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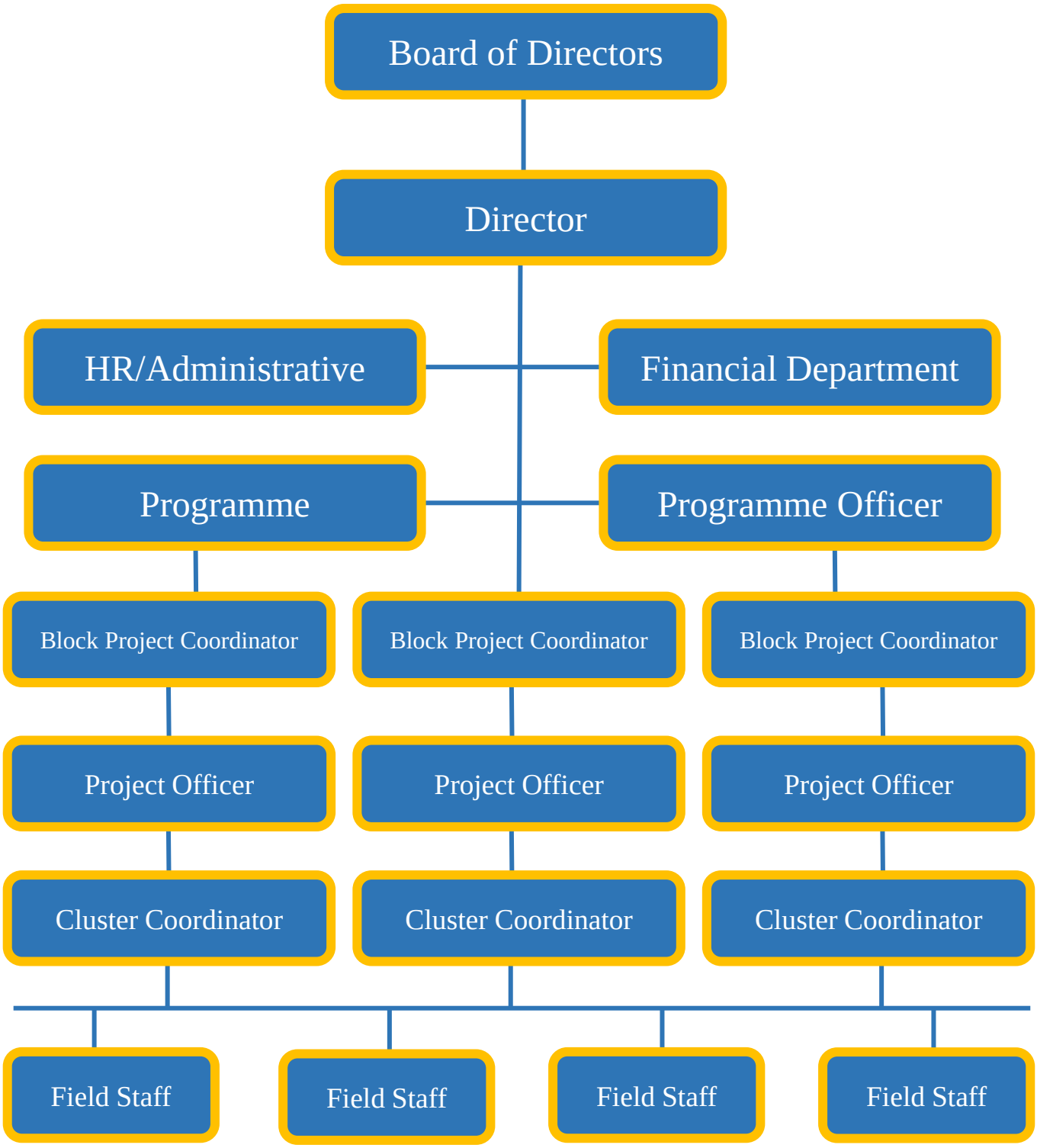


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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



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ABOUT READS

OUR VISION

Rural Development *in India* is an important part of rural economic & empowerment. The organization's vision focuses on the policies and programmes that benefit the rural poor and under privileged rural communities, the oprational efficiency of rural development and Panchayati-Raj functionaries including elected representatives of PRIs, promoting the transfer of technology & environmental awareness. Our vision is also to break the vicious cycle of poverty and social isolation and to restore hope for a better future of tribal people.

OUR MISSION

To examine and analyze the factors contributing to the improvement of economic and social well-being of the people in rural areas on a sustainable basis with focus on the rural poor and the other disadvantaged groups through innovation, action and consultancy efforts. To facilitate the rural development efforts with particular emphasis and focus on the rural poor by improving the knowledge, skills and attitudes of rural development cadres and non-officials through organizing training, workshops, seminars and field visits.

ENGAGING PEOPLE, TRANSFORMING THE LIVES

There is saying that "To help a nation; you need to help the people who belong to it. But the passion for the people stems from within. It cannot be taught, can-not be forced upon an individual and it's certainly not an easy path to take."

The objective of 'READS' is to engage people to augment or boost-up their socio-economic conditions through various aptitude and proficiency building programmes. READS has tirelessly been trying to incarnate the dreams of crores of poor & rural tribal people. We are using various participatory rural evaluating tools to ensure participation of tribal and other rural poor communities in their own development. We take utmost care not to take up programmes that may create dependency or make them more vulnerable than before. Proficiency building programme is a pivot or a hinge on which our development interventions rest.

Proficiency building as per our perception is an approach to development. It requires the organization to work with the existing and potential stakeholders in a way that respond constantly to a shared interpretation of the context, arriving at a well-matched criteria for evaluating result and a mutual understanding of the respective missions and goals of other agencies engaged in the multitude task of development.









READS is a petty & a little organization to design and script the success story of rural India which has taken the responsibility for the well- being and faster progress of the rural India's populace. Driven by its passion for the rural people and their faster progress, it initiated developmental works to script the story of progress of rural India. READS has striven hard for the economical elevation of the lives of the rural populace. It encourages people's partaking in the process of im-proving their own lives. Engagement is the bedrock of inclusion, but the inclusion goes beyond engagement. We ensure people's participations through various community-based programmes. READS has 6000 nos. of Women members en-gaged in various income generating activities through various projects & schemes and 25 nos. of Kisan-Clubs with a membership of about 471 nos. of farmers.

For the holistic development of selected 4500 tribal families in 35 nos. of villages, we are implementing 'Wadi' project in the districts of Jashpur, Balrampur & Surajpur in joint collaboration with NABARD under its 'Tribal Development Fund' (TDF). In spite to enhance the livelihood of these tribal families, we are also looking after health, hygiene, education, women empowerment and other basic needs.

Effective engagement of stakeholders has opened up new avenues to improve our organizational performance and reputation. READS has always believed that its primary task is to understand the perceptions and expectations of all its stakeholders and open up a dialogue with them. While the tribes have been its primary stakeholders, the READS has included all their engagement in the task of development.

READS' OUTREACH

3 Districts in the state of Chhattisgarh



12 Blocks in the state of Chhattisgarh

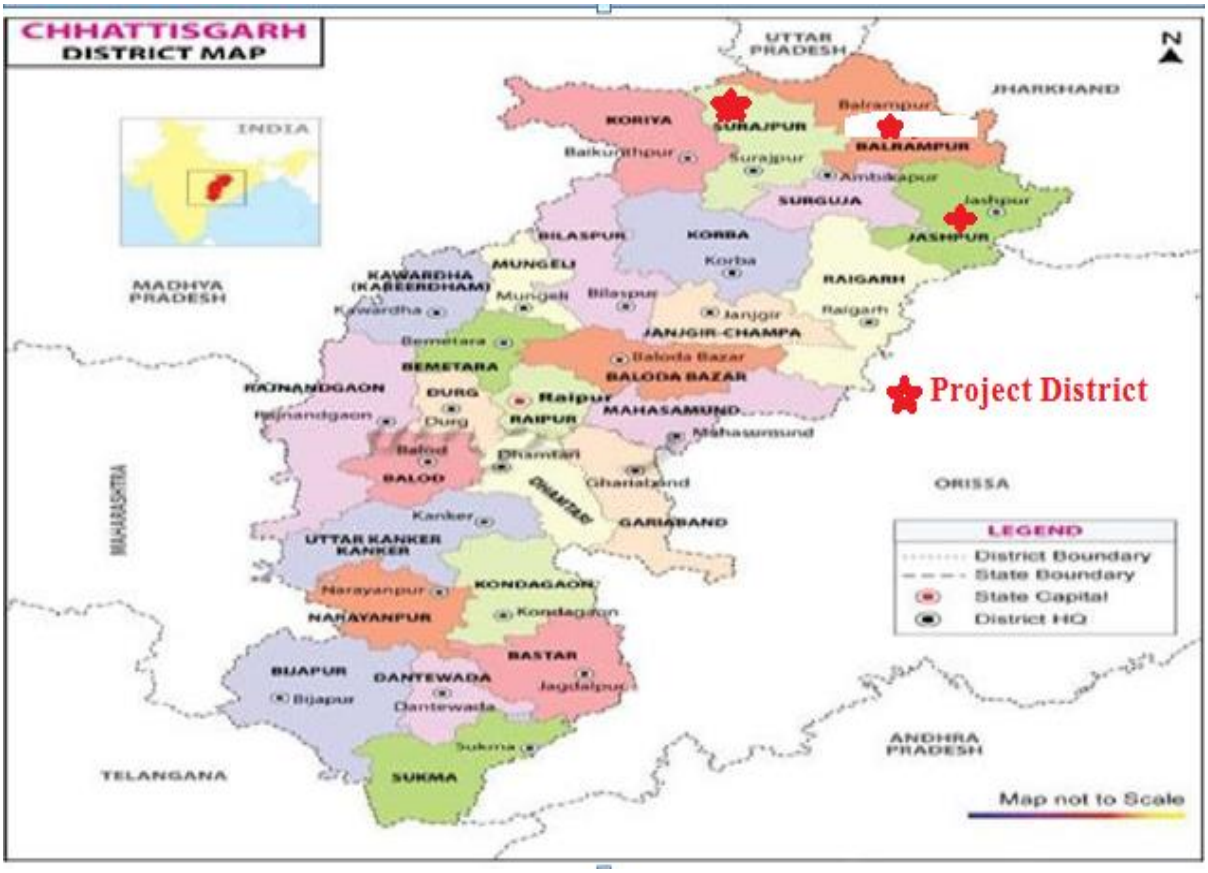


495 Villages across the state



22 K Families across the state

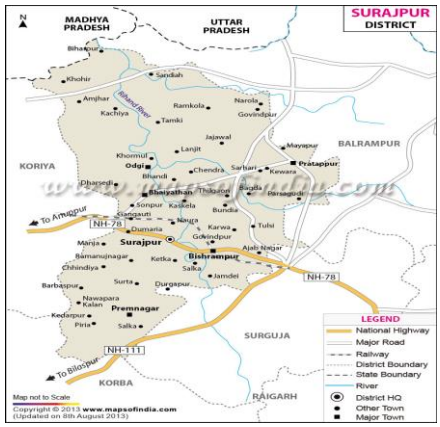




In the year 2023-24, we helped in transforming the lives of 22,300 nos. of tribal families in Jashpur, Balarampur and Surajpur districts of the Chhattisgarh state. We had worked in under 495 nos. of villages in 12 nos. of blocks spread across 3 districts of the Chhattisgarh state.







Key Areas of Functioning



1. Education: READS focuses on enhancing educational opportunities, ensuring access, and promoting quality learning experiences.

2. Livelihood: READS empowers communities through skill development, entrepreneurship, and fostering sustainable income-generating activities.

3. Sustainable Agriculture Development: READS promotes eco-friendly farming practices, crop diversification, and access to modern agricultural techniques.

4. Watershed Programme: READS implements initiatives to conserve water, manage watersheds sustainably, and enhance agricultural productivity.

5. Women Empowerment: READS champions gender equality, advocates for women's rights, and provides resources for women's education and economic empowerment.

6. Health and Sanitation: READS works towards improving healthcare access, promoting hygiene practices, and ensuring sanitation facilities for communities.

7. Lobby and Advocacy: READS engages in advocacy efforts to influence policies, address social issues, and amplify the voices of marginalized communities.

8. Climate Change: READS raises awareness about climate change, implements mitigation strategies, and fosters resilience among communities vulnerable to its impacts.

ABOUT THE PROJECTS

NABARD's WADI DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Sustainable livelihood for tribal communities

NABARD has consistently worked towards tribal development by offering concessional refinance rates, general lines of credit for tribal communities, and fostering sustainable livelihoods through orchard-based farming systems. As part of its Natural Resource Management policy aimed at sustainable livelihoods, NABARD emphasizes the holistic development of selected fruit crops such as mango, cashew nut, pears, and guava, which serve as the cornerstone of tribal economic activities. In addition to providing saleable fruit crops, the programme also utilizes orchard boundaries for planting multipurpose forestry and economically significant plant species, addressing the fodder, firewood, and timber needs of tribal communities, thereby reducing their dependence on forests.



The "Wadi" project, a pivotal initiative under NABARD's Tribal Development Fund (TDF), has been implemented on approximately 6,500 plots owned by smallholder tribal families with 1-5 acres of barren or non-productive land. This project transforms such lands into productive orchards, offering a sustainable source of income to marginalized rural communities. The initiative is structured to integrate orchard development with broader economic and social development activities, creating a comprehensive framework for addressing tribal needs.

This model has demonstrated significant benefits, including converting previously non-productive lands into fertile orchards and providing tribal families with a steady income. As a result, migration from rural villages to urban centers has been effectively curtailed, contributing to improved economic stability for tribal populations. Through these efforts, NABARD has successfully created a replicable model that enhances livelihoods while promoting sustainable land use.









WORK DONE UNDER WADI

JASHPUR MANORA WADI PROJECTS

Jashpur Manora Wadi Wadi project was sanction by NABARD on Date 21 October 2022 under Tribal Development Fund.. The duration of the project is from the year 2022-23 to 2028-29 and the project cost is Rs 457.119Lakhs (Rupees four Hundred fifty seven Lakhs and Nineteen Thousand Only). Under this project, Plantation of Appel, Pear, Mango and litchi have to done in 500 Acres of barren land of 500 Beneficiaries. Along with planting saplings, Irrigation, Fencing and other facilities will be provided to the farmers, so that they can get additional income by growing other intercropping crops like, Tomatoes, Chilli and other Vegetables in their Wadi. This year, total 308 wadi plantation of Apple Pear, Mano & Lichi works have been completed in 8 villages of Manora and Jashpur Block.









WORK DONE UNDER WADI

PREMNAGAR WADI PROJECTS

Premnagar Wadi project was sanction by NABARD on Date 31 march 2021 under Tribal Development Project.. The duration of the project is from the year 2021 to 2027 and the project cost is Rs 399.13 Lakhs (Rupees Three Hundred ninety-nine Lakhs and Thirteen Thousand Only). Under this project, Plantation of Mango, Guava is being done in 500 Acres of barren land of 500 Beneficiaries. Along with planting saplings, Irrigation, Fencing and other facilities will be provided to the farmers, so that they can get additional income by growing other intercropping crops like, Tomatoes, Chilli and other Vegetables in their Wadi. This year, 500 wadi plantation works have been completed.









WORK DONE UNDER WADI

PRATAPUR WADI PROJECTS

Pratappur Wadi project was sanction by NABARD on Date 10 Feb 2020 under Tribal Development Project. Only our Organization READS got approval for the NABARD Wadi project in the entire state. The duration of the project is from the year 2020 to 2025 and the project cost is Rs 452.16 Lakhs (Rupees Four Hundred Fifty-Two Lakhs and Sixteen Thousand Only). Under this project, Plantation of Mango, Guava and Apple Ber is being done in 500 Acres of barren land of 500 Beneficiaries. Along with planting saplings, Irrigation, Fencing and other facilities will be provided to the farmers, so that they are get additional income by growing other intercropping crops like Vegetables, Tomatoes, Chilli in their Wadi. This year 300 wadi plantation work has been completed and total 500 wadi plantation works have been completed in this wadi project. Wadi beneficiary have started their income from intercrop.









WORK DONE UNDER WADI

OTHER WADI PROJECTS

Under the guidance of NABARD, READS has successfully executed multiple WADI projects across various regions to benefit tribal families. The Bagicha I WADI Project, sanctioned on 1 February 2010, benefited 500 families, with 478 beneficiaries actively cultivating crops such as chili, tomato, and mustard during 2021-22. Beneficiaries earn an annual income of ₹70,000–90,000 from mango and pear plants, which are now fruiting. Similar outcomes were observed in Bagicha II (sanctioned 27 February 2012) and Bagicha III (22 January 2013), with respective annual incomes ranging from ₹60,000–90,000.

The Bagicha IV Project, sanctioned on 24 February 2014, benefitted 1,000 families, with 857 earning ₹50,000–70,000 annually. Likewise, the Farsabahar Project (27 February 2012) supported 500 families with a focus on mango and cashew, yielding ₹50,000–70,000 per annum. Shankargarh Projects I and II and the Rajpur Project further strengthened tribal income through intercrops and fruiting plants, fostering stable livelihoods. All projects have been handed over to FPOs for sustainable future management.

SN.	Project Name	Implemented Block & District	Sanction Year	Completed Year	No Of Wadi (Family)	Main Crop
1	Bagicha I	Bagicha, Jashpur	1 Feb 2010	2015-16	500	Mango &Pear
2.	Bagicha II	Bagicha, Jashpur	27 Feb 2012	2017-18	500	Mango & Pear
3.	Farsabahar- I	Farsabahar Jashpur	27 Feb 2012	2017-18	500	Mango & Cashew
4.	Bagicha III	Bagicha, Jashpur	22 Jan 2013	2018-19	500	Mango &Pear
5.	Bagicha IV	Bagicha, Jashpur	24 Feb 2014	2020-21	1000	Mango &Pear
6	Shankargarh I	Shankargarh, Balrampur	24 Feb 2014	2019-20	500	Mango &Pear
7	Rajpur	Rajpur, Balrampur	27 Feb 2015	2021-22	1000	Mango, Pear & Guava
8	Shankargarh II	Shankargarh, Balrampur	15 Mar 2016	2021-22	500	Mango &Pear

These wadi Projects are completed and Wadi beneficiaries are earning 0.50 lakh to 1.5 lakh from main crop & Intercrop.

WORK DONE UNDER WADI

OTHER WADI PROJECTS















NABARD's WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Sustainable and Participatory Management of Natural Resources

Defined as an independent hydro-logical unit, watershed is a drainage basin or catchment area of a particular stream or river. In simple terms, it refers to the entire upstream topography around a de-fined drainage channel, which feeds water to the lands below. A watershed may vary from a few hectares to several thousands of hectares. Any change in the surrounding environment directly affects the people living therein. A degraded environment results in a degraded quality of life for the people. Thus, a programme to reduce poverty and improve the standard of living of the people must be aimed at improving the environment they live in. A watershed provides the best environmental unit for planning a development programme.







NABARD's WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Watershed development involves conservation, regeneration, and judicious utilization of natural resources. It aims to bring about an optimum balance between the demand and use of natural resources so that they remain sustainable over time. There is a close relationship between the environment and the human community living within for its livelihood. When the economic condition of a com-munity deteriorates, it leads to over-exploitation and degradation of natural resources. It is necessary for people to understand the relationship between their poverty and the degraded environment they live in. Environmental regeneration is possible only when the concerned people realize a need for it and are empowered to have control over the process of resource utilization, management and conservation. As human beings and their activities are the primary cause of environmental degradation, they can restore the health of the environment they have ruined by resetting their ways and activities towards the environment around. Hence, there can be no sustainable natural resource management unless it involves the participation of all inhabitants of the concerned environment/ area in an active manner.

The Chief Components of Watershed Development Programme are:

1. Soil and land management (conservation and use)
2. Water management (conservation and use)
3. Afforestation
4. Agriculture development
5. Livestock development/management
6. Pasture (meadow or grazing land) development
7. Rural energy development

NABARD's WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Maina-Laranga-Lodhena Watershed

Name of Work	Sanction	Achievement
Continous Contour Trench (CCT)	813.6	261.9
Water Absortion Trench (WAT)	1699	500.13
Stone Gully Plug (SGP)	270	676.46
Farm Bund	18300	207.97
Pipe outlet	700	117
Repair Farm Bund	6802	3118.22
Earthened Gully Plug	45	136.03
Farm Pond (10m*10m*2m)	21	02
Loose Bould Structure (LBS)	40	670.58
Gabion	16	04
Note- This data is till date 31/03/2024		

Watershed work has been started since 13 January 2022.









NABARD's WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Devsara -Jamhati-Bada Watershed

Name of Work	Sanction	Achievement
Continous Contour Trench (CCT)	2077.7 Cum	801.63 Cum
Water Absortion Trench (WAT)	2705 Cum	910.52 Cum
Stone Gully Plug (SGP)	247 Cum	551.43 Cum
Forestry planting	4006 nos	2003 nos
Farm Bund	27997 cum	9014.75 Cum
Pipe outlet	620 nos	200 nos
Repair Farm Bund	7890 cum	2506.47 Cum
Earthened Gully Plug	18 nos	1261.65 Cum
Farm Pond (10m*10m*2m)	20 nos	05 nos
Loose Bould Structure (LBS)	15 nos	1060.53 Cum
Gabion	44 nos	05 nos
Note- This data is till date 31/03/2024		











FARMERS PRODUCER ORGANISATION (FPO)

Collectivization of producers, especially small and marginal farmers, into producer organization has emerged as one of the most effective pathways to address the many challenges of agriculture but most im-portantly, improved access to investments, technology, inputs and markets. With a mission to promote economically viable, democratic, and self-governing Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs); to provide the required assistance and resources - policy action, inputs, technical knowledge, financial resources and infrastructure to strengthen these FPOs; To remove hurdles in enabling farmer's access the markets through their POs, both as buyers and sellers; To create an enabling policy environment for investments in FPOs to leverage their collective production and marketing power also with an objective of mobilizing farmers into member owned Producer Organization (PO), or Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs), is to enhance production, productivity and profitability of agriculturists, especially small farmers in the Block, NABARD created its Producer Organization Development Fund. The Agency has formed two Farmer Producer Organizations in two blocks of Jashpur district:

S.N	Name of FPO	Block	District	R.N.	Date of Registration	Activity
1	Harit Kranti Adiwasi Sahkari Samiti Mariyadit Bagicha	Bagicha	Jashpur	93	15-01-2015	All Agriculture business activity
2	Hariyali Adiwasi Sahkari Samiti Mariyadit Farsabahar	Farsabahar	Jashpur	95	25-03-2015	Tomato, Groundnut & Pulses
3	Harit jashpur Sahkari Samiti Mariyadit Jashpur	Jashpur & Duldula	Jashpur	229	12/01/2024	Goat rearing, Wadi Produce Marketing etc





NABARD RURAL MART

Rural Marts not only provide market access but also help promote entrepreneurship amongst producer communities, SHGs etc. The Scheme provides support towards operational expenditure for setting up of Rural Marts at potential locations. Realizing the need for mobility during the COVID pandemic NABARD came out with a policy for supporting Rural Mart to FPOs, & SHGs. In order to provide rural producers trading opportunities locally and in nearby town, READS promoted FPO Harit Kranti Aadiwasi Sahkari Sammiti Maryadit Bagicha has established NABARD rural mart at Jashpur city. NABARD has supporting setting up of Rural Marts the rural mart is being run by FPO Harit Kranti Adiwasi Shakari Samit Maryadit from Bagicha block with the handholding support of READS. In Finance year 2023-24 turnover of rural mart Jashpur is Rs. 23.8 Lakh.









NABARD RURAL HAAT

Rural Haat is basically platform for small and marginal farmers, self-help groups and retailers to sell their grains, vegetables or other local products. A rural Haat is an open market that serves as a trading venue for local producers and buyers in rural areas. 2 Rural Haat project has been sanctioned by NABARD in February-March month 2023 and implemented by agency rural education and development society Jashpur.

It will be carrying out local trade and has emerged as a significant asset for the rural economy. After the construction of Rural Haat, bringing small farmers & SHG member together by motivating them to set up shop and Started Collective marketing to ensure actual price of their commodity

This year 2 rural Haat construction have been completed and Inaugurated also. Here Rural haat market will be operated from April month 2024.

Name of Rural Haat	Village	Block	District
Rural Haat Bharada	Bharada	Pratappur	Surajpur
Rural Haat Sapghra	Sapghara	Duldula	Jashpur









PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS EXHIBITIONS

READS promoted FPO Harit Kranti Adiwasi Sahkari Samiti had participated in various national and international exhibitions to represent local commodity in this financial year. Through these exhibitions jashpur product like Jashpur Cashew, Scented Jiraful Rice, Jashpur Honey, small Millets (kodo-kutki), Pulses, and Pickle and bamboo products has become national brand. The photographs and details of various exhibitions are below.

S.N	Exhibitions Name	Venue	Date	Sponsored
1.	Diwali Mela	Ranchi	10-12 November 2023	NABARD
2.	Tarang Mela	IGKV Raipur	05 Oct to 07 March 2024	NABARD
3.	Navchaar Mela	Ambikapur	11 Mar to 13 Nov 2024	NABARD









UNICEF Child Development Programme

UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, plays a crucial role in promoting child development worldwide. Here are some of the key areas where UNICEF works to improve the lives of children. UNICEF promotes creating child-friendly learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and conducive to learning.

Under the Child Development Programme , On the occasion of International Children's Day, Children's Day Week was celebrated in Jashpur district from 14 to 20 November 2023, under which many programs were organized in the district. “Children’s Olympics” and “Go Blue” programme were organized under the leadership of UNICEF and READS Jashpur.. Under this, a program of painting walls under Go Blue programmed was organized in a total of 85 villages, along with this, Children's Olympic Games were organized in 81 villages, Baal Sabha was also organized in 16 villages, and 39 program takeovers were organized. In which children were selected for one hour and the importance of posts like Sarpanch, School Principal, Teacher was ensured and their participation in the decision was ensured. For this work, honored by UNICEF Chhattisgarh Chief Job Zakaria Sir.

A children's meeting was organized at Swami Atmanand School, Patratoli, in which the chief guest was respected Dr. Ravi Mittal, Sir Collector, Jashpur, respected Mr. Job Zakaria, UNICEF Chief Chhattisgarh and various officials of Jashpur were present.












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ज्ञान पाने की चाहत है।
एक भी ना छोडो, सारे शिक्षा से जोड़ो।
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Bee Keeping Programme

Beekeeping, also known as apiculture, offers a multitude of benefits for rural farmers, contributing to their livelihoods, the environment, and the overall agricultural ecosystem. Bees are crucial pollinators for many crops, including fruits, vegetables, and nuts. By keeping bees, farmers can enhance the yield and quality of their crops, leading to increased profits. Beekeeping is a diversify a farmer's income sources, reducing reliance on a single crop and mitigating risks associated with market fluctuations.

Under This Programme the support of Forest Department and IIT Bombay, beekeeping support and training provided to 50 farmers in Manora block of Jashpur District. In this Programme 2 Beekeeping Box with bee and supporting equipment have provided to each famers and now they are extracting honey from beekeeping boxes and earning good Income to sell it.









Awards & Felicitations

Recognition by District Administration: On Independence Day 2023, the Rural Education and Development Society (READS) was awarded a certificate of excellence by the district administration for its outstanding contributions to societal development.

Sant Ishwar Vishisht Seva Samman: On October 2, 2023, at the C. Subramaniam Auditorium, Pusa, New Delhi, the Sant Ishwar Foundation honored READS with the prestigious Sant Ishwar Vishisht Seva Samman 2023. This award recognizes organizations excelling in various fields of societal service across the nation. The award was presented by dignitaries including Honorable Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, Senior RSS leader Shri Suresh Bhaiyya Joshi, and Union Minister Shri Jitendra Singh.

Certificate of Recognition by the Vice President of India: In October 2023, READS was also felicitated with a Certificate of Recognition by Honorable Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar for its impactful work in rural development.

Farmer Recognition: READS played a pivotal role in empowering rural communities, with two of its associated farmers, Dileshwar Baghel and Anima Prakash, receiving individual accolades for their exceptional contributions to sustainable farming practices.









MEDIA COVERAGE

बच्चों के घोषणा पत्र को राजनैतिक दलों के घोषणा पत्र में शामिल कराने एडवोकेसी

छ.ग.फ्रंटलाइन अंबिकापुर। यूनिसेफ छत्तीसगढ़, छत्तीसगढ़ बाल अधिकार वेधशाला एवं प्रदेश की स्वैच्छिक संगठनों द्वारा बालसभा आयोजित कर बाल घोषणा पत्र का ड्राफ्ट तैयार किया गया है। बच्चों के इस घोषणा पत्र को छत्तीसगढ़ के विभिन्न राजनैतिक दलों के जिलाध्यक्षों एवं विधायक प्रत्याशियों को सौंपने की प्रक्रिया जारी है। यूनिसेफ छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य प्रमुख जाब जाकारिया, बाल परितोष दास सोशल पालिसी स्पेशलिस्ट के मार्गदर्शन एवं छत्तीसगढ़ बाल अधिकार वेधशाला के सरगुजा संभाग प्रभारी मंगल पांडेय निदेशक चिराग सोशल वेलफेयर सोसायटी के नेतृत्व में अखिल भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस के जशपुर विधानसभा क्षेत्र के विधायक प्रत्याशी विनय भगत को रुरल एजुकेशनल एंड डेवलपमेंट सोसायटी अध्यक्ष राजेश



गुप्ता, कोषाध्यक्ष गोवर्धन होता, संस्था के कार्यकर्ता नीरज रतन टोप्पो, सेवक भगत, माधुरी ठाकुर, अंजना मिंज के द्वारा बाल घोषणा पत्र को भेंट कर इसे पार्टी के चुनावी घोषणा में प्राथमिकता से शामिल करने हेतु एडवोकेसी किया गया। छत्तीसगढ़ बाल अधिकार वेधशाला से जुड़े हुए स्वैच्छिक संगठनों के द्वारा प्रदेश के विभिन्न जिलों के 500 से अधिक विद्यालयों एवं ग्राम पंचायतों में जाकर बच्चों के साथ बालसभा करके बच्चों के मुद्दों को चिन्हांकित किया गया है। अब तक राजनैतिक दलों के द्वारा समुदाय के विभिन्न वर्गों के मुद्दों को ही चुनावी घोषणा पत्र में शामिल किया जाता रहा है।

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जनसत्ता संवाददाता
नई दिल्ली, 2 अक्तूबर।

संत ईश्वर फाउंडेशन समाज के आर्थिक और सामाजिक रूप से पिछड़े और वंचित लोगों के जीवन में बदलाव के लिए कार्य कर रही है। यह बयान लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला ने दिया। वे सोमवार को पूसा इंस्टीट्यूट में संत ईश्वर सम्मान समारोह में चंद्रयान व सूर्य अभियान के इसरो वैज्ञानिकों के सम्मान समारोह को संबोधित कर रहे थे।

बिरला ने कहा कि महात्मा गांधी ने भी समाज में बदलाव के लिए वंचितों के लिए कार्य किया था। उन्होंने कहा कि संत समाज की प्रेरणा से देश के युवाओं को प्रेरणा मिली है कि समाज में जहां जरूरत हो वो भी वहां काम कर सकते हैं। आज जरूरत है कि वंचित समाज को आर्थिक रूप से सक्षम बनाया जाए। वही काम सेवा भारती कर रही है।

वहीं, राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के पूर्व सरकार्यवाह भैय्या जी जोशी ने कहा कि एक कालखंड ऐसा था, जब लोग सम्मान के लिए काम करते थे, लेकिन आज भारत सरकार और संत ईश्वर संस्थान के



पद्मभूषण, भारत रत्न या संत ईश्वर सेवा सम्मान हो। संत ईश्वर फाउंडेशन की राष्ट्रीय महासचिव वृंदा ने सम्मान की विस्तृत जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि यह सम्मान व्यक्तिगत एवं संस्थागत रूप में मुख्यतः चार क्षेत्र जनजातीय, ग्रामीण विकास, महिला-बाल विकास व विशेष योगदान के लिए दिया जाता है।

इसमें विशिष्ट सेवा सम्मान (5,00,000 रुपए प्रत्येक) एवं 12 सेवा सम्मान (1,00,000 रुपए प्रत्येक) में दिया जाता है। इसमें सभी विजेताओं को की धनराशि से व्यक्तियों और संस्थाओं को सम्मानित किया जाता है।

इस वर्ष संत ईश्वर विशेष सम्मान भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान संगठन 'इसरो' को दिया गया है। चंद्रयान-3 व आदित्य एल1 की सफलता ने भारतीयों का सम्मान विश्व में बढ़ा दिया है। इसरो वैज्ञानिकों को उनकी इस विशिष्ट सेवा के लिए विशेष सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया। समारोह में स्वामी चिदानंद सरस्वती (अध्यक्ष, परमार्थ निकेतन, ऋषिकेश), विशिष्ट अतिथि डा जितेंद्र

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बंजर पड़ी थी 200 एकड़ जमीन, दो साल में तैयार किए सेब-नाशपाती के बागान

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मनोरा जनकट के छह गांवों की तस्वीर दो साल के अंदर पूरी तरह बदल गई है। बंजर होने की वजह से पहले जगदहार खेतों में सिर्फ घास और झाड़ी ही नजर आती है। अब इन गांवों की 200 एकड़ जमीन सेब और नाशपाती के बागान लहलहा रहे हैं। इससे आदिवासी किसान जो मुश्किल से गुजारा कर पाते थे, उन्हें अगले साल से अच्छा खासा मुनाफा होने लगेगा।

मनोरा के करदना, छतौरी, सैला, धरमा, धापरा और खूंटागानी में किसानों की डांड़ (बंजर) जमीन खाली पड़ी थी। अब नाबार्ड और सरकारी सहायता से 200 एकड़ जमीन में सेब और नाशपाती के बागान तैयार किए जा रहे हैं। इनमें से करदना, सैला, छतौरी में 100 एकड़ जमीन पर सेब और नाशपाती के पौधे पिछले साल लगाए गए थे। इस बागान में अगले साल से फल आने लगेंगे। जबकि धरमा, धापरा, खूंटागानी, सैला में 100 एकड़ जमीन में इस वर्ष सेब और नाशपाती के बागान लगाए जा रहे हैं। इससे किसानों और बागवानों की आर्थिक स्थिति में सुधार आएगी। बागान तैयार करने के साथ ही नाबार्ड ने सिंचाई के साधन और पैरिंग तार से जमीन को घेरा है। इससे बागान को किसी प्रकार का नुकसान न हो। नाबार्ड के जिला विकास प्रबंधक लक्ष्य रेड्डी ने बताया कि पहले जिले में जो नाशपाती की किस्म लगाई गई है, उसे पत्थर नख के नाम से जाना जाता है। उसकी कठोरता की वजह से उसकी डिमांड कम होती है। जबकि अब किसानों के खेत में कश्मीरी नख किस्म की नाशपाती लगाई जा रही है जो काफी सॉफ्ट होती है।

बागान से किसानों की आर्थिक स्थित होगी मजबूत



बागान में सेब के पौधों के साथ लगाया रामतिल।

दो पौधों के बीच खाली जमीन पर सब्जी की खेती

सेब और नाशपाती के बागान तैयार होने से किसानों में खुशी है। सैला के किसान बीरबल राम, जागेश्वर राम धनेश्वर राम, करदना के सिप्रीयानुस और प्रकाश छतौरी के विनोद राम, सर्वेश्वर राम, जगेश्वर राम ने बताया कि सेब और नाशपाती के बागान में सब्जी की खेती से उन्हें अतिरिक्त आमदनी मिलेगी।

बागवानी से किसानों को अतिरिक्त आमदनी

किसानों की खाली पड़ी जमीन को सेब और नाशपाती के बाग में बदलने से सैकड़ों किसानों को आमदनी बढ़ेगी। यह आमदनी उन्हें तीन साल बाद से मिलनी शुरू हो जाएगी। किसानों के बाग में मधुमक्खी पालन शुरू कराने की भी तैयारी है। इससे शहद से अतिरिक्त आमदनी तो होगा ही सेब और नाशपाती के परागण में मधुमक्खी मदद करेंगी।

बतुई दोमट मिट्टी दोनों पौधों के लिए होती है उपयुक्त

सेब और नाशपाती की खेती के लिए बतुई दोमट और गहरी मिट्टी की जरूरत होती है। इसकी निरोक्षता होती है कि पानी आसानी से निकल जाता है। ऐसी मिट्टी मनोरा और रुस्ता इलाके में मिलती है। इससे नाशपाती की अन्य किस्मों की तुलना में यह आकार में बड़ा होता है।

इन किसानों की जमीन पर की गई है बागवानी

वर्तमान में कुछ किसानों की बिना खेती वाली जमीन पर सेब और नाशपाती के बाग विकसित किए जा रहे हैं। उन किसानों ने अपनी जमीन पर बागवानी करने पर रजामंदी जाहिर की है। मनोरा के सैला गांव के रवींता कुजूर के पांच एकड़ खेत, राजूराम के चार एकड़ के खेत, पाइट्रसियुस के सात एकड़ खेत, मालकुस बड़ा के चार एकड़ खेत समेत अन्य किसानों के खेत में बागवानी की गई है।

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मंडे पॉजिटिव नाशपाती से इस बार उत्पादक किसानों की बंपर कमाई, 3500 एकड़ में लगी है नाशपाती, इतने ही किसान उत्पादन से जुड़े, उत्पादन में डेढ़ गुना वृद्धि

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साल दर साल नाशपाती किसानों की कमाई बढ़ा रहा है। इस वर्ष नाशपाती का उत्पादन करीब डेढ़ गुना बढ़ा है। वहीं, किसानों ने पहली बार कोलकाता के बाजार में माल भेजा तो वहां से उन्हें अच्छे दाम भी मिले। बीते साल जहां नाशपाती 350 रुपए क्रेरेट में बिके थे, वहीं इस बार कोलकाता की मंडी में यह 500 रुपए क्रेरेट में बिके हैं। प्रति किलो में बीते साल नाशपाती 15 रुपए किलो की दर पर बिकी थी, वहीं इस बार 20 रुपए किलो के दाम पर बिकी है।

जिले में नाशपाती के उत्पादन से किसानों को जोड़ने का काम नाबार्ड द्वारा व्यापक पैमाने पर किया गया है। वर्तमान में जिले में 3500 किसान नाशपाती उत्पादन से जुड़े हैं। सभी किसानों ने अपनी एक-एक एकड़ जमीन पर नाशपाती का उत्पादन करीब 8 से 10 साल पहले शुरू किया था। इस साल पुराने हो चुके पेड़ों पर फलों अच्छे आए हैं। बगीचा विकासखंड से करीब 250 पिकअप और मनोरा ब्लॉक से 100 पिकअप माल अब तक बाहर भेजा जा चुका है। जिले में इस वर्ष नाशपाती का उत्पादन 700 मिट्रिक टन से भी अधिक रहा। इस वर्ष किसानों ने अपना माल कोलकाता, संबलपुर, जमशेदपुर, पटना, प्रयागराज, वाराणसी और दुर्ग की मंडी तक भेजा है। अन्य मंडियों में किसान पहले से माल भेजते आ रहे हैं। कोलकाता की मंडी में जशपुर का माल पहली बार भेजा गया। वहां नाशपाती की कीमत भी अच्छी मिली। किसानों का क्रेरेट 500 रुपए में खरीदा गया। कोलकाता में अच्छे दाम मिलने की जानकारी होने के बाद इस साल करीब आधा माल कोलकाता की मंडी में बिका है।

पेड़ पुराने हो रहे, इसलिए उत्पादन लगातार बढ़ा

नाबार्ड द्वारा विकसित किए गए बागानों की देखरेख, उत्पादन व फलों की मार्केटिंग का काम रीड्स संस्था द्वारा कराया जाता है। रीड्स के राजेश गुप्ता ने बताया कि इस वर्ष अधिकांश बागानों में नाशपाती का उत्पादन बीते सालों की तुलना में अधिक हुआ है। बीते साल तक जिन पेड़ों से 6 क्रेरेट तक फल निकलता था, उन पेड़ों से इस साल 10 क्रेरेट माल निकला है। इसकी वजह पेड़ों का पुराना होना। क्षेत्र के बागानों में अब कई पेड़ 8 से 10 साल पुराने हो गए हैं। इन पुराने पेड़ों में फलन क्षमता अधिक है।



नाशपाती को क्रेरेट में भरते किसान।

इन गांव में नाशपाती का उत्पादन: नाशपाती का उत्पादन ऊंचाई वाले इलाकों में आसानी से किया जा सकता है। दरअसल इसके उत्पादन के लिए 10 से 25 डिग्री तापमान की जरूरत होती है। जशपुर जिले में बगीचा व मनोरा ब्लॉक के गांव समुद्र तल से 3000 फीट की ऊंचाई पर बसे हैं। ऐसे गांव में अब नाशपाती के सैकड़ों बागान हैं। नाशपाती उत्पादन वाले गांव में कोपा, छिछली, पेंट्रोटोली, मैना, सेंधवार, केराकोना, आमगांव, गीधा, इचौली, अकरीकोना, लोरो, लरंगा, लोढ़ेना, सोनमोठ आदि शामिल हैं।

प्रति एकड़ डेढ़ से दो लाख तक आमदनी

इस वर्ष किसानों ने नाशपाती बेचकर उसे बाजार में भेजने का खर्चा काटकर प्रति एकड़ डेढ़ से दो लाख तक का मुनाफा कमाया है। कोपा के किसान बहतर राम और धनेश्वर राम ने बताया कि साल दर साल नाशपाती से मुनाफा बढ़ रहा है। छिछली के किसान जगत राम ने इस वर्ष 1.5 लाख, कोपा के धनेश्वर ने 1 लाख 5 हजार, पंडरूटोली के सत्यासी राम ने 1 लाख 20 हजार, कोपा के सुरेश राम ने 2 लाख रुपए की आमदनी की है। जिले के अन्य इलाकों में भी नाशपाती के नए बागान डेवलप करने की प्लानिंग चल रही है।



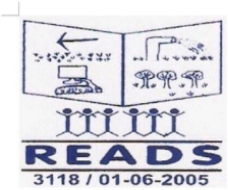







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