

Two days Workshop on Capacity Building of JFMC members for establishment and management of SMFEs in difficult areas in the State of Jharkhand (A/i)

► Objectives:

- (i) To motivate people and build awareness amongst the fringe dwellers of forest /JFMC members to form SMFE
- (ii) Capacity building of the JFMC members for successful establishment and management of SFME

► Date(s) of the Programme: 25th & 26th March, 2013

► Venue: Conference Hall, Kalamandir, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

► No. & Composition of Participants: Total 58 (DFOs, ROs, Other Departmental Officials, JFMC member)

► List of Resource Persons:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact No.
1.	Miss M. Priyadarshi, IFS	Attached Officer	Dhalbhum Forest Division	0657-234891
2.	Shri A.K.Gupta, SFS	ACF	Dhalbhum Forest Division	9431563178
3.	Shri M. Roy Chowdhury	Ex. Dist. Fishery Officer, W.B.	Kolkata	9831809678
4.	Shri Amtava Ghosh	Secretary	Kalamandir, Jamshedpur	9431113055
5.	Shri S. Bala	Sr. Research Scientist	RC, NAEB, JU, Kolkata	033-24146979
6.	Ms. Anindita Bhattacharya	Research Scientist	RC, NAEB, JU, Kolkata	033-24146979

► Description:

The workshop creates a common platform to discuss about the successful establishment of SMFE to enhance the alternative livelihood generations as well as the quality of life of the forest fringe dwellers and ultimately assisting the forest conservation. The resource persons explained the details of development as applicable for product oriented effort. They also described the govt. schemes which may help the initial start of the intervention. Scientists and faculty members of Jadavpur University also explained the cases of potential entrepreneurship options and integrated development for successful establishment of SMFEs.

► **Outcomes/Recommendations:**

Multi-dimensional discussion enhanced the knowledge base of the participants and they will follow the same methods for establishment or further up gradation of SMFE. They become aware about the grassroot level planning and their responsibility and they will be practicing the same. Participants also learned about the preparation of ‘Smokeless Chula’ and they are now ready to prepare the same for their own interest.

Photographs of the Workshop



Two days Workshop on ‘Buyer Seller Meet’ to ensure and enhance success of SMFEs already developed in the state of West Bengal (A/ii).

➤ **Objectives:**

- To enhance capacity of the already developed SMFEs
- To promote the product of these rural enterprises and giving more exposure
- To increase the confidence and provide knowledge about consumer behavior to the participants.

➤ **Date(s) of the Programme:** 7th to 9th May 2013

➤ **Venue:** “Anusthan Bhawan”, Rashbehari, Desgpriyo Park, Kolkata - 29

➤ **No. & Composition of Participants:** 47 (CCF, CF, Range Officer, JFMC members, NGOs)

➤ **List of Resource Persons:**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact no.
1.	Shri V. K. Yadav, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forests, Central	Aranya Bhawan, Kolkata	9433071343
2.	Shri Kalyan Das, IFS	Conservator of Forests (HQ)	Do	9434062121
3.	Shri Nirapada Sardar	MLA	Sandeskhali	9732670282
4.	Prof. Arabinda Mitra	Professor	BCKV, Kalyani	9051042131
5.	Prof. Asis Mazumdar	Coordinator	Regional Centre, NAEB, JU	033-2414-6979
6.	Sri S. Das	Sr. Research Scientist	Do -	Do -
7.	Sri S. Bala	Do -	Do -	Do -

➤ **Description:**

Joint Forest Management (JFM) is a viable concept and is perhaps the only means of eco-restoration under Indian context, where too many people are too much dependent on too little forests. It is established that the economic stability of the forest fringe dwellers is obligatory for sustenance of FPCs and conservation of forests. Varieties of income generating activities are being practiced individually and or in groups. Over the years, the Regional Centre, NAEB, Jadavpur University has been promoting for formation of SMFEs by the JFMCs from local resources through series of training in its jurisdiction. The major challenges these SMFEs faces are marketing of their produces, as far as sustainability is concerned. For promoting their produces and giving more exposure an Exhibition cum Sale of products produced by the SHG/FPC members from

different state viz. West Bengal, Jharkhand, Sikkim has been organized in the 'Anusthan Bhawan', Rashbehari, Deshpriyo Park, Kolkata from 7th to 9th May 2013.

The workshop was organized on the 7th May 2013 where dignitaries from West Bengal Forest Dept., Dept. of MSME, Govt. of India, Kolkata, Member of the Legislative Assembly, and experts from other Universities and NGO representatives were present. Besides West Bengal, the JFMC / SHG members from Jharkhand and Sikkim participated in the programme along with their products. Sri S. Das, Sr. Research Scientist of Regional Centre, NAEB, JU welcomed all the participants. Prof. (Dr.) Asis Mazumdar, Coordinator, RC, NAEB, JU gave a key note address and explained the background and objectives of the workshop. Sri V. K. Yadav, IFS, CCF, Central, West Bengal addressed the participants and also motivated the participants by example of Success stories from other states like Kerela. Sri Nirapada Sardar, MLA, Sandeshkhali thanked for this initiative and explained how the SHG members from Sundarban areas will be benefited. Among the participants a good numbers were women members and it is expected to empower them through this programme. Prof Arabinda Mitra of BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia made a reference to organic farming as a means of profitable income and healthy living in a healthy environment. Sri K. D. Bhattacharya, Dy. Director, MSME-DI, Kolkata briefly explained the schemes and benefits available from Govt. of India for establishing or running the SMFEs. In his brief version, he explained how the JFMC/SHG members can be benefited from these schemes.

It has been felt that the main constraint in taking off of an SMFE is perhaps lack of confidence and a sense of insecurity in the minds of the JFMC members. Thus with a view to generate confidence a Theatre Workshop was organized under the direction of Mr. Aminul Haque, of Krishna Human Initiative (KHI), a local NGO, and played by the JFMC members, participating in the Buyer Seller Meet, emphasizing on forest protection as well as livelihood generation of fringe dwellers with the help of local natural resources. The programme was thoroughly appreciated by all concerned.

The workshop ended with the vote of thanks given by Sri S. Bala Sr. Scientist, Regional Centre, to the distinguished guests and participants. There after the Exhibitions cum Sale, viz. 'BANAJ SILPA MELA' was commissioned by pouring water to a growing plant by all the distinguished guests present. The Mela continued upto the evening of the 9th May 2013.

The floor decoration and publicity of the Mela was done by RAD (Reflection of another Day) of Kolkata, a consortium of tree loving Artists. The JFMC/SHG members were benefited not only through economic gain but also gained confidence and some of them also established linkages with the buyer for future trade. The women JFMC/SHG members also took keen interest in the programme and interacted with the buyers which also helped them for increasing their self confidence. The topic has been published in a reputed News paper 'Ananda Bazar Patrika', Kolkata.

➤ **Outcome:**

The participants were motivated by the experts and the JFMC embers who brough their products also sold and earned a good amount. This also inspired for further work.

Photographs of Workshop



Address by Sri Y. V. Yadav, IFS, CCF, Central, W.B.



Address by Prof. (Dr.) Asis Mazumdar, Coordination, RC, NAEB, JU



Inauguration of Mela



View of Banaj Silpa Mela

Two days Workshop on ‘Buyer Seller Meet’ to ensure and enhance success of SMFEs already development in the State of Jharkhand.(A/iii)

► Objectives:

The main objective of the workshop cum buyers-sellers meet were

- To strengthen the activities of SMFEs (grass mat, Abir etc.) promoted by the Regional Centre.
- To market the produced products including sales.
- To familiarize the market demand and improvement needed in product for better revenue.
- To explore the credit opportunities for running capital or seed money for the entrepreneurs.

► **Date & Venue:** 23rd – 24th March 2013 at Kalamandir Ground, 8,10, N. Road, Bishtupur, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

► **No. and Composition of participants:** Altogether 58 participants attended the programme including SHG/JFMC members including Forest Officials and Field Executives (DFO, ACFs, ROs, Foresters, and Forest Guards), NGO representatives.

► Resource persons:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact No.
1.	Miss M. Priyadarshi, IFS	Attached Officer	Dhalbhum Forest Division	0657-234891
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► Description:

Ms Mamata Priyadarshi, IFS, Attached Officer, Dhalbhum Forest Division, in the presence of other delegate inaugurated the programme on 23rd March 2013. Other dignitaries present in the workshop and visited the stalls with their families are mentioned in the resource persons list as above. The main discussion was regarding the ‘Activities undertaken by the Regional Centre to promote entrepreneurship based on forest based products – a journey towards sustainable development’ and ‘Motivation and capacity building for sales & marketing, adaptation of changes suggested by the buyers’. The participants were enlightened in the question answer sessions according to their need to progress further. Alternative options for credit facility and criteria for getting credits at individual, group and entrepreneurship level was discussed.

► Outcomes/Recommendation:

Some of the outcomes/recommendation of the workshop are mentioned below:

- Participants of the workshop were motivated to take up new initiatives by explaining the developmental stages of SMFEs.
- The stall representatives in the mela gains the direct sales and marketing experience apart from the profit of sold items. They became aware about the modification in design, shape, colour combination, packaging needed according to the demand of customers for making more business.
- In two days returns become more than Rs. 60,000/- from direct sales of the products (especially Abir) prepared by SMFE.
- Secretary of Kalamandir ensures consistent marketing support for the SMFE products. Other delegates and Forest Officials also express their willingness to replicate the model of SMFE.

Photographs of the Workshop



Two days State level interdepartmental Workshop on convergence of NAP and other Schemes for the JFMC and field level staff in the State of Jharkhand (A/iv).

► **Objectives:**

- (i) To create awareness among the JFMC members and Forest field executives regarding the scope of linkage development with the different activities of Developmental Departments of the state with the NAP programme.
- (ii) To explore alternate livelihood income generation options with better protection of Forest & Environment.

► **Date(s) of the Programme:** 9th & 10th January 2013

► **Venue:** Forester Training School, Hazaribag, Jharkhand

► **No. & Composition of Participants:** Total 77 (CFs, DFOs, ROs, Other Departmental Officials, JFMC member)

► **List of Resource Persons:**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact No.
1.	Shri N.K. Singh, IFS	CF	Bokaro, Jharkhand	9431140519
2.	Shri R. Thanga Pandian, IFS	DFO, West	Hazaribag, Jharkhand	9431142835
3.	Shri Ravi Ranjan, IFS	DFO, Afforestation	Hazaribag, Jharkhand	9431142508
4.	Shri R.P.Mahato	Director	Forester Training School, Hazaribag, Jharkhand	9431142823
5.	Shri M. Roy Chowdhury	Ex. Dist. Fishery Officer, W.B.	Kolkata	9831809678
6.	Shri B.M. Jha	Asst. Director (Technical)	S.C.D., DVC, Hazaribag, Jharkhand	9631800203
7.	Shri V. Chandra	Ex. Director, Forester Training School	Dipgurha, Hazaribag, Jharkhand	
8.	Shri R. Kr. Mandal	Dy. Project Director	ATMA, Hazaribag, Jharkhand	
9.	Shri B.K.Dash	AGM	NABARD, Ranchi, Jharkhand	7280967670
10.	Shri M. Chatterjee	Sr. Research Scientist	RC, NAEB, JU, Kolkata	033-24146979
11.	Shri S. Bala	Sr. Research Scientist	RC, NAEB, JU, Kolkata	033-24146979
12.	Ms. Anindita Bhattacharya	Research Scientist	RC, NAEB, JU, Kolkata	033-24146979

► Description:

The workshop creates a common platform to discuss and establish linkage among the developmental oriented departments so as to enhance the alternative livelihood generations to enhance the quality of life of the forest fringe dwellers and ultimately assisting the forest conservation. The Officers from relevant department explained the details of cultivation/development as applicable for product oriented effort. They also described the govt. schemes which may help the initial start of the intervention. Officials from NABARD described the potential entrepreneurship options along with the details of schemes and training they offer for successful establishment of SHGs. The participants also became aware regarding the sources of funds/loans and possible insurance covers from the resource persons. Scientists and faculty members of Jadavpur University also explained the cases of integrated development and interdepartmental linkage for successful establishment of SMFEs.

► Outcomes/Recommendations:

There is lots of scope for linkage establishment of NAP implementation with other departmental work/schemes for enhancement of livelihood options of the rural poor by Pisciculture, Lac cultivation, Tassar cultivation, Reeling spinning and Weaving of Tassar, Dairy Development or other natural resource based entrepreneurship. The participants got all relevant information and they showed great interest for successful ventures for entrepreneurship development.

Photographs of the Workshop



Two days Interdepartmental workshop for establishment of linkage with NAP to facilitate economic development of JFMC members in the state of Bihar (A/v).

► Objectives:

- The two days programme was organized for JFMC & Field level staff of Bihar Front Dept. to create awareness generation regarding the scope of linkage development with the different activities of Development Department of the state with the NAP programme.
- The programme with the Development Department and FDA activities will create better scope for JFMC members to have greater livelihood income generation with better protection of Forest & Environment.

► Date(s) of the Programme: 22nd & 23rd January, 2013

► Venue: Dayanand Sushila Sanskritik Kendra, A. P. Colony, Gaya, Bihar

► No.& Composition of Participants: Total 56,(VFMPC member-28,Front level forest staffs 19, & Others

► List of Resource Persons:

Sl. no.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact No.
1.	Shri A. K. Prasad, IFS	CF,Gaya	Govt. of Bihar	9431815068
2.	Prof.(Dr.) A. Mazumdar	Coordinator	Regional Centre, NAEB	9433069631
3.	Shri Aloke Kumar, IFS	DFO,Gaya	Govt. of Bihar	9431815070
4.	Shri Sunil Kumar	Director	DRDA. Gaya	9431818408
5.	Shri M.Chatterjee	Sr.Res Scientist	Regional Centre, NAEB	9433616689
6.	Dr. V.Pratoy	Vet. Doctor,Gaya	Animal Husbandry Dept.Govt.of Bihar	

► Description:

The two day workshop organized for VFMPC members and Frontline Staff of Forest Department on convergence of different Development Department activity in the state of Bihar. The deliberation for the other Department of Bihar state reveals that the schemes are operated with the active involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions. The funding are for state Govt. and Central Govt. under the above circumstances exclusive involvement of VFMPC members in such schemes may not be feasible but in the case of entrepreneurship development for few schemes of DRDA and animal Husbandry linkage of VFMPC groups can be involvement with formation of SHGs.

► Outcomes/Recommendations:

- The JFM Committee need put up their work programme to Block Level.
- The Committee members should attend Panchyat Level Meeting and put up their grievance for for inclusion the Plan Programme.

- The detailed development activity need be formulated in Micro plan and forwarded to CEO of FDA for discussion with DM IN District Plan.

Photographs of the Workshop



A view of first day participation of the programme.



Welcome address by Prof.(Dr.) Asis Mazumdar, Coordinator,RC,NAEB,J.U



Participants during programme.



2nd day participation of the programme.

Two days Interdepartmental workshop for establishment of linkage with NAP to facilitate economic development of JFMC members in the state of Sikkim (A/vi).

► Objectives:

- The programme was organized for JFMC/EDC members & Field level staff of Sikkim Front Dept. to create awareness generation regarding the scope of linkage development with the different activities of Development Department of the state with the NAP programme.
- The programme with the Development Department and FDA activities will create better scope for JFMC/EDC members to have greater livelihood income generation with better protection of Forest & Environment.

► **Date(s) of the Programme:** 4th 5th March, 2013

► **Venue:** Conference Hall, Annexe Bldg.-I, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok.

► **No.& Composition of Participants:** Total 51,(JFMC/EDC member-12,Front level forest staffs-9, ACF- 10 & others

► List of Resource Persons:

Sl. no.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact No.
1.	Shri Thomas Chandi, IFS	PCCF	Govt. of Sikkim	7872478000
2.	Shri Pradeep Kumar,IFS	CCF(T)	Govt. of Sikkim	9434241099
3.	Shri Y.P.Gurung IFS	CF(T)	Govt. of Sikkim	9002958804
4.	Shri N.W.Tamang,IFS	CF(WL)	Govt. of Sikkim	9434153023
5.	Shri M.Chatterjee	Sr.Res Scientist	Regional Centre, NAEB	9433616689
6.	Shri S. Das	Sr.Res Scientist	Regional Centre, NAEB	9432217706
7.	Shri B.K.Rai	Dy. Secretary	Water Supply & PHE Deptt.	
8.	Shri D.B.Tamang,	ADH	Dept. of Horticulture	
9.	Shri Sugen Sering,	DFO(T)	North (T) Division	9434488499
10.	Shri T.T.Bhutia,	DFO(WL)	North (WL) Division	9434117760
11.	Shri N.T.Bhutia,	DFO(T)	East(T) Division	9593982796
12.	Shri M.P.Rai,	DFO(T)	South (T) Division	9434410621
13.	Shri S.G.Bhutia,	DFO	KNP	9933025113
14.	Shri D.R Nirole,	DFO(T)	West(T) Division	
15.	Shri Ganesh Yadav	Dy Team Leader	JICA/SBP	
16.	Shri B.T Targain	DFO	JICA Project/SBFP	9434630607
17.	Shri D . Lachungpa	DFO	JICA Project	9474523821
18.	Shri H.R.Subba	Addl. C E	Dept. of Irrigation	

► Description:

The two days workshop was attended by JFMC/EDC member's along with frontline staffs of forest department to bring in their knowledge of above categories staffs so that efforts can be made by by them to include the work items in Micro-plan then those to be forwarded to DM/DCs Plan Committee for consideration.

► **Outcomes/Recommendations:**

- Linkage of NAP with development activities of the State need incorporation initially at Gram Sabha Level.
- The Micro-plan activities of JFMC/EDC need be incorporated in EPA/Dev. Dept's activity at Dist. Planning level.
- The item of works of other Dev. Dept's of JFMC/EDC's need be brought in notice of DM/DC's Dev. cell.

Photographs of the Workshop



Shri Pradeep Kumar, IFS, CCF(T) in the Dias during Inauguration Programme



Participants in the first day's Programme



Participants during Power Point Presentation programme on 2nd day.



Participations on the deliberation programme.

Regional Workshop on Value addition and marketing of NTFPs for the promotion of SHGs / JFMCs in the state of West Bengal (A/vii).

➤ **Objectives:**

- Identify the NTFPs having medicinal and commercial value
- Know how the species wise process of Collection and Value addition
- Establishing the marketing channel of these commercial NTFPs,
- And finally explore income opportunities for the forest fringe dwellers, from forest resources

➤ **Date(s) of the Programme:**

Programme I: 14th & 15th December 2012

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Programme II: 9th & 10th January 2013

Venue: Programme I: 'KALYAN', Purulia

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Programme II: 'Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad', Siliguri

- **No. & Composition of Participants:** 55+48=103 (Range/Beat Officer, FG, JFMC members)

➤ **List of Resource Persons:**

'KALYAN', Purulia

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact No.
1	Sri A. K. Saha, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forests (West)	Survey Building, 35, Gopal Nagar Road, Kolkata – 27	9433074135
2.	Sri S. C. Das, IFS	DFO	Bankura (South)	9434184627
3.	Sri Arun Mukherjee, WBFS	DFO (NTFP)	NTFP Division, Siliguri	9832042165
4.	Sri A. K. Das, IFS	DFO	Purulia	9434176535
5.	Sri Angshuman Mukherjee, WBFS	DM	WBFDC (West)	03222-275857
6.	Sri M. K. Sarkar, WBFS	DFO	Extension Forestry Division	03252-222696
7.	Sri M. K. Mondal, WBFS	DM	WBFDC (South)	03222-225448
8.	Sri S. Das	Sr. Research Scientist	Regional Centre, NAEB, JU	033-24146979

9.	Sri S. Bala	Sr. Research Scientist	- Do -	- Do -
10.	Sri A. Roy	Research Assistant	- Do -	- Do -

Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Address	Contact No.
1	Sri M. C. Biswas, IFS	CF (Soil Conservation), North	Hakimpara, Siliguri	9434051144
2.	Sri J. B. Subba, IAS	Executive Officer	Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad, Siliguri	-
3.	Sri Arun Mukherjee, WBFS	DFO (NTFP)	NTFP Division, Siliguri	9832042165
4.	Ms. Minakshi Prasad, IFS	AO	Office of the CCF, North Bengal	
5.	Sri Kingshuk Chanda	Jt. BDO (HG)	- Do -	9474146746

➤ Description:

Purulia Chapter

The workshop was organised covering 6 forest Divisions viz. Purulia, KSC(N), KSC (S), Extension Forestry Division, Bankura (N), Bankura (S). Sri S. Das of Regional Centre welcomed all participants including Forest Officials. He briefly stated the importance of the workshop in the present scenario. In the inaugural session, Sri A. K. Saha, CCF, West stated how NTFP can play role in income generation of the fringe dwellers and forest conservation. Sri Arun Mukherjee, DFO, NTFP Division, presented about the value addition and marketing linkages of NTFPs. He has established an unit for manufacturing and marketing of products made from NTFP under the brand name 'Banaj' where he gave assurance of procuring NTFPs. Sri Angshuman Mukherjee, DM, WBFDC (West) illustrated the role played by Forest Development Corporation in procuring NTFPs and opportunities and challenges faced in this regard. Sri S. Bala of Regional Centre gave presentation of model SMFE developed by Regional Centre, NAEB, JU in Potka region of Jharkhand state. Sri A. Roy of Regional Centre discussed about the marketing techniques and approaches needed for starting new entrepreneurship with the help of locally available natural resources. Sri S. Das ended the programme after giving formal vote of thanks. On the second day, a field visit was organised at 'ARANYAK', the NTFP Processing Centre at Ajodhya under Ramakrishna Mission Lokasikshs Parishad, Narendrapur where they were given practical demonstration of NTFP processing.

Siliguri Chapter

In the North Bengal the workshop covered 6 Divisions viz. Jalpaiguri, Dejeeling, Kurseong, Baikunthapur, Wildlife – I, Wildlife – II Forest Divisions. Sri S. Das welcomed all the participants and briefly narrated the

theme of the workshop. Sri M. C. Biswas, IFS, Conservator of Forests Soil Conservation(North), Siliguri, North Bengal, in his address as he Chief Guest described the importance of NTFP played in livelihood generation and forest conservation. Sri Arun Mukherjee, DFO, NTFP Division, presented about the value addition and marketing linkages of NTFPs. Ms. Minakshi Prasad, IFS, presented a paper on the NTFP trafficking in the North Bengal.

➤ **Outcome:**

- JFMC members of both the regions were sensitized
- Marketing outlet for NTFPs, particularly med. plants, has been identified (in DFO,NTFP Division, Siliguri)
- West Bengal forest Development Corporation has been involved in the process.

Photographs of Workshop



Address by Shri A. K. Saha, IFS, CCF (West)



Lecture by Sri Aungshuman Mukherjee, WBFS, DM, WBFDC (West)



Field visit at ARANYAK, Ajodhya, Purulia



Adress by Shri M. C. Biswas, IFS, CF (Soil Conservation) North