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## From Project Director's Desk

### EDITORIAL

Under OFSDS a specific system for annual monitoring of the progress of various project interventions has been developed, which is apart from the customary monitoring of the activities by way of periodic reports and also through web-based Management Information System (MIS). This system, popularly known as Sameekshya, is taken up annually both at the Divisional Management Units and at Project Management Unit Level. The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society under Forest and Environment Department organized its Annual Review Conference titled Sameekshya 2018-19 on 14th March 2019 at Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar. A special report on the Annual conference is covered in this issue of Banayana.

Apart from this, in this issue of Banayana, a special feature on participation of OFSDS in Annual Adivasi Mela – 2019 is covered. In the State level Adivasi Mela, held from 26.01.19 to 09.02.19 SHG constituents of OFSDS participated largely to showcase their produces and products directly to the consumers. This platform was offered to the VSS members and SHG groups of AJY, OFSDP-I and OFSDP-II to augment their capacity of production, harness the skills on income generation activities and revisit their IGA or production plan. There was an earnest effort by the PMU, OFSDS to mobilise the SHGs from different DMUs for 15 days to Bhubaneswar in 3 batches, ensure their stay and transportation to the Mela venue, screening the quality of products, showcasing and sale of products, branding and promotion in a coordinated way to augment the sale activities at the mela. It is heartening that the DMUs have supported the effort and this year OFSDS has crossed all the previous sales figures in this event.

There are also various reports on convergence programmes and special success stories from DMUs which are highlighted in this issue of Banayana to underscore the importance of coordination with other line departments to achieve success of convergence activities of OFSDP, Phase-II.

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## OFSDS in State Level Adivasi Mela-2019

By State Programme Manager, KM, P&P

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) participated in the State Level Annual Adivasi Mela - 2019 organized by ST, SC Development, Minority and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Odisha from 26th January to 9th February 2019. The 15 day exhibition-cum-sale counter of products by OFSDS constituent SHGs in the Adivasi Mela was inaugurated by Shri L.K.Tewari, IFS, PCCF (Projects)-cum-Project Director, Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society. He interacted with the SHGs and VSS members and encouraged them to utilise this exhibition as a platform to augment their livelihood options by selling SHG products

including agri produces. As many as 48 SHGs operationalised under Ama Jangala Yojana, OFSDP-II, and Partnership Ecosystem of OFSDP-I participated in the event. Total 169 members of these SHGs under 18 various Divisional Management Units OFSDS took part in the Mela in three batches. Public cutting across all strata visited the OFSDS stall and appreciated various products sold by OFSDS SHGs in different categories like Agri Products, Grocery Products, Natural and Forest Products, Handicrafts, etc. The forest fringe community groups sold record number of products this Mela and the overall sale crossed the previous participation record.



A view of OFSDS Stall in Adivasi Mela-2019



Inauguration of Adivasi Mela by Sri L.K. Tewari, PCCF (Project)-cum-Project Director, OFSDS

**Table: DMU wise SHG participation in Adivasi Mela 2019**

Divisions	No of SHGs/ Groups	Name of the SHGs
<b>Phase-1</b>		
Balliguda	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adikadu SHG</li> <li>● Matru Seva SHG</li> <li>● Kalabari SHG</li> </ul>
Karanja	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Durga SHG</li> <li>● Maa Malati</li> <li>● Binduchandan SHG</li> </ul>
Parlakhemundi	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Manikeswary SHG</li> </ul>
Athamallik	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hariharpur Mahila Samiti</li> <li>● Grampati SHG</li> <li>● Banadurga SHG</li> <li>● Samalei</li> </ul>

Divisions	No of SHGs/ Groups	Name of the SHGs
Boudh	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Mangala SHG</li> <li>● Maa Maheswari SHG</li> </ul>
Rourkela	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Banalaxmi Siali Cluster</li> </ul>
Sambalpur	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Baladev MPCs</li> <li>● MaaLaxmi SHG</li> </ul>
Jeypore	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Brundabati SHG</li> <li>● Siba Sankar SHG</li> </ul>
Keonjhar	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sanjuwali Tareni FPC</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	

Divisions	No of SHGs/ Groups	Name of the SHGs
<b>Phase-2</b>		
Baripada	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Manasa SHG</li> <li>● Maa Tareni SHG</li> </ul>
Angul	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pokatunga SHG</li> <li>● Lingaraj SHG</li> </ul>
Keonjhar	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anatakeshari SHG</li> <li>● Banadurga SHG</li> </ul>
Jharsuguda	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Gayatri SHG</li> <li>● Matrusakti SHG</li> </ul>
Karanja	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Durga SHG</li> <li>● Maa Malati</li> <li>● Binduchandan SHG</li> </ul>
Jeyapore	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Brundabati SHG</li> <li>● SibaSankar SHG</li> </ul>
Balliguda	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adikadu SHG</li> <li>● Matru Seva SHG</li> <li>● Kalabari SHG</li> </ul>
Rourkela	1	● Banalaxmi Siali Cluster
Phulbani	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matrusakti SHG</li> <li>● Rupamtangi SHG</li> <li>● Jagatjanani SHG</li> </ul>
Athamallik	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Mahaswari SHG</li> <li>● Maa Santoshi SHG</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	

Divisions	No of SHGs/ Groups	Name of the SHGs
<b>Phase-3</b>		
Sundergarh	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Binapani SHG</li> <li>● Darsanika SHG</li> </ul>
Satkosia	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Santoshi SHG</li> <li>● Chhotkei EDC</li> </ul>
Parlakhemundi	1	● Manikeswary SHG
Phulbani	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matrusakti SHG</li> <li>● Rupamtangi SHG</li> <li>● Jagatjanani SHG</li> </ul>
Athamallik	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Mahaswari SHG</li> <li>● Maa Santoshi SHG</li> </ul>
Ghumsur (N)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Srihari SHG</li> <li>● Mahamayee SHG</li> </ul>
Deogarh	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maa Godabari SHG</li> <li>● Maa Jasoda SHG</li> <li>● Amarjoyoti SHG</li> </ul>
Bamra (WL)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Barsa SHG</li> <li>● Utkal Janani</li> <li>● BhagyaLaxmi SHG</li> <li>● Sambelei SHG</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>Total SHGs</b>	<b>58</b>	



## SAMEEKSHYA 2018-19



*Dignitaries at Annual Review Conference Sameekshya-2018-19*

The Project Management Unit of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society organized its Annual Review Conference "Sameekshya 2018-19" on 14th March 2019 at Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar. The conference was organized with the objective of exchanging experiences amongst all the project stakeholders of OFSDS which includes the community members from the forest fringe areas of the project and staff members from PMU, DMUs and FMUs across the Project Divisions and to review the progress of project implementation in the financial year of 2018-19.

The Sameekshya 2018-19 conference was inaugurated by Dr. Sandeep Kumar Tripathy, IFS, PCCF and Head of Forest Force, Government of Odisha as the Chief Guest. Shri L.K.Tewari, IFS, Project Director, Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society, Dr. Sudarshan Panda, IFS, Additional PCCF-cum-Special

Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Odisha, Dr. Meeta Biswal, IFS, Additional Project Director, OFSDS, Smt. PusaZhule Mekro, IFS, Additional Project Director of OFSDS also graced the occasion.

During this conference a photo exhibition depicting the activities of Ama Jangala Yojana and Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Phase-II under Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society was also organized which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest. The Self Help Groups of AJY, OFSDP-II and cluster SHGs of Partnership Ecosystem of OFSDP-I displayed their products in this exhibition.

The best performing Vana Surakshya Samitis (VSSs) of AJY and OFSDP-II were felicitated during the Sameekshya Annual Review Conference.



*Inauguration of Photo Exhibition by Chief Guest Dr. Sandeep Tripathy, PCCF & HoFF, Govt of Odisha*



Award winning VSSs of OFSDS receiving citation from Chief Guest

Experience sharing by community members from Sijuali Cluster, Keonjhar

## Reports on Convergence and Success Stories from DMUs

### DMU Athamallik

#### Eye Care and Cataract screening camp

With an aim to assist and help the forest dependent community and assure all round health care facilities amongst VSS stakeholders, forest dwellers the Athamallik DMU under OFSDP-II organised an “Eye care & Cataract Screening Camp” for forest dependent communities of Batch-II VSS of Madhapur FMU under, OFSDP Phase-II on 31st March 2019 in 3 different venues. This was the second eye-camp organized by the DMU in convergence with Kalinga Eye Hospital, (NYSASDRI) Dhenkanal

and SDMO, Athmallik as an effort to ensure and offer clear vision with better livelihood to old and needy personnel within and around the project areas.

Arrangements for three numbers of Eye Check-up and Cataract Screening Camps were made by Madhapur FMU. List of interested beneficiaries were collected from batch-II VSSs. This being a social activity, interested patients beyond batch-II VSS area was also allowed to check-up their eyes.

In total 162 patients from 18 VSSs of nine Gram Panchayats of OFSDP Phase-II were checked up for their

eyes and after final screening by Hospital authority, out of 47 identified Cataract Patients only 23 patients were found suitable for operation. 2 Patients whose Cataract were found immature were also taken to Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal for further check-up and supply of optical glass free of cost. On the day of screening, total 25 patients were sent to Kalinga Eye hospital (NYSASDRI), Dhenkanal through mobile van for eye cataract surgery free of cost. The remaining 22 Cataract identified



Screening Camps at Madhapur FMU of Athmallik DMU.

patients who were subsequently diagnosed with high sugar, B.P., Glucoma and other complications were safely sent to their respective houses with proper advice under project mobility support. Eye testing, necessary advice and prescriptions were issued to all the beneficiaries. Primarily, the similar surgical interventions costs Rs.7,000 in the hospitals. But, this was carried out free of cost under the convergence platform. So the total value of convergence estimated is around Rs.1,61,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty one thousand) only. Adequate care was also taken for proper accommodation of shortlisted patients and they were offered bed at NYASASDRI. All 23 Patients were operated successfully. The Athmallik DMU was in constant touch with hospital authority for their smooth operation and

follow-up movement of operated patients to their respective villages. Another post operative check-up was conducted on 21st day of operation at Kalinga Eye Hospital branch at Athmallik. The whole day programme was coordinated by Partner NGO-“VISWA YUVA KENDRA”, Baninali, Angul.

The VSS members expressed their deep gratitude to the project authorities of OFSDP-II and forest officials for organizing the event in remote villages. They also reposed their faith and exuded confidence on OFSDP Phase-II Project. DMU Chief Athmallik Division appreciated collaboration of NYSASDRI, Dhenkanal&SDMO, Athmallik for extending the convergence support for ensuring better eye health care of the forest dwellers.

## DMU Baripada:

### Women’s Day Celebration by DMU Baripada

March 8, every year is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women as International Women’s Day. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality. With this theme, Project staff of OFSDP-II and Forest Staff at Bangriposi FMU under Baripada DMU celebrated International Women’s Day on 8th March 2019.

The day was celebrated with 91 women at Jhinkpahadi VSS of Bangriposi FMU. The staff created awareness for cleanliness and use of sanitary napkin in convergence with the state Health Department. During the programme 91 Sanitary napkins were distributed to the women present in the programme for their better sanitization and hygienic health.

### Workshop on CMRV & REDD+ for DMU & FMU level official/Staff under OFSDP-II organized at DMU Baripada

The Workshop on CMRV & REDD+ for DMU & FMU level official/staff under OFSDP-II of Baripada Forest Division was held on 16.02.2019 at 10 A.M in “SANKALP” Conference Hall of DMU Office of Baripada under the chairmanship of Shri Swayam Mallick, IFS, DFO-cum-DMU Chief, Baripada Forest Division. The

programme was attended by Asst. DMU Chief, FMU Chiefs, Asst. FMU Chiefs, Member Secretaries & Project staff of the Project FMUs. At the outset, the DFO-cum-DMU Chief welcomed all the participants and explained the rationale for the workshop. He expressed that the workshop would expose the field officers to the key concepts on REDD+ and CMRV.

After this a detailed presentation was made by Subject Matter Specialist (M&E, MIS/GIS, REDD+) Shri Ajit Swain, wherein he explained the REDD+ definition, history of REDD, REDD+ key elements, key components of REDD+ project development, relationship of REDD+ with SFM, role of communities in REDD+, REDD+ and MRV, data management in REDD+, financing sources for REDD+, implementation of REDD+ in India, REDD+ in the context of Odisha and OFSDP – II. A group exercise was also conducted to identify various indicators of degradation, mitigation measures and required interventions relating to the VSSs under Baripada Forest Division. Group members made detailed presentation on the aforesaid matter thereby highlighting the different drivers of forest degradation and deforestation.

### Convergence of Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan” (PMSYM) Pension Yojana in Bangriposi FMU, Baripada DMU.

To promote convergence activities under OFSDP-II, the project and the forest staff of Bangriposi FMU under Baripada DMU promoted the scheme “Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan” (PMSYM) Pension Yojana in OFSDP-II VSSs. The scheme PMSYM is being implemented all over India in association with LIC and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited with a low premium pension scheme for the villagers who have monthly income is less than Rs.15000/- (Fifteen Thousand). After taking all the information from the community people, the project staff realized that this scheme is the best to implement in the



1<sup>st</sup> Preparatory Workshop on CMRV & REDD+ at Baripada DMU



VSS area and to secure their rest of life after superannuation. After compilation of all the relevant information the project as well as forest staff assisted in implementation of the scheme on Pilot basis at Balikhani VSS in convergence with Common Service Centre, Dhobonisoile Branch. On 3rd March 2019, 19 forest dwellers were sanctioned pension under PMSYM in this camp.

On this occasion, the Bangriposi Field Management Unit also resolved to implement similar convergence programme in all the rest 19 VSSs of Bangriposi Forest Range.

**DMU Dhenkanal:**

**Training Programme on Bee keeping as IGA for communities**

A training programme on Bee Keeping was organized at Banjhakusuma VSS in Dhenkanal FMU under OFSDP-II on 11.03.2019 as part of convergence programme under OFSDP-II. The one day Training Programme was conducted by experts from “BhumiSathi NGO”, from Sinduria in Nayagarh District and Officer of the Deputy Director Horticulture, Dhenkanal with the cooperation of NYSASDRI, P-NGO, Dhenkanal.

45 Members from Kathagada Nuasahi, Gajamara, Maniabandh & Badrapali VSSs participated in the programme. The purpose of the Training programme was to disseminate the background and knowledge to the community stakeholders viz.

- Importance of honey in our day-to-day life and its demand in market.
- Bee Keeping as Income Generation Activities (IGA) to support Livelihood for the Forest dwellers.
- Adopting scientific ways of Bee Keeping and fetching good income.
- Management of Bee in different climatic conditions and helping farmers on pollination of Agriculture & Horticulture crop to augment productivity of crop and preventing wildlife entry into their crop fields.
- Different type of honey bee species adaptable to our climatic conditions.
- Life cycle of honey bees and re-production of honey bees.
- Practical demonstration on installation of the honey bee box/ extraction of honey.

The purpose of conducting the training was to promote livelihood of villagers through generating income by “Bee keeping” and at the same time preventing wild animals entry into the crop fields as this is a key problem to many of the farmers in the district of Dhenkanal.

On this occasion, a message was given to the participants as to how the yield of the crops may increase up to 30% due to proper pollination by the Honey Bees and restrain wild animals



Convergence Programme on PMSYM at Bangriposi FMU.

especially elephants from entering in the crop field of farmer in the locality.

The process of installation of honey bee box, management, extraction of honey and the prevailing schemes by various departments and organization for facilitating promotion of honey bee colonies and production of honey was taught to the participants. Then a practical demonstration for installation of honey bee box was made for the community with involvement of all participants.

One SHG named Shakti Maa Kalika in Banjhakusum VSS was selected to install 10 Honey Bee Boxes in their village with the prime support of OFSDP-II project. In addition to this, one VSS Member Sri J B Singh of Kathagada Nuasahi has shown interest in this model and will install two Honey Bee Boxes in his garden at his own cost. Three persons of Gajamara VSSs were selected who will be supplied with Honey Bee Boxes with the help of Bhumi Sathi and Horticulture Department with subsidised amount at Rs.1600/- per Box.

Due to the prevailing elephant problem in the Dhenkanal district throughout the year, the promotion of Apiculture is required in the elephant prone movement areas to act as a restriction to their entry into the villages, crop fields and disturbing the normal livelihood of the people. DMU, Dhenkanal has committed to intensify the Apiculture Training under OFSDP-II as well to minimize human-animal conflict and elephant menace in the locality.



Training programmes on Bee Keeping at Dhenkanal DMU

**Boudh DMU:****Skill Development Training of SHGs under convergence plan under DDU-GKY Counseling Camp**

Three numbers of Convergence Workshops on DDU-GKY programme held at all three FMUs under Boudh DMU of OFSDP-II areas. Total 108 numbers of unemployed youths of 1st, 2nd & 3rd batch VSS attended the programme. Out of them, 62 numbers of youth were selected by the 3 different Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs), namely, NIAM, Sundargarh, Upasana Education Trust, Cuttack and HLPPT, Subarnapur for recruitment.

**Jharsuguda DMU****Community Awareness Programme**

Awareness programme at Kelda VSS about Non addiction of alcohol product

An awareness programme was conducted in Kelda VSS under FMU Kolabira on various development programmes and social issues in general. A mobilization rally was conducted by the VSS on non-addiction of alcohol product. Members of the VSS and SHGs participated in anti-liquor rally to mobilize support and sensitise the ill effects of alcohol products. FMU staffs attended the village meeting and sensitized the community on Kalia Yojana for benefits of agriculture and crop production. They also appraised them about DDUGKY schemes at Parmanpur VSS and PEETHA programme at Kulihamal GP. They also highlighted how these programmes can contribute to the successful implementation of OFSDP-II project.

**Solar power based Drinking Water Facility established**

The Solar Drinking Water Facility has been provided through convergence at VSS area under project OFSDP-II as per their Micro-Plans in Boudh DMU. Three numbers of such facilities have been set up through convergence with RWSS Department, Boudh. As per this plan, in the month of March 2019, a Solar powered Drinking Water Facility has been set up at Balipata VSS under Boudh FMU to provide portable drinking water to the forest fringe community members. It is expected that the villagers will be benefitted from this facility throughout the year.



Drinking water facility at Balipata VSS

**Covergence Plan under Jharsuguda DMU with Trilochan Netralaya, Sambalpur**

Under convergence plan, Jharsuguda DMU has organized a series of Eye checkup and cataract Camp with Trilochan Netralaya, Sambalpur at different FMUs for the benefit and holistic health coverage of community members. The Eye Camps were organized at Niktimal, Naikadihi, VSS



Covergence plan with Trilochan Netralaya for free eye check up at Keldamal GP

on 23.2.19, Raghunath Palli, Paikapad VSS on 25.2.19, Parmanpur, Buchamunda, Siriapali, Kelda, Khunapali, Rengalpali and Gudigaon VSS on 26.2.19. Eye camps were also organized at Gamhapali, Lariapali, Pokhrasalhe and Jhirlapali VSS on 27.2.19, Bhatalaida and Kankamal VSS on 28.2.19 under FMU Kolabira. In these Eye Camps organized under different FMU areas, total 176 patients had check up of their eyes and 60 patients were identified for Cataract operations. The Cataract operation of these 60 patients were successfully completed free of cost under the collaboration between DMU, Jharsuguda and Trilochan Netralaya, Sambalpur.



Eye Checkup Camp at Kolabira FMU under Jharsuguda DMU.





**Ghumusar North Division**

**Mobilisation on Gender Main-streaming at Ghumsur North Division**

Gender mainstreaming has been embraced internationally as a strategy towards realizing gender equality. It involves the integration of a gender perspective into the preparation, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, regulatory measures and spending programmes, with a view to promoting equality between women and men, and combating discrimination.

A programme on gender sensitization was organized by the DMU of Ghumsur South Division on 12th March 2019 at Sanakholi VSS. The participant community members were also sensitized on the hazard of forest fire. As fire is a natural part of both forest and grassland ecology and controlled fire can be a tool for foresters, hazard reduction or controlled burning is conducted during the cooler months to reduce fuel build up and decrease the likelihood of serious hotter fires. The community member were sensitized on this.



Mobilization of community members on gender mainstreaming at Ghumusur North Division

**Sundergarh DMU:**

**Convergence Programme: A Ray of Hope**

The development of agriculture is a felt need for preventing migration of people from rural to urban areas. Most of the VSS members of Bargaon FMU under Sundergarh DMU depend upon vegetable cultivation for their livelihood. However, many a times different Government programmes are not effective and unable to reach out to them due to the ignorance of the people. To enhance the livelihood of project communities the Bargaon FMU took an initiative with special focus on economic upliftment of the rural people living in and around forest. This was planned by providing livelihood options not only from

project based forest resources but also in convergence with other line departments. The FMU co-ordinators regularly visited the field and discussed with VSS members regarding different livelihood programmes of Govt. The kitchen garden scheme has been introduced in Nakti, Salbira, Itmajharmunda, Dahijia (Makhapada) and Katangjharia (schoolpada) VSS in convergence with Horticulture Department of Bargaon and Kutra Block. 47 nos of vegetable minikit comprising of pumpkin seeds, radish seeds, saag seeds, tomato seeds and ladies finger seeds were distributed to 54 nos. of vegetable cultivators during the month



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Successfully implimentation of Horticulture Programmes in Convergence with Agriculture Department under Sundergarh DMU

of February 2019 with the support of FMU coordinators and Horticulture Department.

The farmers have reported substantial production within three months. The vegetables cultivated and marketed with guidance of FMU Coordinators and they earned substantial additional profit to their investments in the new agricultural intervention process.

## Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-II (OFSDP-II) Proposed to Introduce CMRV and REDD+ Forest Management approaches on pilot basis to Mitigate Climate Change

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-II (OFSDP-II) organized a Preparatory Workshop on adoption of Community Based Monitoring Reporting and Verification (CMRV) and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation of Forest Lands (REDD+) readiness in its project areas on 18th December 2018 at Bhubaneswar. The workshop was organised to deliberate on the preparedness of the OFSDP-II Project and its project divisions to implement the new methodology of Sustainable Forest Management approach and prepare a framework of REDD+ actions in the state. The workshop was graced by Dr. Hari Shankar Upadhyay, Director, Nandankanan Biological Park as Chief Guest, Shri L.K.Tewari, Project Director, OFSDP-II, Dr. Sudarshan Panda, RCCF, Angul, Dr. Meeta Biswal, Additional Project Director, OFSDP-II, Dr. P.R.Karat, Joint Project Director of OFSDP-II along with DFOs-cum-Divisional Management Unit Chiefs of Athamallick, Baripada, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Jharsuguda, Karanja, Ghumsur North, Ghummsur South, Rairangpur, Sambalpur, Subarnapur, Sundergarh. Dr. A.K. Pathak, Additional PCCF, Plan Programme and Afforestation and Shri Suresh Pant, RCCF, Berhampur also joined the workshop.



1<sup>st</sup> Preparatory Workshop on CMRV & REDD+ organised by PMU

## OFSDP Organised One Day Workshop on Operationalising SHGs and Identification of IGA Activities under OFSDP-II

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) organized a one day Workshop on Operationalizing SHGs and identification of Income Generation Activities under Odisha Forestry Development Project, Phase-II in its project areas on 14th January 2019 at Bhubaneswar. The workshop was graced by Shri L.K.Tewari, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Projects)-cum-Project Director, OFSDS as Chief Guest. Dr. Sudarshan Panda, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest-cum –RCCF, Angul, Shri Sashi Paul, IFS, Additional PCCF-cum-RCCF, Baripada, Shri Sushanta Nanda, IFS, Project Director, ICZMP –cum-Chief Executive of Chilika Development Authority(CDA), Dr. Meeta Biswal, IFS Additional Project Director, OFSDP-II, Dr. P. R. Karat, IFS Joint Project Director of OFSDP-II and Shri Abhiram Nayak, IFS, RCCF, Bhawanipatna along with all DFOs-cum-Divisional Management Unit Chiefs of OFSDP, Phase -II were present in this workshop.



Workshop on Operationalising SHGs and identification of IGA under OFSDP-II

## Sensitisation Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming Strategy in Consultation with Project Stakeholders under OFSDP-II

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) organized a State Level Sensitization Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming Strategy under OFSDP-II from 15th to



Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming Strategy under OFSDP-II



16th January, 2019 at Bhubaneswar. The two day workshop was graced by Shri L.K.Tewari, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Projects)-cum-Project Director, OFSDS as Chief Guest. Dr. Sudarshan Panda, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest-cum-RCCF, Angul, Dr. Meeta Biswal, IFS, Additional Project Director, OFSDP-II, Dr. P.R.Karat, IFS Joint Project Director of OFSDP-II and Shri Abhiram Nayak, IFS, RCCF, Bhawanipatna, Shri Suresh Pant, IFS, RCCF, Berhampur along with all DFOs-cum-Divisional Management Unit Chiefs of OFSDP, Phase-II were present in this workshop. The recommendations of the workshop have been taken in developing the Gender Mainstreaming Strategy of OFSDP-II.

## Stakeholder Workshop on Eco-System Health Report Card for Bhitarkanika Conservation Area (BCA)

To prepare the Eco-system Health Report Card for Bhitarkanika Conservation Area (BCA), a two day Stakeholder Workshop was organised by OFSDP-II from 6th to 7th February 2019 at Hotel New Marion, Bhubaneswar. The inaugural session of two day workshop was graced by Dr. Sandeep Tripathy, IFS, PCCF (Wildlife), Shri L.K.Tewari, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Projects)-cum-Project Director, OFSDS, Dr. Simon Constanzo, Science Integrator of University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science along with Prof Ramesh Ramachandran, Director, NCSCM and Dr Ajit Pattnaik, IFS (Retd.), Former Project Director, OFSDS, and Shri S.K.Patnaik, IFS (Retd.). In his welcome address, PD, OFSDP, gave the expected outcome of the Eco-system Health Report Card Workshop under Bio-diversity component of the Phase-II of OFSDP.



Sri Suresh Mohapatra, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Dept., releasing Souvenir on Bhitarkanika on the occasion of the Stakeholder Workshop on Ecosystem Health Report Card for Bhitarkanika

Shri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, IAS. Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Govt. Of Odisha also addressed the participants later in the workshop and appreciated that this exercise will help in the governance and management of the fragile Bhitarkanika Conservation Area. He also released a brochure on the long term monitoring and managing of BCA on this occasion.

Under Bio-diversity Component of OFSDP-II, NCSCM, Chennai is presently working on the Development of Eco-system Health Card of Bhitarkanika Sanctuary. A team has been deployed at the sanctuary area to collect the samples for analysis and preparation of the report card of BCA. NCSCM, Chennai in partnership with University of Maryland Centre for Environmental Science is developing a framework and indicators of the Eco-system Health Report Card of Bhitarkanika Conservation Area.

## OFSDP-II Organised Second Workshop On Introduction of CMRV and REDD+ Forest Management Approaches on pilot basis for Climate Change Mitigation under OFSDP-II

The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-II (OFSDP-II) of organized Second Preparatory Workshop on adoption of Community Based Monitoring Reporting and Verification (CMRV) and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation of Forest Lands (REDD+) readiness in its project areas on 1st March 2019 at Bhubaneswar. The workshop was organised to deliberate on the findings of the pilot areas of OFSDP-II on CMRV and REDD+ and preparedness of the OFSDP-II project divisions to implement the new methodology of Sustainable Forest Management approach and prepare a framework of REDD+ actions in the state.

The workshop was graced by Dr. Hari Shankar Upadhyay, IFS, PCCF-cum-Director, Nandankanan Biological Park as Chief Guest, Shri L.K.Tewari, IFS, Project Director, OFSDP-II, Dr. Meeta Biswal, IFS, and Smt. Pusazhule Mekro, IFS, both Additional Project Directors of OFSDS. The DFOs-cum-Divisional Management Unit Chiefs of Athamallick, Baripada, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Jharsuguda, Karanjia, Ghumsur North, Ghumsur South, Rairangpur, Sambalpur, Subarnapur, Sundergarh. Shri A.K. Pathak, IFS Additional PCCF, Plan Programme and Afforestation, Shri Suresh Pant, IFS RCCF, Berhampur and Dr. P.R.Karat, IFS, RCCF, Angul also participated in the workshop.



Second Preparatory Workshop on CMRV & REDD+ organised by PMU

## PROMOTION / NEW JOINING

### Additional Project Director of OFSDP joined as Additional PCCF in OFSDP upon promotion



Dr.(Mrs.) Meeta Biswal, IFS (RR-1988), Additional Project Director, OFSDP was promoted to the rank of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests vide G.A. & P.G. Department Notification No 33601/AIS dated 16th November 2018. She joined the OFSDP as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Additional Project Director on 15th January 2019.

### Smt. Pusazhule Mekro, IFS, Additional PCCF joined as Additional Project Director of OFSDS



Smt. Pusazhule Mekro, IFS (RR-1989), Additional PCCF joined as the Additional Project Director of OFSDS on March 1, 2019 at PMU of OFSDS. She replaced Dr.P.R.Karat, IFS, Joint Project Director of OFSDS who has been transferred as RCCF, Angul.

### PD joined as PCCF (Projects) in OFSDP upon promotion

Shri Lalit Kumar Tewari, IFS(RR-1986), Project Director OFSDP was promoted to the grade of Principal Chief conservator of Forests and posted in situ as Project Director, OFSDP as per the Government of Odisha G.A. & P.G Department Notification No 825/ AIS dated 9th January 2019. Upon promotion, he has joined as PCCF (Projects)-cum-PD, OFSDP on 9th January 2019.



### New DFO joined at Subarnapur Forest Division:

Shri Rashmi Ranjan Nayak, OFS joined as the DFO-cum-DMU Chief of Subarnapur Forest Division on 2nd January 2019



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