi
7 Koraput	Balda	Luluburu
8 Parlakhemundi	Chandragiri	Daabada
9 Phulbani	Raikia	Katedikia
10 Rayagada	Rayagada	Kumango
11 Rourkela	Kuarmunda	Chainpur



DMU	Animator	VSS
1. Angul	Mr. Chabinndra Dehury	Poktung
2. Baliguda	Mr. Siman Mallick	Sraliguda
3. Bhadrak	Mr. Manoranjan Nayak	Mohanpur,
4. Bonai	Mr. Dakhina Munda	Lunga
5. Deogarh	Ms. Mini Sundhi	Elisuan
6. Jeypore	Mr. Arjun Majhi	Phokhangunda
7. Keonjhar	Mr. Fhakira Mohanta	Dhobapitana
8. Koraput	Mr. Adi Praska	Timajhola
9. Paralakhemundi	Mr. Esrael Dal Behera	Chadiapada
10. Phulbani	Mr. Kishor Ch. Kanhar	Lambaguduri
11. Rayagada	Mr. Balaram Toika	Gunupur
12. Rourkela	Mr. Sohan Singh	Ergada
13. Satkosia W/L Dvn	Ms. Jhunuta Pradhan	Chotkei EDC

Best Animators nominated from each DMU for OFSDP-NK Award.



A cash support of Rs 2000/- each and a trophy were given.





# Review Meeting Sameekshya 2011



Book titled "Institutional Strengthening - Performance Assessment of 3rd Batch VSSs" Report being released by our esteemed guests.

Performance" were presented on this occasion. The list is provided below:



and review programme was inaugurated by Shri B. K. Patnaik, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha and President, Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society. Shri R. N. Senapati, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner & Vice-President, Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society, R.K Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Odisha, Forest & Environment Department, Shri P.N Padhi, IAS, PCCF, Odisha, Shri J.D Sharma, IAS, PCCF (WL) Orissa and Sri Vinod Kumar, IAS Project Director also participated in the inaugural session and addressed the participants. On this occasion a book titled, 'Institutional Strengthening and Performance assessment of 3<sup>rd</sup> batch VSS' was released. Two representatives from each division shared their best practices/success stories.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the "Sameekshya 2011", a detail review of the physical and financial achievements under the project was made at PMU, which was attended by all the Regional CCFs and DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs and officers from PMU.



OFSDP-NK Awards (A cash support of Rs 2000/- each and a trophy) for Project Component/Theme wise achievement were also given to selected animators for their contribution to Project Component / Theme.

Project Component	Animator	DMU	VSS
1 SMC	Mr Judhistir Pika,	Jeypore	Mankdiatal VSS
2 EPA	Mr Kumuda Charana Sahoo	Phulbani	Pidiapanga VSS
3 IGA	Mr Dushashan Mahanta	Bonai	Ganighasa VSS
4 Convergence	Mr Indramani Sahu	Angul	Bhagirathipur VSS
5 Smokeless Chullah	Mr Padma Charan Naik	Keonjhar	Bunbeharipur VSS
6 Humus Building	Mr Trinath Masadi	Koraput	Rajsankar





# PARTICIPATION AT National Cross Learning Workshop



National cross learning workshop named 'Strengthening Livelihoods for sustainable Management of Forests' of JICA assisted forestry projects was held at Bengaluru from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Project Director Sri Vinod Kumar, IFS, Joint Project Director Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS and Deputy Project Director Sri Devasis Biswal of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project participated in the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. P.J. Dilip Kumar, IFS, DG Forests and Sri Kousik Mukharjee, IAS Principal Secretary to Govt of Karnataka, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department. Sri B. Shivanagowda, IFS, Project Director, Karnataka delivered the welcome speech. Sri Hiroshi Suzuki, Chief representative JICA India, Sri A K Bansal, IFS Addl. DG Forest, Sri R.K Goel IFS, IG, Forests (EAP), Sri A.K Verma, IFS, PCCF, Karnataka, Sri B.K Singh, IFS, PCCF (WL), Karnataka, Sri Vinod Kumar IFS Project Director Odisha, Sri R.S Rawat, IFS, PCCF Uttarakhand were present on the occasion. All the JICA funded states showcased the IEC material and few of them also displayed the SHG products. Many publications including Ecotourism Policy of Sikkim were also released on this occasion. OFSDP organized display of IEC materials and SHG products at stall in the venue. A film show on Eco-Tourism at Satkosia made by OFSDP was made which was very much appreciated by the delegates of different participating states. Cultural programs were arranged on the second day evening. On the last day of the workshop a field visit was organized. Good practices and cross learning from this 3<sup>rd</sup> such workshop organized by JICA on ecotourism & biodiversity, forest restoration in participatory manners, application of technologies, IGAs changing lives and economy and rigorous M&E were shared.



# Training on Quality Management...

Two numbers of one day Management Development training programmes entitled 'An Exposure to Total Quality Management' were organized in the conference hall of Project Management Unit, Bhubaneswar on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 where 37 nos. of senior field level Forest Officers in the rank of A.C.F to C.C.F participated. The course was designed on the concept of Quality and Total Quality Management, Edward Demming's 14 principles of Management and its implementation in the day-to-day activities of OFSDP. There was a practical session in the programme on problem- solving techniques employed in Total Quality Management. Dr. P.C.Panda, Principal Consultant of Neelanchal Management Associates, Bhubaneswar & his team member Sri. Bijoy Dash imparted the above trainings.

Sri Vinod Kumar, IFS, Project Director inaugurated the training on both the dates and explained to the participants in brief the need of such training where management of Forests at this juncture faces serious challenges and there is a scope of Total Quality Management in the Forestry sector.



## Orientation Workshop for Capacity Building of VSSs/EDCs

One Orientation workshop was organized in the Conference Hall of CYSD, Bhubaneswar on 13.02.2012 for execution of different Capacity Building trainings in different VSS/EDCs by Capacity Building Support Agencies (CBSAs). All the three Joint Project Directors, DPD (FT&T), DMU Chiefs, FES (CB) of respective DMUs, representatives of the Capacity Building Support Agencies (CBSA), Capacity Building Coordinators and GC, OFSDP attended the workshop. A detailed discussion was made on need of the workshop, methodology for impact assessment of different trainings imparted to VSS/EDCs and how to prepare the Capacity Building Strategy Documents by the CBSA and commencing the need based trainings in different VSS/EDCs.

Sri Vinod Kumar, IFS, Project Director, OFSDP inaugurated the above workshop and gave his valuable inputs for execution of different Capacity Building Trainings by CBSA.







Celebration of Republic Day at PMU, OFSDP. All the staffs & SHG Member, who attended *Adivasi Mela - 2012* participated in the occasion.

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