

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKSHOPS ON DEVELOPING LINKAGE OF NAP SCHEME WITH THE SCHEMES OF OTHER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS IN SIKAR DISTRICT OF RAJASTHAN

A two day workshop was conducted in Zila Parishad Hall, Sikar, on January 11-12, 2011 in which as a total of 58 participants participated. Shri. Vasudev Sharma, Assistant District Magistrate, Sikar was the honorable chief guest and Shri. K. C. Sharma, Conservator of Forests, Sikar chaired the workshop. The participant of the workshop includes representatives of various line department of Sikar District, frontline officers of Forest Department and JFMC president and members. Department were among the officials of line department.

The objective of the workshop was to highlight NAP and its linkages with the schemes of other line departments in both the district so that the various schemes could be pool in the JFMC Villages of FDA. The first day programme was started with an overview of National Afforestation Programme exploring prospectus of convergence with ongoing schemes/programme of other departments for overall development of areas. This was followed by the presentation made by representatives of line department on various schemes and modalities of linkages with NAP. Second day the participants visited Ralawat village to assess the need of villagers through Focus Group Discussion. After the field visit team leader presented their findings and recommendations in terms of fulfilling the identified problems through convergence of schemes of line departments. The participants were requested to conduct similar type of exercise in their villages.



WORKSHOP ON ENCOURAGING FARMERS FOR ADOPTING SUITABLE AGRO FORESTRY MODELS FOR THE RECLAMATION OF PROBLEMATIC LANDS (SALINE/ALKALINE SOIL)

A two days workshop was conducted in the conference hall of Central Soil and Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Karnal on January 24-25, 2011. A total on 63 persons participated which includes progressive farmer/JFMC members and frontline officers of five Forest Divisions i.e. Rohtak, Jhajjar, Sonipat, Panipat and Karnal of Central Circle of Haryana Forest Department. The services of scientist of CSSRI were taken as resource person.

After the inauguration session the participants visited to the demonstration plots of scientific technologies developed by the CSSRI scientist. The demo plots of various agro-forestry models, drip irrigation, *Jathopa* cultivation, ground water recharge by means of surface drainage, Herbal Garden and model of livelihood for the marginal farmers was shown by Dr. S. K. Sharma, Dr. R.K. Yadav, Dr. S. Kumar and Dr. Praveen Kumar. The field visit followed by the technical sessions in which various presentations *viz. auger-hole technology for afforestation of alkali soil, reclamation and management of waterlogged saline soil, suitable agro-forestry models for Haryana, technologies for tree plantation in saline and alkaline soil, suitable species for energy plantation, economic assessment of forestry projects in salt affected soil and agro practices for the management of saline/alkali water irrigation* were made by the scientist. The evaluation of the workshop reveals that 90% respondents feel that the workshop objective were clear to them. Subject matter of the resource persons was 80% beneficial. Field demonstration had great impact on the target group and their knowledge on alkali and saline soil/water has increased. The evaluation was based on the pre and post workshop questioner filled by the participants.



WORKSHOP ON DISSEMINATING MODALITIES FOR CONVERGENCE AT THE LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT, PLANNING AND WORKS BETWEEN MAHATAMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE PROGRAMME (MGNREGA) AND NATIONAL AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME (NAP) IN PAURI DISTRICT OF UTTARAKHAND

The two days workshop was organized in Conference Hall, Extension Training Center, Kotdwar Road, Pauri on March 15-16, 2011. The objective of the workshop was to raise awareness amongst the Forest and Rural Development departments' officials about the modalities of convergence of NAP with NREGA and other centrally assisted afforestation programmes and effective and efficient utilization of man power and funds in the district.

A total of 105 participants including Shri Dilip Javalkar, District Magistrate, Pauri as the chief guest, Shri B.P. Gupta, Conservator of Forests, Shri Akshat Gupta, Chief Development Officer, Pauri, Shri M.B. Singh, DFO Territorial Pauri (Garhwal) and Shri Shankar Ram, DFO Civil and

Soyam Van Prabhadg, Pauri participated in the event. Block Development Officers from different Blocks and front line officers of Forest Department, JFMC presidents and members also participated in the workshop.

The first day of the workshop focused on an over view of NAP and work carried out under NREGS in Pauri, convergence of NAP & NREGS - assessing understanding of participants, scope of convergence of NAP, MGNREGS & other centrally sponsored schemes, NAP-MGNREGS guidelines & best practices. The special focus of workshop was involvement of forest and Block officers in joint exercise to identify scope of convergence in NAP and NREGS through providing them case studies. The day two of the workshop was started with distribution of participants in three groups and exercise was given to each group. Accordingly the team discussed and divided the task first into labour and material component and later on activities' component to be taken up either by NAP or MGNREGA.

EXPOSURE VISIT

EXPOSURE VISIT OF JFMC MEMBERS/FRONTLINE OFFICERS OF BARIELY CIRCLE FOR UNDERSTANDING THE SHG CONCEPT, IGA AND FUNCTIONING OF FEDERATION AT SITARGANJ, UDHAM SINGH NAGAR, UTTARAKHAND

A two day exposure visit (January 18-19, 2011) was organized by RC-NAEB for the front line officers and members of JFMCs of Bariely Circle with the objectives of (i) To make aware the JFMC members/frontline officers of Bariely Circle on SHG concept, IGA, micro finance and functioning of women SHG federation, (ii) Interaction of participants with the SHGs and members of federation (named SPANDAN), (iii) On spot demonstration of IGA activities

conducted by different SHGs, (iv) To demonstrate the technology packages and interact with the scientist of GBPU&T, Pantnagar on various IGA activities. The participants (total 44) were the frontline officers of Bariely Circle. Also the SHG members formed in SMFE Pilibhit project run by RC attended the event.

The focus destinations of the first day programme were the visit of Balkhera, Devkali and Khempur villages where a number of IGA is being conducted by the SHG members. Participants raised queries and made interaction with the federation members, SHG groups, progressive farmer engaged in mushroom cultivation, demonstration of low cost mushroom cultivation unit, weaving unit and various items made up of bamboo, greeting card, dari etc. made by SHG groups. At the second day the participants visited different models i.e. cultivation of medicinal plants through different agro-techniques, Aromatic oil distillation unit, bee keeping, mushroom cultivation and other livelihood models developed by the scientist of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.



EXPOSURE VISIT OF JFMC MEMBERS/FRONTLINE OFFICERS OF UDAIPUR CIRCLE FOR UNDERSTANDING THE SHG CONCEPT, IGA AND FUNCTIONING OF FEDERATION AT JATUSANA, REWARI HARYANA

A two day exposure visit on February 6-7, 2011 was organized by RC-NAEB, New Delhi at Jatusana with the objectives of (i) to make aware the JFMC members/frontline officers on SHG concept, IGA, micro finance and functioning of SHG federation, (ii) Interaction of participants with the SHGs and members of federation (named Janak Federation) and (iii) On spot demonstration of IGA activities conducted by different SHGs. The participants (total 24) includes Frontline officers of three FDA i.e. Banswara, Pratapgarh and Central Udaipur of Rajasthan.

The participants visited Bhurthala village where they interacted with the members of Janak Federation on functioning and IGA activities carried out by the group/federation members. The participants visited different IG units i.e. Vermi-compost, mushroom cultivation, leather shoe

plant developed by the group members. Second day participants interacted with the federation members and get the idea of a number of IGA activities adopted by the SHGs.



AWARENESS RAISING PROGRAMMES

WORLD FORESTRY DAY: Celebration of World Forestry Day on 21st March – 2011

The event was celebrated at Kamal Model Sr. Secondary School, Mohan Garden, New Delhi to raise awareness amongst school children's and teachers on various aspects of forestry. A total 48 students and teacher participated in the programme. The Chairman of Kamal Model Sr. Secondary School, Shri V.P. Tondon, presided on the function as the Chairperson. The other teacher staffs of the host organization also attended the programme. However, the primary participants were the enthusiastic students from the class 2nd to 10th standard. Major activities conducted on the occasion were plantation drive and quiz competition. The quiz questions specially subjected to the current awareness on the climate change, forestry and environment. The participants shared their views on various conservation issues.

