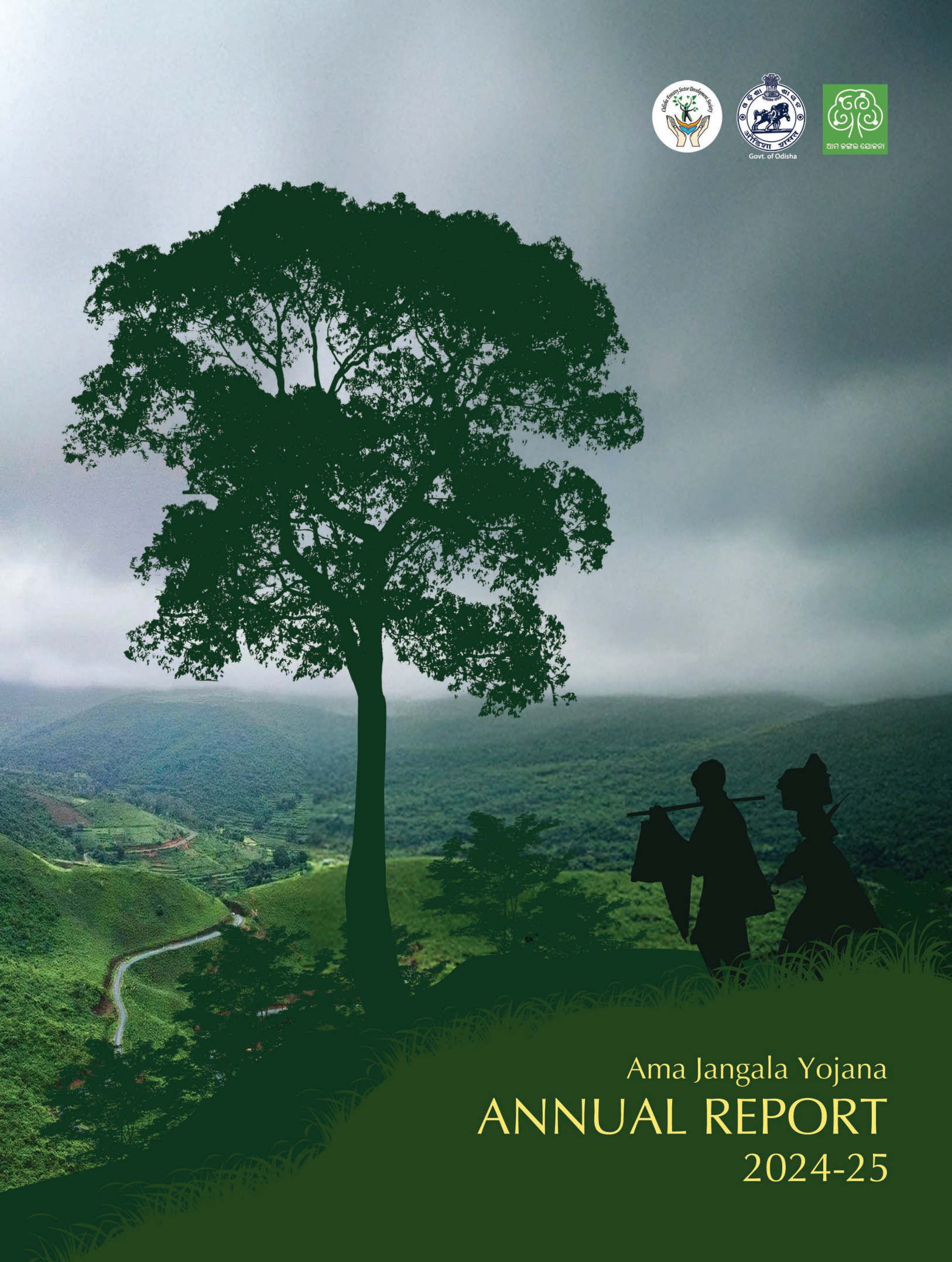




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FOREWORD

Ama Jangala Yojana, a flagship programme under Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Odisha, is being implemented in 22 Forest and Wildlife Divisions of the State in Joint Forest Management mode. The Scheme aims to promote Sustainable Forest Management and create alternative livelihood opportunities for the forest fringe dwelling communities so that the pressure on forest resources for their day to day requirements is minimized, and thereby, forest resources are protected.

The Scheme is under implementation since 2016-17 through Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs), the village-based organization. At present, the Scheme has completed its 9th year of implementation in which 4,601 VSSs and 14,263 Women Self Help Groups have been mobilized to implement the Scheme. Partner NGOs have been engaged for carrying out community development and livelihood promotion activities under the Scheme.

The community centric forest protection and management initiatives under Ama Jangala Yojana are noteworthy. Under the Scheme, about 2,30,523 Ha of assigned forest areas have been protected and regenerated through various operations. It is quite inspiring that, no major fire outbreak has been recorded in the AJY Assigned Forest Areas in spite of long dry spells and alarming forest fire incidences throughout the State. Under livelihood promotion initiative, about 36.04 lakh persons have been benefitted through various convergence programmes under AJY till the financial year 2024-25. A number of Capacity Building Training programmes have also been conducted for various stakeholders to enhance their skills and competencies. The Annual Report 2024-25 of Ama Jangala Yojana contains the detailed information about the progress under various components of the Scheme. This would serve as a reference document on progress and achievements made under the Scheme during the current year as well as the entire project period.

The VSS members, Divisional Forest Officers, field staff, support personnel and PNGO teams have been associated with implementation of AJY Scheme, and, it is for their hard work that substantial progress has been made during the year 2024-25. The effort put by AJY Cell at PMU for monitoring the programme as well as for the publication of this report is also praiseworthy.

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PREFACE

Ama Jangala Yojana has completed its 9th year of implementation covering about 4.2 lakh households under 23 Forest Divisions of Odisha. Forest centric holistic development of the forest fringe dwelling communities through people's participation has been the core focus of Ama Jangala Yojana. The Scheme emphasizes on protection of existing forest area and restoration of degraded forests which also includes livelihood promotion of the forest fringe dwelling communities and capacity building of the community members on various aspects of natural resource management.

About 4.2 lakh Households of the State covering 14,263 women SHGs and 4601 villages have been directly benefitted through the Scheme. After 9 years of implementation, the results are encouraging with a larger outreach and great impact on the holistic development of the community. Protection of forests from fire incidences has been a special drive during the present year in addition to the routine project activities. In spite of prolong dry period and alarming heat wave, there are limited reports of forest fire incidences in the assigned forest areas under AJY.

The livelihood promotion initiatives have resulted in a great impact on the household income of the forest fringe dwelling communities. Owing to the limited financial support from the Project for livelihood promotion, these activities have been carried out by leveraging funds from other Line Departments through convergence. Though it was a herculean task, AJY team could mobilize Rs. 1230.27 crore for the community development and livelihood promotion of the forest fringe dwelling communities from 41 Line Departments, CSR and NGOs. This was made possible due to strong commitment of the team members. Moreover, AJY is one among the few projects that reaches out to the remotest and inaccessible pockets of the State.

It is my privilege to share that many of milestones of the AJY have been achieved during the implementation and extension period. The Annual Activity Report, 2024-25 contains detail information on the activities and events accomplished under AJY during the year. I wish to place on record its substantial progress with the sincere and committed efforts of all PMU, DMU and FMU Officials; the P-NGO teams and support and cooperation of VSS members who are working with great dedication.

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Summary of the Project Achievements:

Project Synopsis

Ama Jangala Yojana is being implemented in the State through Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society with an emphasis on protection and restoration of Forests and livelihood support for the communities living in the forest fringe villages. Forest centric holistic development of the forest fringe dwelling communities through people's participation has been the core focus of Ama Jangala Yojana. The Scheme emphasizes on forest protection, community mobilization, capacity building of the community members on various aspects of natural resource management and livelihood promotion initiatives.

The Scheme is under implementation since 2016-17 and is now being implemented in 22 Forest and Wildlife Divisions of the State through grassroots institutions called Vana Suraksha Samiti (VSS). The Scheme has completed its 9th year of implementation in which 4,601 VSSs and 14,263 Women Self Help Groups have been mobilized to implement the programme. In addition to this, local partner NGOs are working under AJY for carrying out community development and livelihood promotion activities.

Presently the Scheme is being implemented in 16 districts covering a treatment area of 2,30,523 Ha under 4601 VSSs. About 4.2 lakh households and 14,263 women SHGs of the State under 4601 villages have been directly benefited through the Scheme. All the activities are being carried out with active participation of community based institutions called Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs) operating under Joint Forest Management (JFM) mode. The State CAMPA & State Plan (Programme Expenditure) are the major sources of funding for Ama Jangala Yojana. The Scheme has completed its implementation phase in the year 2021-22. However, the Government of Odisha has extended the period of the project till completion of the maintenance activities.

As mandated in the project, participatory village level micro-plans have been prepared in all 4601 villages under the project. In addition to this, 14,263 numbers of women Self Help Groups are linked to various Income Generation Activities (IGAs) through Inter-Sectoral Convergence (ISC) with the assistance of Schemes of various Line Departments. By the end of financial year 2024-25, Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)-without gap plantation has been carried out in 2,09,543 Ha of forest area and ANR-with gap plantation has been carried out in 19,975 Ha of forest area in AJY project areas. Apart from these, 1005 Ha of forest land in 12 Forest Divisions have been covered under Block Plantations. Forest protection activities like survey, demarcation, pillar postings, soil and moisture conservation measures and fire protection activities have also been carried out in the assigned areas of all 4601 VSSs. Soil & Moisture Conservation activities such as Loose Boulder Check Dams (LBCD) and staggered trenches have been created in the assigned areas under the project. The fire incidents in the assigned forest areas under AJY have been successfully managed with the help of proactive response of the VSS members and the project team.

Apart from this, Capacity Building Training (CBT) programmes and skill-based CBTs, particularly in support of income generation & livelihood promotion were also conducted through convergence, benefiting 14,263 women SHGs within the project areas.

There is provision for the construction of multipurpose VSS buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centre in the villages under AJY. Under this component, 612 numbers of VSS buildings have been completed and handed over to the communities for multipurpose use.

Many activities pertaining to community infrastructure development and livelihood promotion for the benefit of the local

communities have been carried out, mostly through convergence with the Schemes of other Line Departments. In order to facilitate the implementation of such activities, 15 Partner NGOs have been engaged to support community mobilization and livelihood promotion activities under the scheme. During the past years, the AJY teams were able to mobilize Rs. 1230.27 Crore through convergence of different schemes of Line Departments, benefitting about 36.04 lakh persons within the project area. Out of the total

outlay, Rs. 524.95 Crores have been received from State CAMPA & Rs. 146.90 Crores from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) till completion of the FY 2024-25 for forestry and support activities.

Ama Jangala Yojana has completed the 3rd year of its extension period. It has been mandated to carry out the maintenance activities for ANR with & without gap plantations and livelihood promotion in the AJY project villages till the end of the project.

Synopsis of Achievements during Financial Year 2024-25

Activities	Target for 2024-25	Achievements
The List of Divisions under AJY	Bonai, Deogarh, Jeypore, Keonjhar, Keonjhar (WL), Parlakhemundi, Rourkela, Angul, Balasore (WL), Phulbani, Koraput, Rayagada, Balliguda, Bamra (WL), Bargarh, Bolangir, Khariar, Kalahandi(S), Kalahandi (N), Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Redhakhol	Completely achieved
No of VSS Covered	1424	1424
ANR Operations (Without Gap plantation)- 4th year Operations	22 Divisions, 516 VSS, 22,887 Ha	22 Divisions, 513 VSS, 22,812 Ha
ANR (With Gap plantation)-4th Year Operations	18 Divisions, 446 VSS, 20,000 Ha	18 Divisions, 443 VSS, 19,925 Ha
Engagement of Animators	1424 Persons	1964 Persons
Construction of VSS Building	612 Nos	612 Nos
Livelihood Promotion through Convergence during 2024-25	Total persons benefitted- 5.31 Lakh, Total amount mobilized through convergence of Schemes of Line Departments - Rs. 267.79 Crores	
Cumulative Livelihood Promotion through Convergence up to March, 2024-25	Total persons benefitted- 36.04 Lakh, Total amount mobilized through convergence of Schemes of Line Departments- Rs. 1230.27 Crores	

Chapter 1

About Ama Jangala Yojana

1.0 Introduction

Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) is a Flagship Programme of Government of Odisha with the objective of promoting sustainable forest management and alternate livelihoods to the communities living in forest fringe villages of the State. The Scheme is being implemented through Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) in partnership with selected NGOs and VSSs at village level in line with the JFM guidelines and prescriptions of Working Plan. AJY is basically a Community Forest Protection and Management Scheme which focuses on conserving forests through people's participation through formal village level institutions called Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs). These VSSs are registered in the respective Divisional Forest Offices in accordance with the Joint Forest Management Resolution of the Government of Odisha. The basic aim of the Scheme is to reduce the biotic pressure on forests of the State through the sustainable management of Forests with community participation and at the same time, enhancing the socio-economic status of the local communities through viable alternate livelihood options. The initial duration of

Ama Jangala Yojana was six years i.e. from 2016-17 to 2021-22 which has been extended further. The Scheme covers 4,601 Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs) under 135 Forest Ranges of the State with about 4.2 lakh households.

The major components of Ama Jangala Yojana can be broadly classified into four categories, viz. community mobilization and capacity building, institution building & strengthening, sustainable forest management and livelihood promotion. The regeneration of degraded forests through ANR (Assisted Natural Regeneration) and Block Plantations were taken up during this period as priority activities. Several initiatives have also been taken up at Project Management Unit (PMU), Divisional Management Unit (DMU) and Field Management Unit (FMU) levels to mobilize resources through convergence under AJY for livelihood promotion and infrastructure development at the community level. All these activities are carried out through active participation and involvement of local community based institutions called Vana Suraksha Samiti.

1.1 Objectives

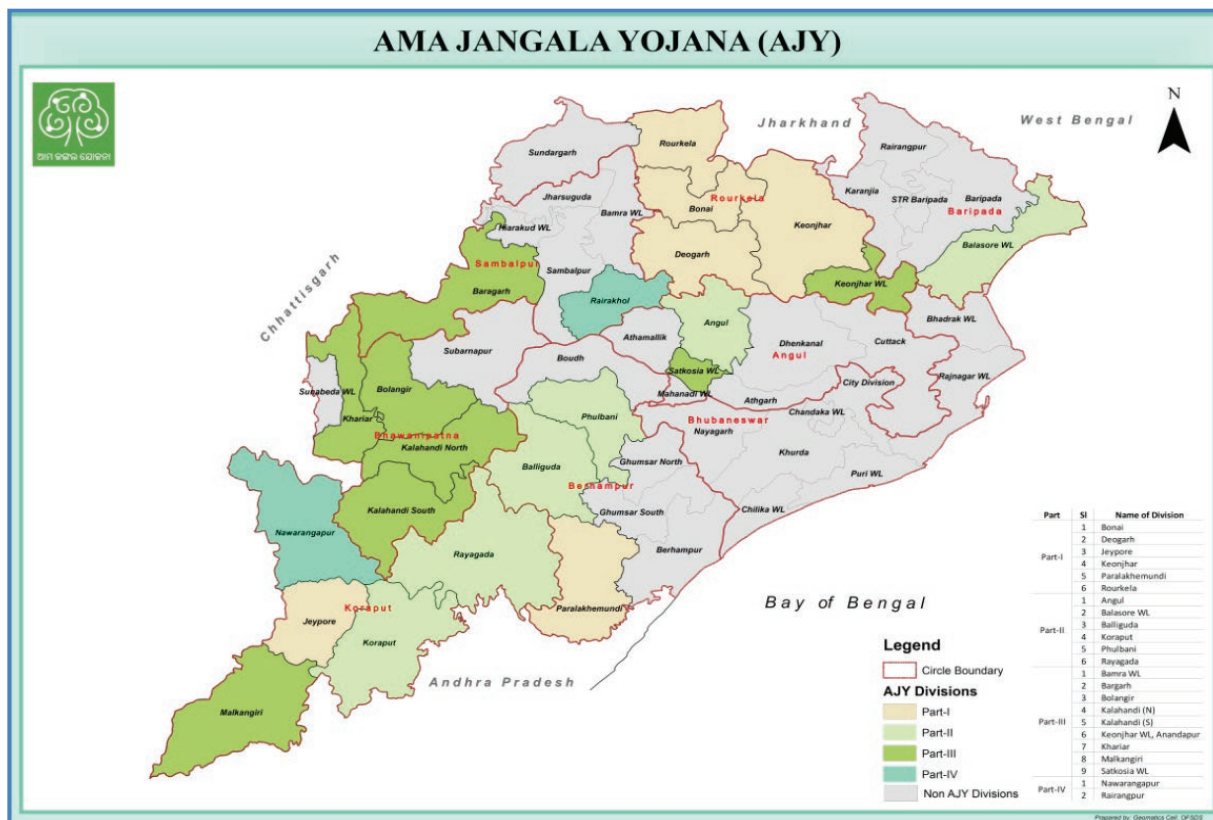
The objectives of Ama Jangala Yojana are:

- To conserve and restore degraded forest through forest restoration initiatives
- To arrest further degradation of forests through participatory forest conservation and management strategies
- To empower forest dependent communities by building their capacity to participate in the sustainable forest management
- To provide and promote the livelihood opportunities of the forest dependent communities so as to reduce their dependence on forests

1.2 Project Area:

The Project area of Ama Jangala Yojana is comprising of 22 Forest Divisions covering 125 Ranges and 1424 VSSs during 2024-25. The Divisions covered under AJY include Bonai, Deogarh, Rourkela, Keonjhar, Angul, Balasore (WL), Keonjhar (WL), Rayagada, Jeypore, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Malkanagiri, Phulbani, Parlakhemundi, Balliguda, Bamra(WL), Rairakhol, Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi (S), Kalahandi (N) and Khariar. Malkanagiri, Phulbani, Parlakhemundi, Balliguda, Bamra (WL), Rairakhol, Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi (S), Kalahandi (N) and Khariar.

Fig-1: Divisions under AJY



1.3 Project Design

The Scheme is based on the following key components which are rolled out sequentially in a phased manner:

1.3.1 Preparatory Works

The preparatory works of the scheme comprises of following activities:

- Engagement of P-NGOs for carrying out community development activities
- Community mobilization and institution building
- Capacity building of Project stakeholders
- Survey and demarcation of treatment area
- Conducting Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)
- Preparation of village micro-plan and subsequent approval at Gram Sabha.

1.3.2 Activities during Implementation Phase

i) Forest Protection, Restoration and Regeneration Activities

Restoration of Forests in JFM mode is the core objective of AJY. Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) with and without gap planting and Block Plantations have been taken up, based on the feasibility and suitability of the areas. The major activities taken up to address the restoration of degraded forest are:

- Soil and moisture conservation measures
- Silvicultural operations (climber cutting, thinning, high stump cutting, fire line tracing and maintenance etc.)
- Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) without gap and with gap plantation
- Block plantations

In ANR with Gap Plantation and Block Plantations, local indigenous species such as Bamboo, fuel wood, timber and non-timbers have been given priority. Planting of 18 month old seedlings have

been preferred to ensure higher survival rate in all plantations under AJY.

ii) Supporting Managerial Activities

The different organizational mechanisms for planning as well as implementation of the scheme activities at different levels with defined roles and responsibilities, there are Project Management Unit (PMU) at State level, Division Management Units (DMUs) at Forest Division level, Field Management Units (FMUs) at Range level and VSSs at village level. All these units have put their utmost effort for achieving the project goal and objectives. Support for mobility, operation and office maintenance including contingency are provisioned under State Plan (Programme Expenditure) to the PMU, Divisions and Ranges for smooth implementation of the activities under the Scheme.

iii) Support Activities

Fifteen numbers of Partner NGOs have been engaged in the project areas in order to ensure effective community mobilization and smooth implementation of the project activities at field level. Technical support has been extended to the VSSs through these P-NGOs for micro-plan preparation as well as capacity building of the Vana Surakshya Samits and SHGs. In order to provide technical as well as administrative support to the targeted VSSs and SHGs, the Project Divisions have engaged one AJY Co-ordinator and one DEO (Accounts). One DEO is also positioned at each FMU (Range level) for accounting and day to day record keeping. In the State level, three Subject Matter Specialists, one Accounts Manager and other staffs are engaged to support the Scheme activities.

1.3.3 The Maintenance of Extended Period

During the entire project period, 2,30,523 Ha of Assigned Forest area was covered under Forest Restoration Initiatives through 4601 numbers of VSSs. Out of the above, Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) without Gap Plantation was

ii) Support Activities during the Maintenance Phase

The community mobilization and livelihood promotion activities has been provisioned to be carried out in all the 1964 VSSs during the maintenance phase of AJY. Conducting VSS meetings (monthly VSS meetings, GB and EC meetings), strengthening of Women Self Help Groups and carrying out inter-sectoral convergence will continue in the VSSs where maintenance activities are being carried out. Apart from these, the livelihood promotion activities will be expedited in these Divisions with the help of partner NGO teams. The AJY teams at Division level will explore convergence opportunities available with the Schemes of other Line Departments and link them with the VSSs/SHGs in the Project area so that the forest fringe dwelling communities are benefitted.

Additionally, construction of 250 numbers of VSS Buildings-cum-IGA Facilitation Centres has also been provisioned during the extension phase for the VSSs to carryout multiple activities.

1.4 Institutional Mechanism

The AJY Cell at the PMU of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) is exclusively responsible for facilitating the implementation of AJY activities in the State. OFSDS is a registered autonomous body under Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha. The Society (OFSDS) is registered under Societies Registration Act-1860, bearing a Registration No. 22321/49 of 2006-07. Presently three numbers of projects are being implemented through OFSDS, namely- Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (Phase-II), Ama Jangala Yojana and OFSDS-OMBADC Livelihood Promotion Project.

A. State Level Mechanism (HPC, GB and PMU)

There is a High Power Committee (HPC) of OFSDS at the State level who takes major policy

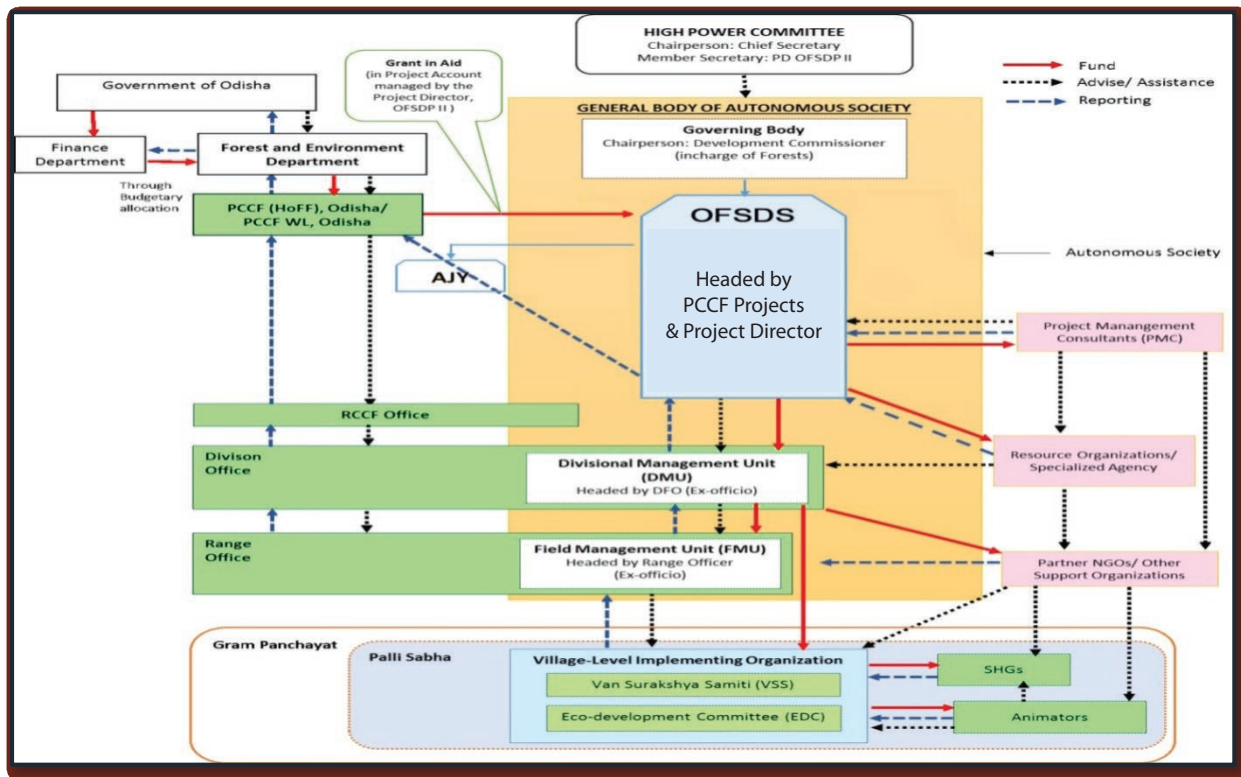
decisions pertaining to Annual Work Plan & Budget and overall monitoring of project activities. The HPC comprises of 14 members, headed by the Chief Secretary, Odisha as the Chairperson and Additional Chief Secretary, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha as the Vice-Chairperson. The PCCF & Project Director, OFSDS is the Member-Secretary of the HPC. The Principal Secretaries of Finance, Health & Family Welfare, Women & Child Development, Revenue & Disaster management, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Rural Development, ST & SC Development, Minority & Backward Classes Welfare Department of Government of Odisha and Principal CCF & HoFF, Principal CCF (Wildlife & CWLW), Odisha under FE & CC Department are the members in the HPC.

There is also a Governing Body (GB) at the state level who takes policy decision pertaining to Annual Action Plan & Budget, overall supervision of project activities. The GB is headed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha as the Chairperson. The other 5 members are Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL), Special Secretary to Govt, FE & CC Department, Director (NRLM) and one NGO Representative. The PCCF (Projects) & Project Director, OFSDS is the Member-Secretary of the Governing Body.

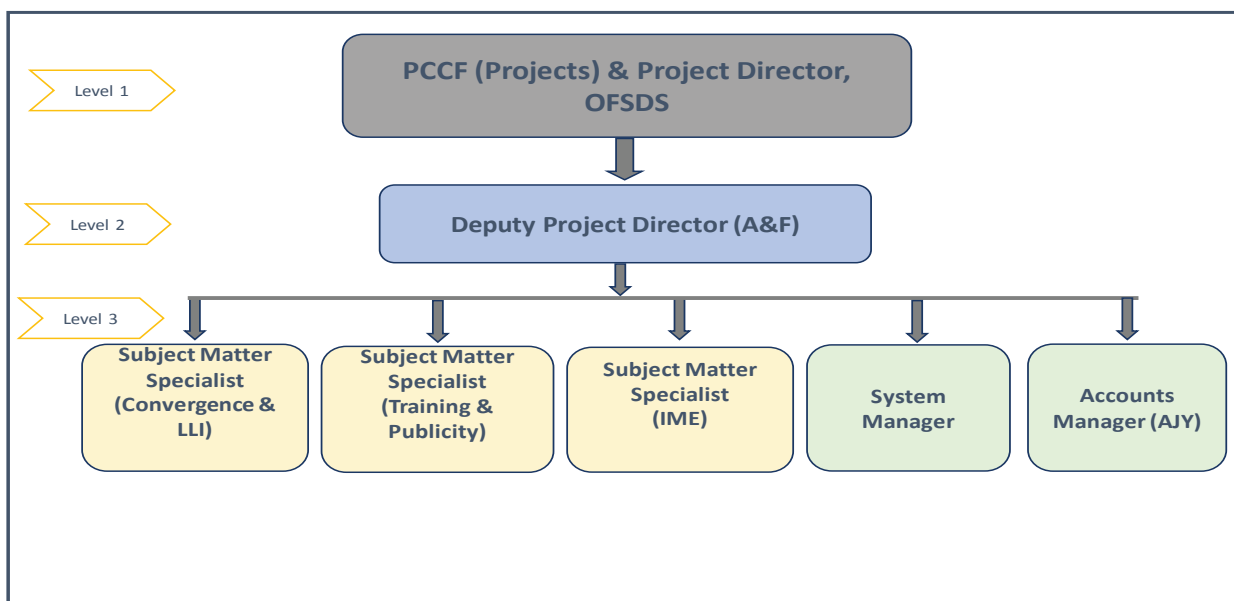
The physical progress of planning, implementation and monitoring of AJY Scheme are executed by the AJY Cell of OFSDS. The AJY Cell at PMU has separate units for Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation (IME), Livelihood and Convergence (L&C), Publicity and Training (P&T), Finance and Administration (F&A). These units are headed by Dy. Project Director (A&F) and Subject Matter Specialists. The above unit heads report to the PCCF (Projects) & Project Director, OFSDS who oversees the functioning of the AJY Cell at State PMU.

Figure: 1.2 Organograms of OFSDS & AJY

ORGANOGRAM OF OFSDS



ORGANOGRAM OF AMA JANGALA YOJANA



B. Regional Level Mechanism

All the AJY Divisions come under the jurisdiction of seven Circles viz. Angul, Berhampur, Koraput, Rourkela, Baripada, Bhawanipatna and Sambalpur. The Regional Chief Conservators of Forests (RCCF) at Circle level have been assigned for monitoring and supervision of the activities undertaken under Ama Jangala Yojana at their respective jurisdiction. The RCCFs have the administrative and financial control over the Divisions under their jurisdiction.

C. Divisional Level Mechanism

The Divisional Management Units (DMUs) under AJY are headed by the Divisional Forest Officers, who are also the Ex-Officio DMU Chiefs. They are supported with the Assistant Conservator of Forests/ Assistant DMU Chiefs for implementation of Project activities. The Divisional Forest Officers are responsible for effective implementation at the Divisional level. The Divisional Management Units are having financial and administrative control over the Ranges/FMUs for smooth and transparent implementation of the project activities.

D. Range Level Mechanism

The Field Management Units (FMUs) are directly responsible for implementing and monitoring the AJY activities at the VSS level under their jurisdiction. The Forest Range Officers are the Ex-Officio FMU Chiefs of FMUs. The FMU Chief extends all possible support and nurtures the VSSs under their jurisdiction for smooth implementation of various activities, including Ama Jangala Yojana.

E. Vana Suraksha Samiti (VSS)

Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs) are the community level institutions entrusted with the responsibility for implementation of all activities under AJY with support from FMU and P-NGO team. The VSSs have an Executive Committee comprising of 14 elected members, headed by a

Chairperson duly elected by the VSS members. Besides, VSS has a general body comprising of all the adult members of a Revenue village. They work for the holistic development of the village with support from AJY following the provisions laid down under Odisha JFM Resolution, 2011 read with 2015 Resolution and Amendments thereof.

1.5: Project Outlay

i) Project Outlay during the Implementation Phase:

During the implementation phase (2016-17 to 2021-22), the total project outlay was Rs.1170.02 Crores which was earmarked from the following sources:

- a. Rs. 511.31 Crores from State CAMPA
- b. Rs. 285.35 Crores from the State Plan (Programme Expenditure)
- c. Rs. 322.18 Crores from MNREGS through program convergence and
- d. Rs. 51.19 crores from NRLM through Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Odisha through programmatic convergence.

However, the major direct financial support during the implementation phase was received from Government of Odisha through State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and State CAMPA, the details of which have been depicted in Chapter-11 (Financial Management).

ii) Project Outlay during the Maintenance Phase

During the maintenance phase (2022-23 to 2024-25), Rs.45.70 Crores has been provisioned from the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and Rs. 76.05 Crores from State CAMPA. The CAMPA fund has been provisioned for the Forest Restoration (maintenance) initiatives whereas the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund for meeting the Managerial Expenses (Engagement of Support Staff & P-NGOs) and construction of VSS Buildings-cum-IGA Facilitation Centers.

Table-1.2: Year Wise Funds Requirement during Maintenance Phase (2022-23 to 2024-25)

Source	Requirement of Funds			Total
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
State Plan (Programme Expenditure)	1815.00	1624.80	1130.46	4570.26
State CAMPA	3930.00	2375.00	1300.00	7605.00
Total	5745.00	3999.80	2430.46	12175.26

Chapter 2

Community Mobilization and Institution Building

Community mobilisation and strengthening of community institutions are considered as the major activities under AJY Scheme. Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs) and women Self Help Groups (SHGs) are the major community institutions through which various activities at the grassroots level are being implemented. Therefore, strengthening of these institutions has been focussed under AJY Scheme. Preparation of participatory village micro-plan, capacity building of the community members, conduct of VSS meetings, support in inter-sectoral convergence with Line Departments and community infrastructure development are the prime activities under this component.

Ama Jangala Yojana has been focussing on village specific and need based approach to resolve the local issues. At the initial phase of project implementation, participatory village micro-plans have been prepared in all the villages under the Scheme. These micro-plans have been approved by the respective Gram Sabhas of the Gram Panchayats before implementation. Most of the community development activities proposed in the micro-planning process are carried out for the next 10 years with periodical revisions, if needed. In addition to this, 14,263 women self help groups are also linked with various Income Generation Activities (IGAs) under inter-sectoral convergence with other Line Departments, CSR agencies and NGOs. The forest development interventions are being taken up in JFM mode and are implemented through Vana Suraksha

Samitis. Hence, the Scheme emphasises on the importance of VSS by assigning them the central role in terms of deciding need based interventions, implementation, monitoring and financial decision making etc.

2.1 Strengthening of VSSs under AJY

Strengthening community institutions towards achieving a broader objective of Sustainable and Participatory Forest Management is the basic objective of Ama Jangala Yojana. As mandated under the Scheme, formation/reconstitution of Vana Suraksha Samitis and their capacity building has been completed in all 4,601 VSSs of the project. PRA & Micro-planning, VSS meetings, awareness campaigns on various aspects of forest protection and conservation have been conducted in all VSSs to strengthen the grass root level organizations. All the activities of Ama Jangala Yojana are being carried out by active participation of the local communities (VSSs) following Joint Forest Management principles.

Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs) are constituted within the villages to implement all types of community development initiatives. Hence, strengthening of VSS is given priority in AJY programme. Identification/reconstitution/orientation of Vana Suraksha Samiti is the stepping stone for community mobilization. As on 31st March 2025, 4,601 number of VSSs have been covered under the Project to implement the project components. The members of all 4,601

VSSs have been trained through various capacity building programmes. (The Year wise total VSS Covered under Ama Jangala Yojana is given in Table No-2.1 and the Division wise number of VSSs covered during the Maintenance Phase is given in the Table No-2.2.)

The Executive Committee of VSS functions as the sub-committee of Gram Sabha for protection, conservation and sustainable management of forest resources in the areas assigned to them, under the FRA Act, 2006. In this context, the resolutions in Gram Sabha of all 4601 VSSs have been passed, authorizing the Executive Committees of VSSs to function as sub-committees of respective Gram Sabha.

All the 4,601 VSSs under AJY have completed micro-planning in their respective villages. The Division wise status of VSS level Micro-planning up to 2024-25 is given in the Table No-2.3. In addition to this, monthly VSS meetings

are being conducted on regular basis in presence of the P-NGO and Forest Department staff. Total 1,12,033 numbers of VSS meetings have been conducted so far in AJY VSSs to facilitate regular interaction among the VSS members. It has also been mandated to hold two numbers of GB meeting annually by all the VSSs for smooth implementation & transparency of the Project. The Division wise status of VSS level meetings conducted during last 3 years (2022-23 to 2024-25) is given in Table No-2.4.

Capacity building programmes on various components of forest protection & conservation, livelihoods and income generation activities have been conducted at the SHG, VSS, Range and Division levels. The details of the capacity building program are elaborated in the Capacity Building chapter of this report (Chapter-8).

Table-2.1: Year wise Total VSS Covered under Ama Jangala Yojana

Sl. No.	Name of Division	No of VSS Covered					Grand Total
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
1	Bonai	99	14	0	0	20	133
2	Rourkela	91	20	20	20	30	181
3	Deogarh	86	20	20	20	23	169
4	Jeypore	85	20	20	20	70	215
5	Keonjhar	95	20	20	20	25	180
6	Paralakhemundi	120	20	20	20	20	200
7	Angul	56	20	20	20	8	124
8	Koraput	125	20	20	20	90	275
9	Balasore(wl)	20	20	0	15	2	57
10	Phulbani	140	20	20	40	82	302
11	Baliguda	100	20	20	20	40	200
12	Rayagada	140	20	20	20	90	290
13	Keonjhar (WL)	100	0	0	0	30	130
14	Satkosia (WL)*	31	0	0	0	0	31
15	Bamra (WL)	71	20	20	20	27	158
16	Bolangir	140	20	40	50	40	290
17	Khariar	140	20	40	40	25	265
18	Bargarh	80	20	20	20	11	151
19	Malkangiri	80	20	40	40	30	210
20	Kalahandi (S)	125	20	60	65	84	354
21	Kalahandi (N)	160	20	40	30	84	334
22	Nabarangpur	-	98	40	20	34	192
23	Rairakhole	-	80	40	20	20	160
	Total	2084	552	540	540	885	4601

- No new VSS has been formed/reconstituted after the year 2020-21 owing to terminal phase of the project
- AJY Program has been discontinued in Satkosia (WL) Division since 2017-18 due to non-availability of VSS.

Table-2.2: Division wise number of VSSs coverage during the Maintenance Phase

No.	Divisions	Year in which the VSSs are taken up under AJY			Total
		2018-19 VSSs	2019-20 VSSs	2020-21 VSSs	
1	Bonai	0	0	20	20
2	Rourkela	20	20	29	69
3	Deogarh	20	20	23	63
4	Jeypore	20	20	70	110
5	Keonjhar	20	20	25	65
6	Paralakhemundi	20	20	20	60
7	Angul	20	20	8	48
8	Koraput	20	20	90	130
9	Balasore(wl)	0	15	2	17
10	Phulbani	20	40	82	142
11	Baliguda	20	20	40	80
12	Rayagada	20	20	90	130
13	Keonjhar (WL)	0	0	30	30
14	Satkosia (WL)*	0	0	0	0
15	Bamra (WL)	20	20	27	67
16	Bolangir	40	50	40	130
17	Khariar	40	40	25	105
18	Bargarh	20	20	11	51
19	Malkangiri	40	40	30	110
20	Kalahandi (S)	60	65	84	209
21	Kalahandi (N)	40	30	84	154
22	Nabarangpur	40	20	34	94
23	Rairakhole	40	20	20	80
	Total	540	540	884	1964

*Maintenance activities and livelihood promotion are being carried out in 1964 VSSs during 2022-23, 1424 VSSs during 23-24 and 1424 VSSs in 2024-25.

Table-2.3: Division wise status of VSS level Micro-planning up to 2024-25

#	Division	No. of VSS formed	No of VSS Completed Micro-planning	No of Micro-plans Approved in Gram Sabha
1	Angul	124	124	124
2	Balasore WL	57	57	57
3	Balliguda	200	200	200
4	Bamra WL	158	158	158
5	Bargarh	151	151	151
6	Bolangir	290	290	290
7	Bonai	133	133	133
8	Deogarh	169	169	169
9	Jeypore	215	215	215
10	Kalahandi (N)	334	334	334
11	Kalahandi (S)	354	354	354
12	Keonjhar	180	180	180
13	Keonjhar WL	130	130	130
14	Khariar	265	265	265
15	Koraput	275	275	275
16	Malkangiri	210	210	210
17	Nabarangpur	192	192	192
18	Paralakhemundi	200	200	200
19	Phulbani	302	302	302
20	Rairakhol	160	160	160
21	Rayagada	290	290	290
22	Rourkela	181	181	181
23	Satkosia WL	31	31	31
	Grand Total	4601	4601	4601

Table-2.4: Division-wise status of VSS level Meetings conducted during last 3 years (up to 2024-25)

Sl. No.	Name of the Division	No. of VSS Meetings Conducted			
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
1	Angul	873	747	652	2875
2	Balasore (WL)	209	224	208	779
3	Bamra (WL)	820	831	566	3060
4	Bargarh	434	590	322	1605
5	Balliguda	782	1119	1153	3738
6	Bolangir	1162	1640	1249	5149
7	Bonai	733	1182	1042	3515
8	Deogarh	1039	982	506	3160
9	Jeypore	1124	1486	1312	4841
10	Kalahandi (N)	1753	2043	1631	6638
11	Kalahandi (S)	1634	2425	2036	7117
12	Keonjhar (WL)	360	360	360	1311
13	Keonjhar	975	1238	565	3517
14	Khariar	1071	1160	1052	3912
15	Koraput	1546	1701	1674	5919
16	Malkangiri	923	1150	873	3651
17	Nabarangpur	705	1153	900	3343
18	Phulbani	1709	1704	1464	6186
19	Parlakhemundi	769	761	480	2514
20	Rayagada	1142	1587	2000	5504
21	Rairakhole	956	967	425	3010
22	Rourkela	2123	2118	2118	8046
Total		22842	27168	22588	72399

*The cumulative total numbers of VSS meetings held up to 2024-25= 1,12,033.



Monthly VSS meeting at Tasarda VSS, Deogarh Division



Monthly VSS meeting at Remalasahi VSS, Deogarh Division



E.C. Meeting Reberna A VSS, Keonjhar WL Division



VSS EC Meeting at Thopaberna VSS, Rourkela Forest Division



G.B. meeting at Tavakuda VSS, Keonjhar WL Division



GB Meeting at Tamanguda VSS, Bamra WL Division



Livelihood planning at Dabri VSS, Khariar Division



Women SHG meeting at Aharposi VSS, Keonjhar Division



VSS GB meeting at Arjunchuhan VSS, Rourkela Division



VSS EC Meeting at Junapani VSS under Jaipatna FMU, Kalahandi (S) Division



VSS EC Meeting at Gungunia VSS, Kalahandi (S) Division



VSS EC Meeting at Kuliamunda VSS, Kalahandi (S) Division



VSS EC Meeting at Kambhargadia VSS, Deogarh Division



EC Meeting at Rebena VSS, Keonjhar (WL) Division

Chapter 3

Survey and Demarcation of the Treatment Areas assigned to VSSs

Forests are considered as the major source of living for the forest fringe dwelling communities by providing direct and indirect benefits to them. On the other hand, the quality and extent of this valuable resource is in the verge of depletion due to several factors. Therefore, protection and regeneration of natural forests have become a priority area in almost all the States. Ama Jangala Yojana lays emphasis on forest protection and regeneration along with livelihood promotion of the community members. Under the Scheme, each VSS is assigned with a particular patch of forest area for protection and regeneration where Survey, Demarcation and Pillar Postings activities are carried out as preliminary works, following the selection of VSS. These activities are undertaken in the areas assigned to each VSS to facilitate to the implementation of various forestry and SMC interventions. Each VSS is assigned with Treatment Area of about 50 hectares, where Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR), soil and moisture conservation measures and other forestry activities are undertaken. A comprehensive guideline for survey & demarcation of assigned area and treatment area has been developed at PMU and supported to the Divisions to undertake these activities with the assistance of P-NGOs and the Executive Committee members of the VSS. The

presence of the Member Secretary of concerned VSS during survey, demarcation and pillar posting is made mandatory under AJY. A systematic approach has been followed in conducting the survey and demarcation work in which the GPS coordinates of one permanent structure in each identified VSS has been recorded and spotted on GIS map. Further, the GPS co-ordinates of Treatment Areas are uploaded in GIS domain and the polygons so formed are verified. This helps in accurate and authentic mapping of the area by eliminating the possibilities of overlapping/ duplicating of the Assigned Area. The Treatment Areas have been digitally surveyed and maps for each VSS have been prepared and provided to respective Forest Divisions.

Survey and Demarcation of the Treatment Areas for all 4601 VSS have been completed during the initial years of the implementation of AJY in the Project VSSs. As the project is now in phasing out stage, no such preparatory works have been taken up during the extension as well as the current financial year, 2024-25. The details of the Division wise Assigned Areas where the maintenance activities are being carried out during the extension phase is given in the table No-3.1

Table -3.1: Assigned Areas (Division wise) during the Maintenance Phase (2022-23 to 2024-25)

Division wise Assigned Areas during the Maintenance Phase		
S No	Division	Assigned Area (in ha)
1	Angul	5834.90
2	Balasore	1024.00
3	Balliguda	4000.00
4	Bamra WL	4316.14
5	Bargarh	4958.00
6	Bolangir	9784.50
7	Bonai	1036.00
8	Deogarh	3195.00
9	Jeypore	10287.00
10	Kalahandi (N)	9549.80
11	Kalahandi (S)	10450.00
12	Keonjhar	3336.03
13	Keonjhar WL	1500.00
14	Khariar	5979.00
15	Koraput	6640.00
16	Malkangiri	6106.00
17	Nabarangpur	9433.00
18	Paralakhemundi	3134.33
19	Phulbani	9452.00
20	Rairakhol	6106.20
21	Rayagada	7127.00
22	Rourkela	3667.98
	Total	1,26,916.88

Chapter 4

Participatory Rural Appraisal and Micro-planning

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) is a process where the people in a community create an information base for their own community through participatory planning and involvement. Preparation of a holistic community development plan through PRA is made mandatory in all the VSSs under Ama Jangala Yojana. The PRA is followed by micro-planning in AJY project villages. Micro-planning is a community empowering process in which the community members prepare the village level, need based and realistic development plan for their own village. The social, environmental, economic and technical feasibility of the interventions are taken into consideration while preparing the village level micro-plan. The micro-plan documents are perceived to be a guiding document for the communities and are referred during implementing the interventions for a period of ten years. Both PRA and micro-planning are the primary interventions under AJY and are facilitated by the P-NGO teams engaged under Ama Jangala Yojana.

All the 4601 villages under AJY have completed micro-planning in their respective villages and are having a comprehensive micro-plan document in hand. This is a guiding document for the communities for a period of 10 years. The micro-plans have been prepared with the active participation of the community members with the facilitation support by the partner NGOs and Project personnel engaged under AJY. Prior to initiation of microplanning, the communities are

sensitized regarding the entire process, steps, methods and tools used to gather information related to forest and community development. The micro plan covers all the development opportunities for sustainable forest management and livelihood needs of the communities, which subsequently gets the approval of the Gram Sabha for implementation.

4.1. Status of Microplan Preparation

Micro plans for all 4601 VSSs under AJY have been completed. All the micro-plans prepared in this process are being approved by the respective Gram Sabhas and under implementation in the project villages. The year wise status of microplan preparation is given in Table No- 4.1.

4.2. Review of Micro-plans

As a regular process under AJY, the micro-plan documents are meticulously reviewed by the PMU team for rectification of procedural and documentation errors, and are sent back to the DMUs for necessary modification. As the project entered into the phasing out period, no new VSS has been taken up for project intervention, and hence, no new micro-planning has been conducted in project villages. As the project is in the maintenance phase, it has been mandated to conduct some of the time bound maintenance activities and community development initiatives in the extended period following the micro-plan document.

Table-4.1: Status of Micro-planning under AJY

Sl. No.	Divisions	No of VSS completed, approved and implemented Micro-plan					Total
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
1	Bonai	99	14	0	0	20	133
2	Rourkela	91	20	20	20	30	181
3	Deogarh	86	20	20	20	23	169
4	Jeyapore	85	20	20	20	70	215
5	Keonjhar	95	20	20	20	25	180
6	Paralakhemundi	120	20	20	20	20	200
7	Angul	56	20	20	20	8	124
8	Koraput	125	20	20	20	90	275
9	Balasore(wl)	20	20	0	15	2	57
10	Phulbani	140	20	20	40	82	302
11	Baliguda	100	20	20	20	40	200
12	Rayagada	140	20	20	20	90	290
13	Keonjhar(WL)	100	0	0	0	30	130
14	Satkosia(WL)*	31	0	0	0	0	31
15	Bamra(WL)	71	20	20	20	27	158
16	Bolangir	140	20	40	50	40	290
17	Khariar	140	20	40	40	25	265
18	Bargarh	80	20	20	20	11	151
19	Malkangiri	80	20	40	40	30	210
20	Kalahandi(S)	125	20	60	65	84	354
21	Kalahandi(N)	160	20	40	30	84	334
22	Nabarangpur	-	98	40	20	34	192
23	Redhakhol	-	80	40	20	20	160
	Total	2084	552	540	540	885	4601

*No new micro-plan has been included during the FY: 2023-24 as the target of preparing micro-plans in all AJY VSSs has been achieved.



Livelihood Planning and micro-plan preparation at Baghianasa VSS of Keonjhar Division

Chapter 5

Soil and Moisture Conservation Measures (SMC)

Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) measures are important sub-components of AR and ANR operations to maintain the plant growth and soil health. These interventions are carried out in the Treatment Areas to conserve the rain water, recharge ground water, restrict run-off, enhance percolation, retention of moisture across the forest floor and check soil erosion which promotes growth of forest vegetation. Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) measures are also

labour-intensive activities that generate wage-based employment for the forest fringe dwelling communities. Hence Soil & Moisture Conservation Measures (SMC) have been considered as the important activities in the degraded forest areas under AJY. Activities like Staggered Trenches, Loose Boulder Check Dams (LBCD), Brush wood Check Dams etc. have been created in the Treatment Areas including renovations.

Soil & Moisture Conservation Measures (Maintenance Activities)



Renovation of SMC Structure at Suliamal VSS, Bolangir Division

Chapter 6

Forest Restoration and Protection Initiatives: Maintenance of Assisted Natural Regeneration

Regeneration activities under AJY are carried out through three major components, i.e. ANR without Gap Plantation, ANR with Gap Plantation and Block Plantations. During the present year, emphasis has been given for protection and growth of the vegetations created during the implementation phase. ANR with and without gap plantation are considered as major intervention to restore degraded forests with minimum investment and effort. Up to the financial year 2019-20, ANR without Gap Plantations and Block Plantations were carried out in the Assigned Forest areas. However, ANR with Gap Plantation was taken up in 19,975 Ha of Assigned Forest Areas under 18 Forest Divisions during the year 2020-21 only. During the maintenance phase (upto 2024-25), the annual maintenance activities have been carried out in the regeneration sites.

During the current year, activities such as 4th year maintenance operation of ANR with gap plantation (200 seedlings/Ha) covering 19,925 Ha of area & ANR without gap plantation covering 22,812 Ha were carried out.

6.1 Progress of Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)

The silvicultural operations, such as thinning, high stump cuttings, climber cutting and regeneration cleaning were undertaken in the ANR sites of the treatment areas of the VSSs under AJY. For the effective implementation of ANR, relevant trainings have been provided to the Project Personnel and VSS members during the implementation phase. Further, the ANR activities have been complemented with a comprehensive calendar of operation for ANR Plantation module to guide the concerned stakeholders.

Table 6.1 below presents the progress of ANR with gap plantation and ANR without gap plantation during 2024-25. During the year, 4th year operation of ANR with gap plantation covering 19,925 Ha of forest area (in 443 VSSs belonging to 18 Forest Divisions) and ANR without gap plantation in 22,812 Ha of forest area (in 513 VSSs belonging to 22 Divisions) was carried out.

Table: 6.1: Status of ANR Operations (Maintenance during 2024-25)

SI No.	Name of Division	ANR with GAP (4th Year Maintenance Plantation)		ANR without GAP (4th Year Maintenance Plantation)	
		Target (in Ha.)	Achievement (in Ha.)	Target (in Ha.)	Achievement (in Ha.)
1	Angul	-	-	375	375
2	Balasore (WL)	-	-	50	50
3	Baliguda	1000	1000	1000	1000
4	Bamra (WL)	600	600	695	695
5	Bargarh	-	-	400	400
6	Bolangir	1000	1000	1000	1000
7	Bonai	-	-	682	682
8	Deogarh	550	550	550	550
9	Jeypore	1750	1750	1750	1750
10	Kalahandi (N)	2000	1950	2200	2200
11	Kalahandi (S)	2000	2000	2200	2200
12	Keonjhar	600	600	650	650
13	Keonjhar (WL)	700	700	800	800
14	Khariar	600	600	670	620
15	Koraput	2100	2100	2400	2400
16	Malkangiri	750	750	750	750
17	Nabarangpur	850	850	850	850
18	Paralakhemundi	500	500	500	500
19	Phulbani	1600	1600	1560	1560
20	Rairakhol	500	500	500	500
21	Rayagada	2200	2200	2545	2545
22	Rourkela	675	675	735	735
	Total	19975	19925	22862	22812

6.2. Progress of Block Plantation Activities

Block Plantations were raised over 1005 Ha of area under 12 Divisions During the year 2016-17 @ 1600 Seedlings/Ha of indigenous species.

The plantations sites have been maintained up to the year 2020-21 till completion of the 4th year. The overall survival percentage Block Plantations is nearly 100% and the growth is quite satisfactory.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANR AND BLOCK PLANTATIONS



Raksha Bandhan at ANR With Gap Plantation site Jatiguda VSS, Jeypore Division



ANR With Gap Plantation site, Kondelguda VSS, Malkangiri Division



ANR With Gap Plantation site, Handibhanga VSS, Keonjhar Division



ANR without gap plantation site, Nuhamalia VSS, Keonjhar(WL) Division



4th Year maintenance activities at ANR-with Gap site-Handibhanga VSS, Keonjhar Division



4th Year maintenance activities at ANR-with Gap site-Mudiguda VSS, Nabarangpur Division



Silvicultural operations at Gopinathpur VSS, Keonjhar Division



Silvicultural operations at Kaliakata VSS, Angul Division

6.3. Forest Fire control mechanism under Ama Jangala Yojana

The rising atmospheric temperature and prolong dry period during the present year has created an alarming situation in forest ecosystem. Forest fire incidences have been observed due to various conducive factors. However, the community based approach in preparedness, inter-sectoral initiative for fire surveillance and engagement of quick action teams for fire fighting has made it possible to minimize the fire hazards in the Assigned Forest Areas under AJY VSSs. Almost all types of ground fire, surface fire and loss of property has been effectively managed by the proactive response of the AJY team members. The GIS based fire surveillance, monitoring and alarming system adopted at the National level has helped a lot for early detection and control of forest fire incidences.

Protection of forests from fire incidences is one of the prime objectives of Ama Jangala Yojana. Forest fire incidences not only affect the forest resources and ecology, a number of houses belonging to forest fringe communities also reportedly get damaged due to fire menace as they live in close proximity of the forests. The forest fire management involves timely creation & maintenance of fire lines, awareness generation among local people and engagement of fire watchers in the forest areas assigned to each VSS. These activities are performed with the active involvement of VSS members and Forest Department staff. The awareness generation through meetings at community, School and

college level, organizing awareness rallies and street plays, inter-Departmental coordination meetings for forest fire prevention, engagement of fire watchers and women SHGs, and swift action by the fire response team by the projects under OFSDS has a greater impact on forest fire prevention and control in the Assigned Forest Areas. Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) teams have been deployed in most fire prone regions in many AJY Divisions where the fire incidences were high. Since last year, the women SHGs have been engaged in fire line creation and maintenance work, which have shown exemplary results in forest fire prevention. In addition to this, the AJY team conducted a number of meetings at VSS and Inter-Departmental level which strengthened the surveillance and thus supplemented in minimization of forest fire incidences to a great extent. In spite of continuous long dry spell and excessively high summer temperature during the current year, the fire management activities could be handled by the efforts of the proactive VSS members and responsive Project team, due to which no major fire incidence has been noticed in AJY Project areas. Hence, a lot of resources have been saved by timely management of forest fire.

Apart from these, various innovative approaches and initiatives have been taken up for creating awareness among the general public, school and college students for forest protection and regeneration.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Forest fire control in Malikorchhi RF at Jeypore Division



Forest fire control in AJY VSS at Bolangir Division



Forest fire control in Gupteswar VSS, Jeypore Division



Fire Line creation work at Pipalia VSS, Keonjhar Division



Forest Fire Awareness meeting at Jagannathpur VSS, Keonjhar Division



Forest Fire Awareness meeting at Kandarkala VSS, Keonjhar Division



Awareness van on Forest fire prevention under Keonjhar Forest Division



Forest fire prevention awareness rally under Rourkela Forest Division



Fire Line tracing at Siraguda VSS, Nabarangpur Forest Division



Women SHG meeting on Forest fire prevention at Buchiaguda VSS, Nabarangpur Forest Division



Raksha Bandhan for Forest Protection Awareness at Siraguda VSS, Nabarangpur Division



Raksha Bandhan for Forest Protection Awareness at Buchiaguda VSS, Nabarangpur Division

Chapter 7

VSS Building cum IGA Facilitation Centre

There is provision of construction of multipurpose buildings in some selected villages under AJY. These buildings with RCC Roof are constructed over 427 Square feet plinth area with the provisions for an office room, a meeting place and a toilet. The VSS building-cum-Income Generation Activities (IGA) Facilitation Centres are multipurpose buildings constructed for the use of Vana Suraksha Samitis through State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund. In many places, these are the only Pucca house in the village which serves many purposes for the village communities including processing of NTFP items, community meetings, keeping records, rituals and festive gatherings, carrying out

income generation activities and safe storage places for various produces. Apart from these, the buildings are also used as temporary shelters during emergency situations like cyclone, flash floods and fire incidences. The roof top has access through staircase which is also used as a drying yard for NTFPs collected by the VSS members.

7.1 Construction of VSS Building cum IGA Facilitation Centre

The cumulative total VSS buildings completed as on March, 2025 is 612. Target vis-à-vis completion of VSS Building- cum- IGA Facilitation Centres taken up till FY: 2024-25 is given at table No-7.1.

Table No-7.1- Progress on Construction of VSS Building cum IGA Facilitation Centre till FY: 2024-25

Sl. No.	Name of Division	No. of VSS Building Completed (Year wise)					
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 & 2021-22	2022-23	Total
1	Bonai	15	5	5	2	4	31
2	Deogarh	13	4	8	3	5	33
3	Jeypore	15	4	10	3	5	37
4	Keonjhar	15	5	12	3	7	42
5	Paralakhemundi	15	5	9	3	4	36
6	Rourkela	15	3	8	3	4	33
7	Angul	5	3	6	1	4	19
8	Balasore(wl)	5	0	4		2	11
9	Phulbani	15	6	8	3	6	38

10	Baliguda	15	5	7	3	5	35
11	Koraput	15	5	9	3	5	37
12	Rayagada	15	6	8	3	4	36
13	Satkosia(WL)	2	0	0		0	2
14	Bolangir	6	7	11	3	4	31
15	Kalahandi(N)	7	7	8	3	6	31
16	Khariar	6	7	9	2	4	28
17	Bargarh	4	3	6	2	4	19
18	Bamra(WL)	3	2	6	2	4	17
19	Keonjhar(WL)	5	0	2	3	5	15
20	Malkangiri	4	3	7	2	4	20
21	Kalahandi(S)	6	6	13	3	5	33
22	Nabarangpur		2	5	3	5	15
23	Rairakhol		2	4	3	4	13
	Grand Total	201	90	165	56	100	612

*No VSS building has been constructed from the year 2023-24 onwards.

The VSS Buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centres are used for following purposes:

1. Conducting meetings related to village development
2. Monthly Executive Committee meeting of the VSS
3. Monthly meeting of the Women SHGs
4. Conducting Health and immunization centre when required
5. Conducting Meetings with Line Departments
6. Conducting Palli Sabha meetings
7. Conducting Village youth meetings
8. Conducting Village conflict resolution meetings
9. Storage/aggregation facility for SHG products & NTFPs
10. Conducting Skill Development Trainings
11. Keeping records pertaining to VSS & village
12. Temporary shelters during climatic exigencies and emergency situations like fire incidences, cyclone and flash flood etc.
13. Roof is used for drying, sorting/grading and processing of NTFPs



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre of Mardanga VSS,
Deogarh Division



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre, Rella VSS of Rayagada
Division



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre of Prabhasuni VSS,
Deogarh Division



VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre at Mundapur VSS,
Keonjhar Division

Chapter 8

Capacity Building Initiatives

Ama Jangala Yojana emphasizes need based capacity enhancement of various stakeholders such as VSSs, SHGs, Departmental staff and P-NGO functionaries for upgrading their skills, competencies and knowledge. This helps in efficient and effective delivery of project initiatives and implementation of various income generation activities. Periodical capacity building programmes have been scheduled under project components of AJY for the Project stakeholders. In addition to this, skill-based Capacity Building Programmes have been organized through convergence with Line Departments for promotion of livelihoods among the VSS and

SHG members. Capacity Building Initiatives under AJY mainly focused on four major aspects such as human resource development, institutional development, livelihood promotion and micro-enterprise development. Enhancing the knowledge on forestry interventions, livelihood promotion and community development activities are the major thrust areas under the capacity building component under the Project. During the maintenance phase, the Capacity Building Programmes are mainly organized through convergence initiatives for promotion of livelihoods among the VSS and SHG members.

8.1.1 Preparation of Guidelines for Project Implementation

During the initial years of project implementation, 8 numbers of guidelines were framed and circulated as referral documents for the field level workers to develop clarity and maintaining uniformity in implementation of the Project activities. In addition, formats for conducting micro-planning, a calendar of operations has been prepared and circulated to the Divisions for smooth functioning of the Project. All the Project activities have been carried out following the guidelines.

These guidelines are:

- i. For collaboration with P-NGOs and Reporting Formats for P-NGOs
- ii. For Accounting Procedures under CAMPA
- iii. For survey and demarcation of area to be assigned to VSS
- iv. For preparation of micro-plan
- v. For soil and moisture conservation measures
- vi. For selection of sites for construction of VSS buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centres.
- vii. For initiating Entry Point Activities (EPA) in AJY VSSs under MGNREGS.
- viii. For formation and strengthening of SHGs and grounding of Income Generation Activities (IGAs) under AJY

8.1.2 Preparation of CBT Modules

Capacity Building Training (CBT) modules for implementation of the CBTs under project components have been prepared, approved and circulated among the DMUs to follow. This helped in maintaining uniformity in implementation of Capacity Building Training programmes under AJY. 12 numbers of comprehensive training modules have been prepared on the following themes and have been collated in a Capacity Building Compendium under AJY:

1. Community Mobilization
2. Institution Building
3. Formation of SHGs
4. Accounting Procedures for DMU & FMU
5. Accounting Procedure of VSS
6. PRA and Micro Plan Preparation
7. Micro Plan Implementation
8. SMC in Hill Slopes
9. Nursery Techniques
10. Block Plantations
11. Basic Accounting procedures and maintenance of primary books of accounts under AJY
12. Capacity building Compendium

8.1.3 Progress on Capacity Building

During the Project period, 9171 numbers of Capacity Building Training (CBT) programmes have been organized under project component and in convergence with Line Departments covering 2,75,117 persons of the project VSSs. However, during FY:2024-25 the Capacity Building Training (CBT) programmes have been organized through convergence with Line Departments for livelihood promotion, income generation and skill development.

The details of DMU wise Capacity Building Trainings held and number of persons trained up to 2024-25 is given in the table No. 8.1.

Table No. 8.1: Capacity Building Training Programmes undertaken and Beneficiaries covered from FY-2016-17 to 2024-25

Sl. No	Division Name	Total no. of VSS Covered	Total no. of SHGs Covered	No. of Persons Trained							Total
				2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
1	Angul	124	1280	2678	2678	2742	541	533	0	1650	10,822
2	Balasore WL	57	0	270	474	474	295	183	0	0	1,696
3	Balliguda	200	283	2132	2132	2132	520	473	0	1052	8,441
4	Bamra WL	158	956	2486	4023	4456	417	235	11	1178	12,806
5	Bargarh	151	827	2058	2058	2226	1280	210	0	1269	9,101
6	Bolangir	290	983	155	155	339	59	456	0	2641	3,805
7	Bonai	133	323	3981	4382	4439	0	264	177	1221	14,464
8	Deogarh	169	593	1274	1894	2199	405	230	888	1486	8,376
9	Jeypore	215	266	6416	6437	6437	339	600	776	1736	22,741
10	Kalahandi (N)	334	1314	5697	6374	8393	996	5004	0	1213	27,677
11	Kalahandi (S)	354	238	5893	5893	5923	470	1605	2470	2482	24,736
12	Keonjhar	180	1359	1006	1304	1496	463	260	0	2197	6,726
13	Keonjhar WL	130	386	3810	4907	4907	0	120	0	1891	15,635
14	Khariar	265	942	3122	5754	6861	1912	342	2911	1946	22,848
15	Koraput	275	532	2596	2596	2596	429	707	0	2365	11,289
16	Malkangiri	210	338	2761	2825	2825	490	280	0	1821	11,002
17	Nabarangpur	192	1320	0	0	141	207	240	0	2142	2,730
18	Paralakhemundi	200	314	843	843	1062	680	211	0	1080	4,719
19	Phulbani	302	743	4631	5048	5079	410	902	659	1864	18,593
20	Rairakhol	160	645	0	0	0	96	196	0	895	1,187
21	Rayagada	290	331	4851	5100	5975	1057	1127	0	1275	19,385
22	Rourkela	181	290	3295	3518	3518	650	669	701	1791	14,142
23	Satkosia WL	31	-	732	732	732	-	-	-	-	2,196
	Grand Total	4,601	14263	60687	69127	74952	11716	14847	8,593	35,195	2,75,117

* Total no of CBTs conducted up to FY: 2024-25 = 9171 Nos.

** No Capacity building Training was organized during the year 2024-25 due to maintenance period.



DMU level training to VSS members on packaging of mushroom at KVK, Bolangir under Bolangir Division



Vegetable farming Training at Arjunchuan VSS, Rourkela Division



Mushroom production training at Dokribhata VSS, Nabarangpur Division



Mushroom production training and kit distribution at Bijapur VSS, Nabarangpur Division



Skill based capacity building drive in convergence with Jan Sikshan Sansthan at Angul Division



Skill based capacity building drive in convergence with Skill India & OSDA at Angul Division

Chapter 9

Livelihood Promotion through Inter-sectoral Convergence under AJY

Promotion of alternative livelihoods among forest fringe dwelling communities is one of the major objectives of Ama Jangala Yojana. However, there is no direct financial assistance from the project to promote livelihood activities in the project villages. It has been envisaged to facilitate livelihood promotion and income generation activities through convergence with Schemes of Line Departments. Hence, Inter-sectoral Convergence has been given importance by the project team for this purpose. Periodical handholding support has been extended by the Project staff and P-NGO teams. Emphasis has been given on livelihood promotion of the forest fringe dwelling communities. Support for village infrastructure development and critical inputs have been made possible through this initiative with minimum or Nil project investment.

The success of the Inter-sectoral convergence in AJY is evident from the fact that, during year 2024-25, the project could implement Schemes of more than 33 number of Departments amounting to Rs. 267.79 crores benefitting 5,31,306 beneficiaries. The communities covered under AJY have been linked with various socio-economic, welfare and income generation Schemes under Line Departments. There is a remarkable impact on the livelihood scenario of these forest fringe dwelling communities over the last few years, which has been compiled in the figures as shown in the following tables.

Livelihood activities, skill development of rural youth, support to individuals/groups especially women SHGs for entrepreneurial activities, construction/repair/renovation of roads, water bodies and other community assets, drinking water supply, linkage to Govt. welfare schemes, construction of individual houses and MGNREGS based activities, etc. have been made possible through inter sectoral convergence.

9.1 Convergence under AJY

Successful convergence could be made possible with Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fishery and Animal Resource Development, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, ST & SC Development, Minority and Backward Class Welfare and other Departments for enhancing the household income by diversifying the livelihood options of the forest fringe dwelling communities. The project has made exclusive effort for enterprise promotion through individuals, VSSs and women SHGs. The successful attempts initiated at various levels have been showcased in the photographs below.

The following Tables and Figures depict the Division wise funds mobilised under convergence initiatives and the number of persons benefitted from various Schemes for the year 2024-25 & cumulative up to year 2024-25.

Table-9.1: Division wise list of SHGs involved in IGAs under Ama Jangala Yojana

Sl. No	Division	No. of SHGs	Major IGA interventions - According to coverage
1	Angul	1280	1. NTFP collection & trading, 2. Vegetable cultivation, 3. Millet Cultivation & trading, 4. Backyard poultry, 5. Leaf plate making, 6. Mushroom cultivation, 7. Paper plate making, 8. Goatary, 9. Herbal products-collection & marketing, 10. Pisciculture in community ponds and tanks, 11. Integrated fish-duck farming, 12. Handicraft preparation, 13. Snacks items preparation and sale, 14. Local food processing, 15. Maize cultivation, 16. Turmeric cultivation, 17. Spices processing and marketing, 18. Bamboo craft, 19. Cane crafts, 20. Clay pot making, 21. Terracotta products, 22. Rice processing, 23. Vermi-composting & Organic Manure Preparation, 24. Banana cultivation 25. Tailoring
2	Balasore WL	0	
3	Balliguda	283	
4	Bamra WL	956	
5	Bargarh	827	
6	Bolangir	983	
7	Bonai	323	
8	Deogarh	593	
9	Jeypore	266	
10	Kalahandi (N)	1314	
11	Kalahandi (S)	238	
12	Keonjhar	1359	
13	Keonjhar WL	386	
14	Khariar	942	
15	Koraput	532	
16	Malkangiri	338	
17	Nabarangpur	1320	
18	Paralakhemundi	314	
19	Phulbani	743	
20	Rairakhol	645	
21	Rayagada	331	
22	Rourkela	290	
Grand Total		14,263	

Table 9.2: Department wise Fund Mobilised and Persons Benefitted through Schematic Convergence under AJY (during 2024-25 and cumulative up to 2024-25)

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Year 2024-25		Cumulative Total	
			No. of beneficiaries benefitted	Fund mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No. of beneficiaries benefitted	Fund Mobilized (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Agriculture, Horticulture input subsidy, KALIA Yojana etc	Agriculture & Framers Empowerment, Horticulture	47393	2,121.25	424070	9281.98
2	Animal Husbandry & Fishery Development	Fisheris & ARD	15813	681.00	141497	2083.34
3	Construction of individual house (PMAY/Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana)	RD & Panchayati Raj	5363	2,387.55	29466	15239.05
4	Small Construction Works (Misc. Community Assets, plantations, ANR/AR, SMC, pond digging/ renovation under MGNREGS)	Panchayati Raj, DoFE & CC	173984	6,648.56	863644	25200.85
5	Distribution of Mosquito nets/ Solar equipments/ Blanket/Chulla/ Phenyle/Mask	Misc	1	0.05	159536	780.24
6	Drinking water, Sanitation & Irrigation	RWS&S	55452	2,590.85	546731	20017.28
7	Electrification	Energy	836	4.18	28471	511.77
8	Financial Inclusion	WoCD/ Dept. of Mission Shakti	4707	245.59	36153	911.06
9	Health Camp	Dept. of Health & FW	2785	49.18	54453	733.07

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Year 2024-25		Cumulative Total	
			No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund Mobilized (Rs. in Lakh)
11	LPG (PMUY)	Dept. of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Gol	240	4.53	100252	1527.62
12	Mission Shakti-SHG related	WoCD/ Dept. of Mission Shakti	17279	2,645.62	65195	7018.05
13	Others misc. socio-economic entitlements (pensions, job cards/ration card etc)	PR & DW Dept, Welfare Dept	5991	229.12	44386	1282.40
14	Construction of village roads, culvert/bridge, canal etc.	RD, Panchayati Raj Dept.	135859	4,392.01	512297	18846.61
15	Skill Development (RSETTI, DDU-GKY, PMKVY)	Banks, CSR, Dept. of Skill Development	6343	571.37	24740	1503.75
16	Other Misc. Welfare Schemes- (Scholarships, BOCLWB benefits and others)	Welfare Department	0	-	30180	237.77
17	Toilet Construction under SBM	RWS&S	24506	431.59	248040	8958.40
18	Others-MGNREGS	Panchayati Raj	0	-	157919	763.37

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Year 2024-25		Cumulative Total	
			No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund Mobilized (Rs. in Lakh)
20	Construction Work of community Assets (Ponds) Drinking water (EPI) SMC	Soil Conservation & watershed Dept	10207	603.95	16505	1047.51
21	Irrigation Facility	Irrigation Dept	1509	255.68	2064	776.60
22	Drinking water Support	Science & Technology Dept	0	-	206	0.72
23	Approach road	Urban Development Dept	92	8.93	392	13.85
24	Culvert, Village Road	MP/MLA LAD	367	8.00	5085	74.72
25	Distribution of Mosquito nets/ Solar equipments/ Blanket/Chulla/ Phenyl/mask/ Ration	Revenue & Disaster Management Dept	0	-	11	0.22
26	Skill Development	Mass Education Dept	0	-	374	37.85
27	Skill Development	MSME Dept	223	9.11	280	20.46
28	PMJJBY, PMSBY	Ministry of Finance	27	4.50	771	203.12
29	Skill Development	Directorate of Employment	0	-	98	0.00
30	SUKANYA Samriddhi Yojana	Indian Post	267	18.80	565	40.14
31	Food Security	FS & CW Dept	0	-	6707	73.17
32	Skill Development	Labour & Employment	56	4.54	2224	47.56

Sl. No	Name of the Activities/ Schemes	Name of the Department	Year 2024-25		Cumulative Total	
			No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No. of beneficiaries benefited	Fund Mobilized (Rs. in Lakh)
34	Sports Programme	Sports & Youth Service	0	-	36	0.27
35	Village Road	District Mineral Foundation	550	33.00	3718	169.75
36	Agriculture Support	Cooperation Dept	277	275.21	544	276.71
37	Community Asset	Corporate	669	27.55	1103	53.58
38	Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers	Livelihood Promotion	0	-	10	0.00
39	Social welfare	Department of Culture	0	-	30	0.36
40	livelihood	Department of Sericulture	12	0.15	326	17.24
41	Community Asset	Western Odisha Develoepment Council	0	-	43	3.00
42	Other Social Welfare Schemes	Ministry of Electronics & IT	0	-	33	0.03
43	Misc. Livelihood Promotion	Indiustries Department	1	1.80	1	1.80
44	Drinking Water Provision	Water Resource Department	232	39.00	232	39.00
45	Construction work of community Assests	PWD	600	1,245.69	600	1245.69
		Total	5,31,306	26,779.33	36,04,282	1,23,027.30

Table 9.3-Division wise fund mobilized through Convergence under AJY (During 2024-25)

Sl. No	Name of the Divisions	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefitted
1	Angul	1609.19	65489
2	Balasore WL	800.20	13726
3	Baliguda	819.76	4365
4	Bamra WL	628.07	8070
5	Bargarh	962.34	15646
6	Bolangir	1867.66	22389
7	Bonai	616.29	8917
8	Deogarh	713.36	39900
9	Jeypore	900.03	11340
10	Kalahandi(N)	2564.84	36641
11	Kalahandi(S)	2318.34	18434
13	Keonjhar	918.07	45186
12	Keonjhar WL	497.97	14232
14	Khariar	889.23	6138
15	Koraput	4371.93	56297
16	Malkangiri	563.31	5474
17	Nabarangpur	756.22	18430
18	Parlakhemundi	606.27	8825
19	Phulbani	1709.49	36196
20	Rairakhol	530.18	7958
21	Rayagada	1248.11	54608
22	Rourkela	888.47	33045
	Grand Total	26779.33	531306

Table: 9.4 Division wise Cumulative Convergence under AJY (Up to 2024-25)
AMA JANGALA YOJANA DMU WISE CONVERGENCE UP TO YEAR 2024-25

Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total		
Sl. No	Name of the Divisions	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefited	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefited	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefited	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefited	Amount mobilised in Lakh Rupees	No of persons benefited
1	Angul	174.97	25361	329.65	18473	853.85	4915	2712.67	170785	1441.36	59084
2	Balasore WL	2.01	3928	4.02	820	20.55	5902	33.13	6026	144.98	14939
3	Baliguda	318.30	3232	616.31	1610	757.87	28619	148.27	1587	349.43	3617
4	Banra WL	346.27	17536	672.24	8753	524.22	12099	229.44	2710	307.16	2508
5	Bargarh	323.10	13252	625.90	6359	625.89	12599	253.92	18673	942.24	46092
6	Bolangir	173.78	26344	327.27	12452	694.14	34466	402.48	18916	812.74	34359
7	Bonai	411.47	32661	802.64	17770	48.39	2334	798.62	5566	411.39	12445
8	Deogarh	460.01	8325	899.72	2513	807.67	38402	1038.25	47274	587.39	21343
9	Jeyore	6.07	923	12.15	1106	0.02	1328	210.00	12536	427.35	7249
10	Kalahandi(N)	102.34	1246	184.38	1387	190.41	13293	980.63	23938	3170.92	54926
11	Kalahandi(S)	173.55	1825	326.81	1050	39.29	534	203.54	10430	1056.49	19842
13	Keonjhar	1202.67	5836	2385.03	17060	42.13	3245	356.88	9115	312.59	10148
12	Keonjhar WL	1303.08	18366	2585.86	34032	16.84	1121	331.25	11740	387.82	16298
14	Khatiar	68.88	2886	117.47	1400	2,600.86	41566	543.57	20739	699.05	24103
15	Kemut	406.18	1055	792.07	1250	117.46	15958	1532.51	103066	2676.62	91400
16	Malangiri	12.78	252	5.27	1101	1,095.82	12577	291.40	11801	250.55	7440
17	Nabarangpur	80.74	7520	141.18	2109	54.89	538	488.40	11623	434.01	11059
18	Parlakhemundi	51.28	8324	82.26	2500	10	716	162.70	4468	452.67	10713
19	Pradhami	233.75	3981	447.20	1240	27.29	1581	903.32	43015	791.01	31008
20	Rairakhol	71.00	3321	121.70	1450	529.33	19561	509.99	11476	430.84	8834
21	Rayagada	165.79	1168	311.28	1250	161.55	2355	438.49	23359	717.20	44185
22	Rourkela	145.99	6359	271.68	3980	224	5640	445.34	12826	424.00	8368
23	Satsisra W/L	225.49	2976	430.69	13085	93.55	1567				
	Grand Total	6,499.5	1,96,677	1,24,928	1,52,750	9,536	2,60,936	13,015	581,689	17,228	54,060
								24,775	48,916	26,779.33	53,130.6
										12,027.30	36,043.82

Ama Jangala Yojana
Division wise Target V/s Achievements under Convergence (Amount Mobilized from April, 2024 to March, 2025)

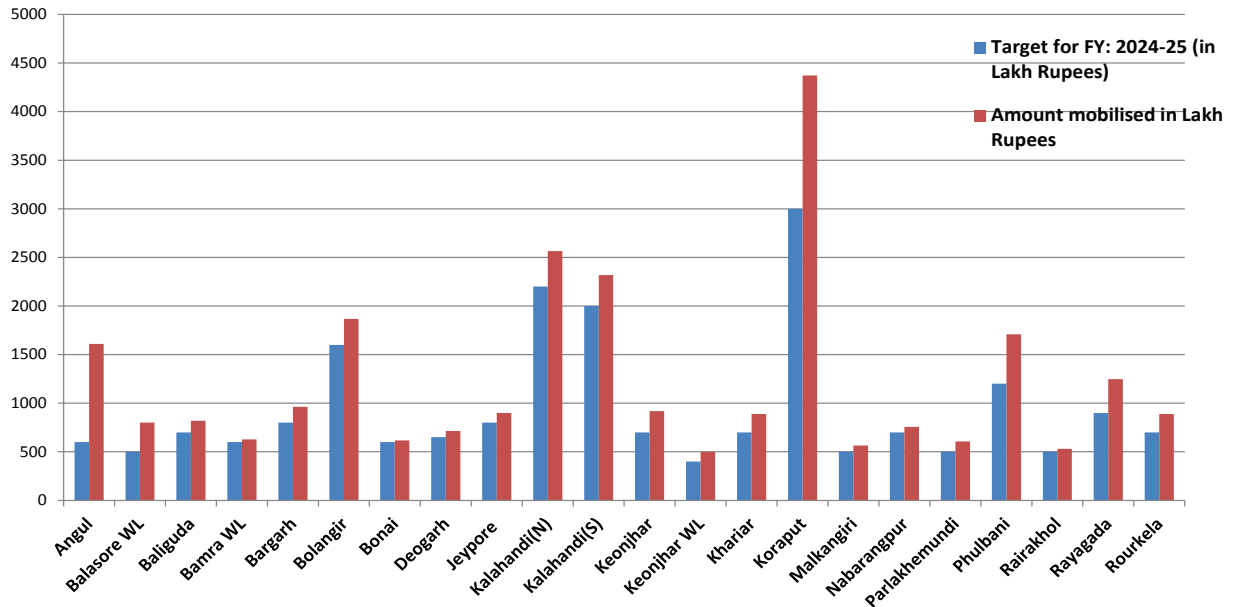


Fig-9.1: Department wise Beneficiary Covered under Livelihood Improvement & Community Development Initiatives through convergence during 2024-25

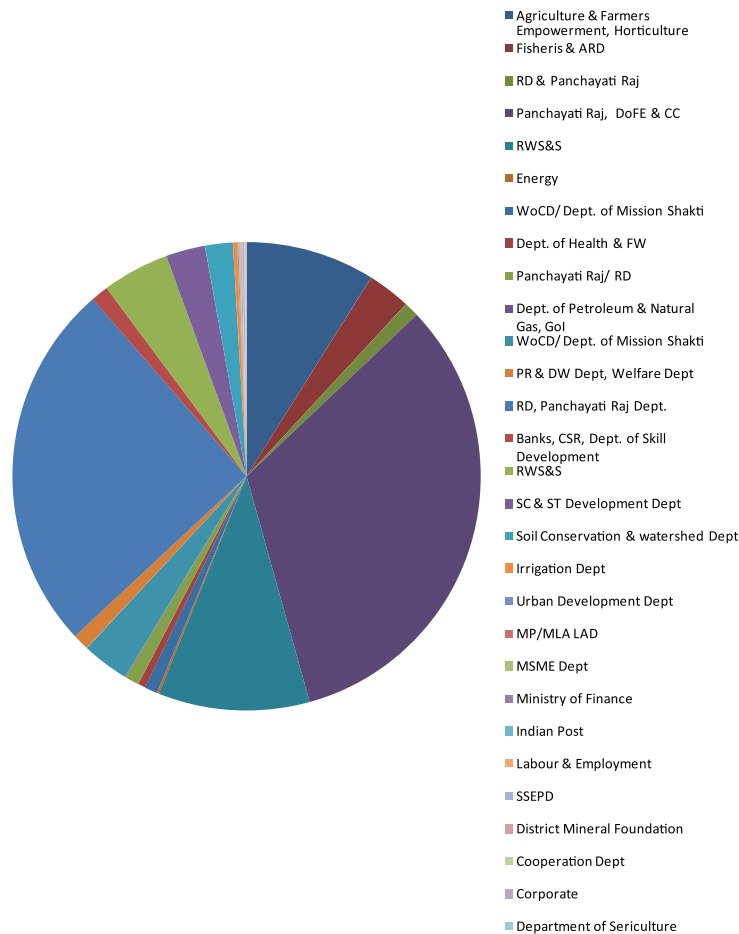
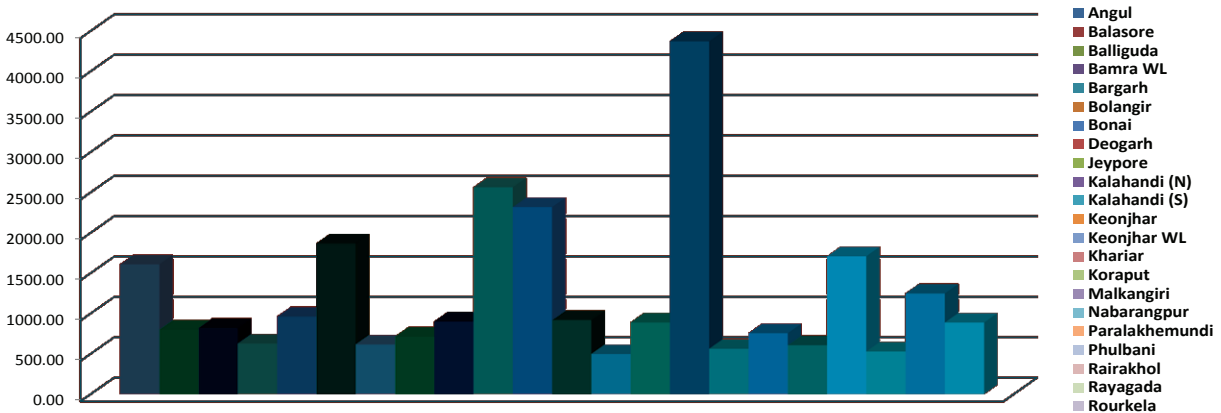
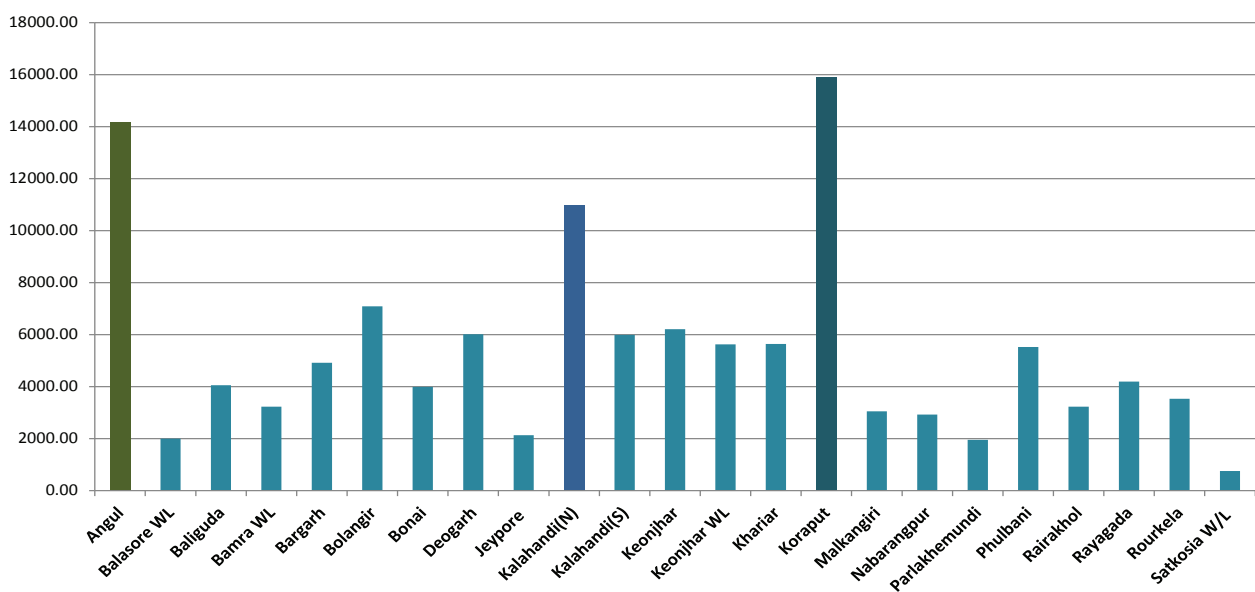


Fig-9.2: Division wise Funds Mobilized under Livelihood Improvement & Community Development Initiatives through Convergence during 2024-25

Angul	Balasore	Balliguda	Bamra WL	Bargarh	Bolangir	Bonai	Deogarh	Jeypore	Kalahandi (N)	Kalahandi (S)	Total Amount Mobilized (Lakh Rs.)
1609.19	800.20	819.76	628.07	962.34	1867.66	616.29	713.36	900.03	2564.84	2318.34	
Keonjhar	Keonjhar WL	Khariar	Koraput	Malkangiri	Nabarangpur	Paralakhemundi	Phulbani	Rairakhol	Rayagada	Rourkela	Total Amount Mobilized (Lakh Rs.)
918.07	497.97	889.23	4371.93	563.31	756.22	606.27	1709.49	530.18	1248.11	888.47	
											26779.33

**Fig-9.3: Division wise Cumulative Convergence (Funds Mobilized in Lakh Rupees) for Livelihood Improvement & Community Development Initiatives up to FY: 2024-25**

Photographs of Livelihood Promotion and Convergence Activities



Turmeric Cultivation by the VSS members of Talaguda VSS, Koraput Division through convergence initiative



Pisciculture and mushroom cultivation by the SHG members at Baghianasa VSS, Keonjhar Division



VSS and SHG members selling the vermi-composts at the VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centre at Baghianasa VSS, Keonjhar Division



Poultry Farming By Tribeni SHG Siraguda VSS, Nabrangpur Division

Individual Poultry Farming support to Shri Lambodar Banjara, Nabrangpur Division



Poultry rearing by Maa Shingha Bahini SHG of Talrachguda village, Kalahandi South Forest Division



Poultry Farming by Murtumma VSS, Nabrangpur Division



Layer bird farming by Tulasi SHG, Kumbharamunda, Balliguda Division



Support to VSS members for Mango fruit Orchard through convergence with Horticulture Department at Turekela VSS, Bolangir Division



Vegetable crate support to SHG members of Brahamani VSS, Bolangir Division



Leaf plate making machine support to members of Jamki VSS, Bolangir Division



Vegetable seed support in convergence with Horticulture Department at Goberpatti VSS, Rourkela Division



Vegetable cultivation support in convergence with Horticulture Department at Dinabandhupur VSS, Keonjhar Division



Mechanical Weeder support to the members of Radhakrishna SHG of Silikuti VSS, Balliguda Division



Mini Rice huller support to Gandapada VSS members, Phulbani Division



Awareness Camp at Dumuria VSS, Keonjhar Division in convergence with Labour Welfare Department



Vegetable cultivation support at Langalkhol VSS, Angul Division



Vegetable cultivation support at Kasirapatna VSS under Keonjhar Division



Vegetable cultivation support at Kandaposi VSS under Keonjhar Division



Watermelon cultivation support to VSS members at Tando VSS, Keonjhar Division



Vegetable cultivation support to Bishnu Patarani SHG, Chemena VSS, Keonjhar Division



Arrowroot cultivation and selling at Raigada VSS of BJP Range, Keonjhar Division



Vegetable cultivation by Maa Durga SHG of Tiadiposi VSS, Keonjhar Division



Banana cultivation at Jamunali VSS, Angul Division



Goatary support to VSS members at Makarmunda VSS, Deogarh Division



Goatary support to SHG members at Khajurijharan VSS, Keonjhar Division



Goatary support to VSS members at Birsapada VSS, Rourkela Division



Agarbati Making by SHG members at Misrapalli VSS, Rourkela Division



Pisciculture by Jay Bajarangwali SHG, Ganjabahal VSS under Redhakhol Division



Mushroom Farming at Mishrapali VSS, Rourkela Forest Division



Back yard poultry farming support to the members of Tulasi SHG at Kumrapalli VSS, Deogarh Division



Mushroom cultivation support to the members of Murtumma VSS, Nabarangpur Division



Millet cultivation and processing by the VSS members of Musakata VSS, Redhakhol Division



Vermi-compost production and packaging at Rion and Pratappur VSS under Rourkela Division



Papaya and marigold cultivation support to the SHG members of Tangarapalli VSS under Rourkela Division



Farm pond support to VSS members through convergence at Siraguda VSS, Nabarangpur Division



Goat shed support through Convergence with Veterinary & AW Dept. by Maa Indira SHG, Nabarangpur Division

Chapter 10

Monitoring of AJY Programme

Both conventional and technology-based monitoring system are adopted in Ama Jangala Yojana. The physical progress of the deliverables is monitored through field visits, using Geographic Information System (GIS) and Management Information System (MIS). The financial progress is monitored through a centralized monitoring system. Progress monitoring is a regular process under AJY, whereas project evaluation is mandatory at outcomes and impact levels. The physical monitoring is conducted through field visits and review meetings at DMU and FMU levels. Monthly VSS meetings are being conducted at the VSS level on regular basis to monitor the progress at grassroot level. Periodical State Level Review meetings have been conducted to monitor and assess the progress and incorporate suggestive measures.

10.1 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

A robust monitoring & evaluation system equipped with qualified manpower and technology has been established at the AJY Cell of PMU. The physical and financial monitoring of the Scheme is carried out at FMU, DMU and PMU levels on monthly, quarterly and annual basis. At PMU level, the physical and financial monitoring of the progress of implementation of the activities is executed by the AJY Cell of OFSDS on monthly basis through collection of monthly progress reports and convergence report, and preparing

consolidated sheets. The physical and financial achievements of FMU are consolidated on monthly basis in consultation with the concerned FMU Chief, using the prescribed formats. A brief report of the PNGO activities is also prepared by the concerned PNGO team on monthly basis and submitted to the FMU Chief for review and comments as well as onward transmission of the same to the DMU Chief. The DMU Chief prepares the DMU level monthly progress report in the prescribed formats showing both physical and financial achievements by consolidating the monthly reports received from FMUs and submits the same to the concerned RCCFs and to the PCCF (Projects) and Project Director, OFSDP. The AJY Cell of PMU of OFSDS prepares monthly progress report by consolidating reports received from the DMUs and submits to the Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha and Principal CCF & HoFF, Odisha.

The physical and financial progresses are also monitored by the concerned RCCFs and the senior Officers of PMU of OFSDS, through field inspections, periodical review meetings.

The Governing Body (GB) at the state level takes policy decisions pertaining to Annual Action Plan & Budget, overall supervision of project activities. The High Power Committee (HPC) of OFSDS at the state level takes major policy decisions pertaining to Annual Work Plan & Budget

and overall monitoring of project activities.

The financial monitoring of implementation of the scheme follows the procedures stipulated for implementation and execution of State CAMPA and the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) Schemes as the major funding comes from these sources. Separate accounts are maintained at the Range and Divisional levels for handling the funds received under the Heads - State CAMPA and the State Plan (Programme Expenditure). The expenditure is accordingly reflected in the accounts against corresponding Budget Head.

The PMU of OFSDS has developed reporting formats for the P-NGOs and DMUs in MIS domain. The collected data is captured, verified and uploaded in MIS on monthly basis and the progress is monitored accordingly.

10.1.1 Web based Monitoring

In addition to traditional monitoring system, web-based GIS and MIS which forms the overall Monitoring & Evaluation system of OFSDS is extensively used. The web-based GIS-MIS monitoring system available at OFSDS headquarters is fully equipped with adequate IT infrastructure such as servers, work stations, high speed networking systems, database and software systems to facilitate with valuable information for monitoring.

10.1.2 Monitoring Project Interventions through Geographic Information System (GIS)

- A Geomatic Centre for GIS and MIS activity is functional in PMU under OFSDS.
- A group of experts and technicians are engaged for in-house development, implementation and maintenance of both GIS and MIS based applications.
- Use of open source software for developing the web based platform has helped in unrestricted access at all levels and expansion of the facilities.

- Expansion of GIS facilities to the DMUs with specialist support is provided.
- Monitoring of all activities is being done through regulation of MIS & GIS Systems.

10.1.3 Geomatic Centre at PMU

- The project has customized web based GIS and MIS applications to suit the requirement. Activities like forest cover classification are done using satellite imagery. Similarly, data captured at field level are super imposed to monitor changes and impacts.
- Intervention such as VSS buildings cum IGA Facilitation Centre, Drainage Line Treatment, plantations, pillar postings in VSS treatment area are also monitored through GIS systems.

10.1.4 Web based GIS

- Web based GIS is a web portal developed to facilitate layered map and data visualization using a web browser.
- The portal has facilities for viewing multiple map layers together and super imposed over various background raster layers like satellite imagery, forest cover data, land use and land cover layers etc.

10.1.5 Verification of VSS information in the GIS cell

- GPS data (Latitudes and Longitudes) of the proposed, assigned and treatment area of VSSs are uploaded using Web-GIS.
- Uploaded data is verified for the following aspects:
 - Whether the treatment area is less than or equal to ($\leq$) assigned area.
 - Treatment/Assigned area of one VSS does not overlap with another VSS (each VSS has assigned with a unique ID).

- Whether the treatment area is within the assigned area.
- For each state code there should be only one corresponding VSS.
- After verification of GPS coordinates of permanent structures, state codes are generated for each VSS and intimated to the concerned Divisions for record.
- After survey and demarcation, the GPS coordinates of assigned and treatment areas of each VSS are uploaded in the Web-GIS portal by the concerned Divisions.
- These geo-coordinates are verified in the GIS cell and rectified for any error following which maps of VSS are prepared and provided to the concerned divisions.

10.2 Management Information System (MIS)

The web-based MIS (Management Information System) available at OFSDS headquarter in the Geomatics Cell is part of the overall M&E system of the AJY Scheme. The MIS consists of systematic data entry and dissemination of information among various stakeholders of the Scheme. This is done as per the scope of the user. Looking at various aspects of the need, the Geomatics Cell has developed the Web-based in-house MIS application. The MIS application is designed to facilitate on-site data assimilation from the remote operational units such as FMUs and DMUs. This also facilitates up-to-date and real-time information on the physical as well as financial progress/status of the implementation of the Scheme. This helps in making right decision by the Project Authority. The MIS application has the following functional components.

10.2.1 Data Input Interface

The MIS modules has Data Input Interface which provides easy-to-use data formats with easy data retrieval and input facility for all project activities/ components covered under the AJY. The data

input interface facilitates capturing of component wise progress of data. A brief description of the features of the data input interface are as follows:

- Easier Data Entry: The data interface has been designed very simplistically for easier understanding.
- Data Validation: The data input fields are embedded with the data validation routines to restrict input of incorrect data into the system.

10.2.2 Reports

The MIS application includes reporting facilities at all the operational levels. However, the content and nature of the report are dependent upon the operational level as well as the operational scope of the concerned system user. The Reports are broadly divided into:

- Monthly Reports,
- Scope based Reports and
- Query based Reports.

Besides the above categories of the reports, PMU also generate additional text based as well as graphical reports as per requirements.

10.2.3 Application/ Data Security

The developed in-house MIS application is secured and to access information at any operational level to all components of the MIS application is restricted through user-id and password. All users of the system have a user account grouped under either FMU Operational level or DMU operational level or PMU operational level. Each of such user account is provided with unique combination of user-id and strong password. The user has to log in to the system by using the designated user-id and password to be able to access the application component. Once successfully logged-in, the system user is provided with application features pertaining to their specific operational level.



FMU level Review meeting at Champua Range, Keonjhar Division



FMU level Review meeting at Ghatagaon Range, Keonjhar Division



FMU level VSS review meeting at Patna Range, Keonjhar Division



VSS level review meeting at Jakam VSS, Kalrapat Sanctuary Range under Kalahandi (S) Division

Chapter 11

Financial Management

The initial outlay of the Ama Jangala Yojana Scheme was Rs. 1170.02 Crores from State Plan (Programme Expenditure), State CAMPA, MGNREGS and NRLM for the period from 2016-17 to 2021-22. However, the major source of funds for AJY Scheme was received from Government of Odisha through State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and State CAMPA. Apart from this, an outlay of Rs.45.70 Crores has been provisioned from the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) and Rs. 75.77 Crores from State CAMPA for the maintenance phase (2022-23 to 2024-25). Out of the total outlay, Rs. 524.95 Crores have been received from State CAMPA & Rs. 146.90 Crores from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) till completion of the FY 2024-25.

The CAMPA fund has been utilized for Community Mobilization, Capacity Building of the stakeholders, Survey and demarcation, SMC Measures, Micro-plan Preparation and Forest Restoration Activities (ANR activities and Block Plantations) whereas the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund has been utilized for the Entry Point Activities, Construction of VSS Buildings-cum-IGA Facilitation Centers and Managerial Expenses such as support to P-NGOs, engagement of Support Staff and Office Contingency etc.

11.1 Budget Outlay and Funds Received

The tables 11.1 & 11.2 represent the year wise Budget Outlay and Funds Received from State CAMPA and State Plan (Programme Expenditure) up to FY, 2024-25.

Table-11.1: Financial year wise funds received from State CAMPA

Financial Year	Funds Received (in Lakh Rs.)
2015-16	1,862.37
2016-17	1,120.00
2017-18	8,898.93
2018-19	9,474.90
2019-20	7,292.80
2020-21	6,624.69
2021-22	9,657.11
2022-23	3,829.54
2023-24	2,375.01
2024-25	1359.51
Total	52,494.92

Table-11.2: Financial year wise funds received from State Plan (Programme Expenditure)

Financial Year	Funds Received (Rs in Lakhs)
2011-12	1000.00
2013-14	10.00
2014-15	110.00
2016-17	1000.00
2017-18	1000.00
2018-19	2500.00
2019-20	1500.00
2020-21	1500.00
2021-22	1500.00
2022-23	1815.00
2023-24	1625.00
2024-25	1130.46
Total	14,690.46

11.2 Expenditure

The State CAMPA fund has been utilised for the following interventions of the AJY Scheme.

- Community mobilization and institution building,
- JFM site selection,
- Survey and demarcation of VSS assigned area and mapping,
- Micro Plan preparation,
- Support to capacity building training of VSS, SHG members and Department staff ,
- Forest restoration under JFM and soil and moisture conservation,
- ANR with and without gap plantation,
- Block Plantation and its maintenance.

Similarly, the State Plan (Programme Expenditure) fund is utilised for the managerial interventions of the Scheme such as remuneration of P-NGO teams, remuneration of Animator, managerial expenditure at FMU and DMU levels, remuneration of support staff, construction of VSS Building-cum-IGA Facilitation Centres, and PMU level expenditures.

Table 11.3 presents about component wise and DMU wise fund released from State Plan (Programme Expenditure) during the year 2024-25 for the AJY Divisions.

Table no. 11.4 indicates about the physical achievements Component wise / DMU wise in AJY Divisions during 2024-25 and Table no. 11.5 presents the component and DMU wise Financial Progress under State CAMPA APO during 2024-25.

**Table 11.3: Component Wise and DMU wise Funds Released from State Plan (Programme Expenditure)
ng FY 2024-25 under AJY (Rupees in Lakh)**

Sl. No.	DMU	RCCF/DMU/ FMU Support Staff	Mobility Cost To DMU	Travel Cost to Forest Personnel	Office Cost & Contingency	Animator Remuneration	PNGO Charges	Herbal Fair	Excess/ Short fall	Adivasi Mela	Total
1	Bonai	16.17	0.20	0.20	0.25	1.80	5.90	0.11	0	0.25	24.88
2	Deogarh	26.53	0.20	0.20	0.25	3.87	13.30				44.35
3	Jeypore	36.10	0.20	0.20	0.25	8.10	25.09			0.30	70.24
4	Keonjhar	31.68	0.10	0.15	0.40	4.05	15.37	0.20	1.14	0.28	53.37
5	Paralakhemundi	26.91	0.20	0.20	0.25	3.60	11.79		-0.69		42.26
6	Rourkela	31.13	0.20	0.20	0.25	4.41	13.30	0.20	-0.45	0.22	49.46
7	Angul	26.24	0.20	0.20	0.25	2.52	1.67	0.15		0.15	31.38
8	Balasore(WL)	15.10	0.20	0.20	0.25	1.53	1.51				18.79
9	Phulbani	36.57	0.00	0.40	0.25	10.98	36.88	0.20	7.32		92.6
10	Baliguda	32.59	0.20	0.20	0.25	5.40	17.69	0.20	-5.28	0.42	51.67
11	Koraput	41.49	0.20	0.20	0.25	9.90	30.98				83.02
12	Rayagada	39.36	0.20	0.20	0.25	9.90	30.98	0.14	-2.04	0.15	79.14
13	Bolangir	50.20	0.20	0.20	0.25	8.10	25.09				84.04
14	Kalahandi(N)	35.97	0.20	0.20	0.25	10.26	30.98		4.83		82.69
15	Khariar	26.14	0.20	0.20	0.25	5.85	19.19	0.16	4.38		56.37
16	Bargarh	22.65	0.20	0.20	0.25	2.79	7.40		-1.17		32.32
17	Bamra(WL)	25.26	0.20	0.20	0.25	4.23	13.30		-4.74	0.10	38.8
18	Keonjhar(WL)	19.82	0.20	0.20	0.25	2.70	7.40				54.49
19	Malkangiri	30.72	0.25	0.00	0.40	6.30	19.19		-2.67	0.30	113.04
20	Kalahandi(S)	43.95	0.20	0.20	0.25	13.41	42.77		11.97	0.29	48.05
21	Rairakhol	30.16	0.20	0.20	0.25	4.44	12.80				48.21
22	Nabarangpur	31.09	0.20	0.20	0.25	4.02	12.29			0.16	54.49
	GRAND TOTAL		675.83	4.15	4.35	5.80	128.16	394.86	1.36	12.60	1229.74

Table-11.4: : Physical Target & Achievement under Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) during 2024-25 under State CAMPA APO

Sl No.	Name of Division	ANR with GAP (4th yr)		ANR without GAP (4th yr)	
		Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)	Target (In Ha.)	Achievement (In Ha.)
1	Angul	-	-	375	375
2	Balasore (WL)	-	-	50	50
3	Baliguda	1000	1000	1000	1000
4	Bamra (WL)	600	600	695	695
5	Bargarh	-	-	400	400
6	Bolangir	1000	1,000	1000	1000
7	Bonai	-	-	682	524
8	Deogarh	550	550	550	550
9	Jeypore	1750	1,750	1750	1750
10	Kalahandi (N)	1950	1,950	2200	2200
11	Kalahandi (S)	2000	2,000	2200	2200
12	Keonjhar	600	600	650	650
13	Keonjhar (WL)	700	700	800	800
14	Khariar	600	600	620	620
15	Koraput	2100	2,100	2400	2400
16	Malkangiri	750	750	750	750
17	Nabarangpur	850	850	850	850
18	Paralakhemundi	500	500	500	500
19	Phulbani	1600	1,600	1560	1560
20	Rairakhol	500	500	500	500
21	Rayagada	2,200	2,200	2545	2545
22	Rourkela	675	675	735	735
	Total	19925	19925	22812	22,654

Table-11.5: Year Wise Funds Allocation during the Maintenance Phase (2022-23 to 2024-25)

Source of Funds	Allocation (in Lakh Rupees)			Total (in Lakh Rupees)
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
State Plan (Programme Expenditure)	1815.00	1624.80	1130.46	4570.26
State CAMPA	3930.00	2375.00	1742.95	8047.95
Total	5745.00	3999.80	2873.41	12618.21

Chapter 12

State Level Activities

12.1: Participation of OFSDS in 17th Kalinga Herbal Fair

OFSDS participated in the '17th State Level Kalinga Herbal Fair' during 6th-12th November, 2024 organized by the State Medicinal Plants Board, Government of Odisha. This was a unique event for showcasing and selling of traditional herbal and other products by various stakeholders. Apart from this, there were technical sessions throughout the entire days of exhibition. The event provided a platform for publicity and sale of a wide range of

traditional forest and herbal healing products by our VSSs and SHGs. The VSSs, EDCs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) from AJY Project areas used this platform to promote their products, brands and identity through public display. On this occasion, OFSDS was awarded the 1st prize for best stall under Govt. category, which was quite inspiring for all stakeholders of AJY.



Participation of OFSDS in 17th Kalinga Herbal Fair



Inside view of the OFSDS Stall at 17th Kalinga Herbal Fair



Honourable dignitaries visiting OFSDS Stall during 17th Kalinga Herbal Fair





Display of rural products in the Herbal Fair



The Baidas explaining about their products to the visitors

12.2: Participation of OFSDS in Adivasi Mela, 2025

The State level Annual Tribal Fair, popularly known as “Adivasi Mela” was organized by the ST & SC Development, Minority and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Odisha and was a unique event for socio-cultural integration among tribal and urban people in Odisha. This is one of the oldest and colorful festivals of Odisha which showcases the art, culture, tradition, crafts and economic exchange among rural, especially tribal and urban people.

OFSDS participated in the Adivasi Mela-2025 organized from 5th -16th January 2025. 27 VSSs, EDCs and Self Help Groups (SHGs)

from OFSDS project area showcased their achievements and used this platform to promote their products. The unique product based display of the materials attracted many researchers and marketing agencies which may be helpful for our stakeholders for marketing in future.

Eleven numbers of VSSs/SHGs had participated in the event from AJY project Divisions with a total sales amounting to Rs. 34,01,379/- which is an all time record in sales so far. Total 27 VSSs/EDCs/SHGs participated in the event on behalf of OFSDS and sold their products worth of Rs. 81,92,512/-.



Overview of products display in OFSDS Stall and sale in progress

12.3 Observation of Vana Mahotsav Week, 2024

75th Vana Mahotsava Week was celebrated across the AJY Divisions during the month of July, 2024 in which awareness campaigns, rallies, meetings, felicitations to various stakeholders for their extraordinary efforts and massive plantation programmes were conducted.



Vana Mahotsava celebration at Naktesmda VSS, Nabarangpur Forest Division



Vanamahostava celebration at Chaka Nuasahi VSS, Keonjhar Division



Vanamosostab at Govt. U.G.High School at Beheda VSS, Nabarangpur Forest Division



Vanamosostab at Tavakuda VSS, Keonjhar WL Division



Vana Mahotsava at Kotpad ITI, Jeypore Division



Vana Mahotsava celebration at Aamjhar VSS, Rourkela Division



Vana Mahotsava celebration at Mundatola VSS, Rourkela Division in presence of Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Welfare, Government of India



Celebration of Vanamahostav at S.N.purgoda at Telkoi Range, Keonjhar Division

12.4. Visit of Dignitaries to AJY VSS areas:



Shri Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia, Hon'ble Minister of Forests, Environment & Climate Change, Odisha visits Baghianasa VSS under Keonjhar Forest Division



Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Jual Oram, presenting Biju Pattnaik Award for Forest Protection to Mundatola VSS of Rourkela Forest Division



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, presenting Awards to the participants of Regional Kalinga Herbal Mela at Keonjhar

Chapter 13

Action Plan of AJY for the year 2025-26

During the year 2024-25, Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) was implemented in 22 Territorial and Wildlife Divisions of the state through Vana Suraksha Samitis (VSSs). During this year maintenance of ANR (with gap plantation) was carried out in 18 AJY Divisions, in addition to

usual ANR (without gap plantation) activities in 22 Divisions. During the coming financial year (2025-26), it has been planned to expedite livelihood promotion activities through inter-sectoral convergence in 1424 VSSs where the maintenance activities have recently been completed.

Table No-13.1: Proposal for Livelihood Promotion through Inter-sectoral Convergence during FY- 2025-26

Sl No.	Division	No of PNGO Teams/ TL & DOs	Amount (Lakh Rs) to be mobilized during 2025-26 (Target)
1	Angul	1	800
2	Balasore WL	1 DO	400
3	Baliguda	3	1000
4	Bamra WL	2+1DO	800
5	Bargarh	1+1DO	400
6	Bolangir	4+1DO	1600
7	Bonai	1	400
8	Deogarh	2+1DO	800
9	Jeypore	4+1DO	1000
10	Kalahandi(N)	5+1DO	2000
11	Kalahandi(S)	7+1DO	2000
12	Keonjhar	2+1TL+1DO	600
13	Keonjhar WL	1+1DO	300
14	Khariar	3+1DO	1000
15	Koraput	5+1DO	1500
16	Malkangiri	3+1DO	1000
17	Nabarangpur	2+1DO	800
18	Parlakhemundi	2	800
19	Phulbani	6+1DO	1500
20	Rairakhol	2	800
21	Rayagada	5+1DO	1800
22	Rourkela	2+1DO	800
	Total	63+1TL+17DO	22100

Chapter 14

Executive Team of Ama Jangala Yojana during the Year 2024-25

The AJY programme team comprised of the following personnel at the State PMU, Circles and Divisional Management Units:

State Project Management Unit during 2024-25

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Sri Chittaranjan Khuntia, OFS-I(SB)	Deputy Project Director(AJY)
Shri Banshidhar Swain	Subject Matter Specialist (IME)
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Chapter 15

Support Services to Divisional Management Units

Ama Jangla Yojana (AJY) was implemented in 23 Territorial and Wildlife Divisions under 16 Districts of Odisha involving 2,30,523 Ha of Assigned Forest Areas under 4,601 VSSs from 2016-17 to 2022-23. About 14,263 numbers of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) from the above VSSs are being facilitated by the project for Income Generation Activities (IGAs) to supplement their household income. Community mobilization with emphasis on livelihood promotion was the major focus of this program. Hence, engagement of partner NGOs, Divisional Support Teams and Animators were provisioned in the Scheme for smooth and effective implementation.

15.1 Engagement of Partner NGOs

Under AJY, collaboration has been made with local Non-Government Organizations called Partner-NGOs for strengthening the grassroot institutions such as VSSs and SHGs, building their capacity and to facilitate implementation of various activities. The P-NGOs also play a major role in implementing income generation activities and livelihood promotion initiatives under the Scheme. The P-NGOs supplement the works of the Department by facilitating the VSS and SHGs in implementation of livelihood programmes for the rural community. Keeping in view, the active participation of the local communities in Sustainable Forest Management as well as improvement of the socio-economic status of the forest fringe dwelling communities, AJY collaborated with the local P-NGOs to achieve its objectives.

During the year 2024-25, eleven (11) Partner-NGOs have been engaged for community mobilization and livelihood promotion activities.

15.1.1 Role of P-NGOs

The roles of P-NGO teams, as envisaged in the partnership guideline are as follows:

- Formation/reconstitution of VSSs to bring under the fold of AJY.
- Facilitate PRA and preparation of Micro-plans of target VSSs
- Identification/selection of SHGs and assisting SHGs in preparing business plans for IGAs and micro-enterprise development.
- Sensitization of local communities and their capacity building
- Organizing training programs for VSS members and SHGs
- Arrangement of loan linkage/ grant support for SHGs with available financial institutions through convergence

- Facilitating SHGs/ Product Clusters in processing, packaging and marketing their products.
- Facilitating convergence with line departments for various development activities in the villages
- Any other works ancillary and necessary in execution of micro- plans.

15.1.2 Services of P-NGOs as Support Organization

During the year 2024-25, 11 Partner NGOs have been engaged as support organisation in 22 AJY Divisions for smooth implementation of the scheme. The P-NGO team consisting of one Team Leader and two Development Officers (DOs) have been deployed for every 20 VSSs at Range level. During the year 2024-25, 63 P-NGO teams, 1 team leader and 17 Development Officers have been engaged in AJY Divisions.

Table 15.1 Division wise Details of P-NGO Teams & Development Officers (DO) engaged during 2024-25

P-NGO Team Engaged AJY Funding through State Plan			
Sl No.	Name of the Division	No. of Teams & DOs Engaged	Name of the P-NGO
1	Bonai	1	SGUP
2	Deogarh	2+1DO	GVS
3	Jeypore	4+1DO	GVS
4	Paralakhemundi	2	LIPICA
5	Rourkela	2+1 DO	SGUP
6	Keonjhar	2+1TL+1DO	PRAKALP
7	Balasore(wl)	1 DO	RDC
8	Baliguda	3	BSS
9	Koraput	5+1DO	IAEET
10	Rayagada	5+1DO	IAEET
11	Phulbani	6+1DO	PAHAD
12	Bolangir	4+1DO	Seva Samiti
13	Khariar	3+1DO	IAEET
14	Bargarh	1+1DO	GVS
15	Keonjhar(WL)	1+1 DO	PRAKALP
16	Malkangiri	3+1 DO	SHRUSTI
17	Kalahandi(S)	7+1DO	GVS
18	Kalahandi(N)	5+1DO	GVS
19	Bamra(WL)	2+1DO	SIDI
20	Nabarangpur	2+1 DO	GVS
21	Redhakhhol	2	SIDI
	Total	63+1TL+17 DO	11

15.2 Engagement of Animators in AJY VSSs

In AJY Scheme, Animators are engaged in VSS level in order to facilitate community mobilization, establishing contact with the VSS and also to assist

in record keeping. Local educated youths from the village community have been selected and engaged on the basis of payment of Honorarium as VSS level Animator. As on 31st March, 2025, total 1,424 numbers of Animators have been engaged in AJY VSSs.

Table 15.2: Division wise Animators Engaged for last 2 years up to March, 2025

Statement of Animators Engaged under AJY					
Sl No.	Name of the Division	No of VSS (19-20)	No of VSS (20-21)	Total No. of VSS during maintenance period	No of Animators engaged
1	Bonai	0	20	20	20
2	Deogarh	20	23	43	43
3	Jeypore	20	70	90	90
4	Paralakhemundi	20	20	40	40
5	Rourkela	20	29	49	49
6	Keonjhar	20	25	45	45
7	Angul	20	8	28	28
8	Balasore(WL)	15	2	17	17
9	Baliguda	20	40	60	60
10	Koraput	20	90	110	110
11	Rayagada	20	90	110	110
12	Phulbani	40	82	122	122
13	Bolangir	50	40	90	90
14	Khariar	40	25	65	65
15	Bargarh	20	11	31	31
16	Malkangiri	40	30	70	70
17	Kalahandi(S)	65	84	149	149
18	Kalahandi(N)	30	84	114	114
19	Bamra(WL)	20	27	47	47
20	Keonjhar(WL)	0	30	30	30
21	Nabarangpur	20	34	54	54
22	Rairakhol	20	20	40	40
	Grand Total	540	884	1424	1424

15.3 Provision of Divisional Support Team to DMUs

Divisional Support Team has been provisioned under AJY in order to manage the data and information that has been generated during the implementation of the scheme at the Division and Range levels. At the Division level, one AJY Co-ordinator-cum-Accounts Assistant and a Data Entry Operator (Accounts) have been

engaged. Similarly, at the Range level, a Multi-tasking Assistant has been provided for collection and compilation of data from the field. Further, each Regional Circle Office has been supported with a Multi-tasking Assistant. All these services have been outsourced through Local service providers. A total of 374 personnels are engaged at various levels during the financial year 2024-25 (excluding Animators).

Table 15.3: Details of the Support Team engaged during 2024-25

SI No	Name of DMU	No of FMU	No of AJY Co-ordinators-cum-Account Assistant	No of DEO Acct	No of Multi-tasking Assistant (DMU/FMU/ Circle)	Total DMU/FMU/ CircleStaff	P-NGO Team Leader	P-NGO Development Officers	Total Support Staff
1	Bonai	2	1	1	2	4	1	2	7
2	Deogarh	5	1	1	5	7	2	5	14
3	Jeypore	6	1	1	6	8	4	9	21
4	Keonjhar	6	1	1	6	8	3	5	16
5	Paralakhemundi	5	1	1	5	7	2	4	13
6	Rourkela	6	1	1	6	8	2	5	15
7	Angul	5	0	1	7	8	1	2	11
8	Balasore(WL)	2	1	1	2	4	0	1	5
9	Phulbani	6	0	1	6	8	6	13	27
10	Baliguda	6	1	1	6	8	3	6	17
11	Koraput	6	1	1	7	9	5	11	25
12	Rayagada	7	1	1	7	9	5	11	25
13	Bolangir	11	1	1	11	13	4	9	26
14	Kalahandi(N)	5	1	1	5	7	5	11	23
15	Khariar	5	0	1	5	7	3	7	17
16	Bargarh	4	1	1	4	6	1	3	10
17	Bamra(WL)	4	1	1	4	6	2	5	13
18	Keonjhar(WL)	3	1	1	3	5	1	3	9
19	Malkangiri	5	1	1	5	7	3	7	17
20	Kalahandi(S)	6	1	1	6	8	7	15	30
21	Nabarangpur	6	1	1	6	8	2	5	15
22	Rairakhol	6	1	1	6	8	2	4	14
23	PMU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	Total	117	19	22	120	163	64	143	374

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