

# **CORD-GAJAPATI**

*A Narrative Annual Report for the year 2009-10*

*(From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31 March 2010)*

CORD GAJAPATI: With the blessings of Pujya Guruji Swami Tejomayanandaji and good wishes of Padma sri Dr. Kshama Metre, (the National Director of CORD ) Gajapati District of Orissa has been gifted with CORD in May 2008. On its 2<sup>nd</sup> year, CORD Gajapati has taken a number of programmes to develop the neglected area of Laxmipur Panchayat of Rayagada Block in Gajapati District. Following the norms of the Resource Centre CORD Sidhbari and Head Office CORD New Delhi, CORD Gajapati implemented its programmes under the motto of "Sustainable and Participatory Rural Development Programme".

**Physiography and Climate :** Laxmipur Block of Gajapati district is surrounded by rugged hill terrain in all its sides. River Mahendra Tanaya is the main source of water in this location, besides a few non perennial springs that flow in the remote pockets in this area supports cultivation. In this area, the climatic condition is extreme.

## **Highlights :**

Our CBOs: CORD Gajapati has seven farmers clubs, seven Mahila Mandals, One Youth Club, One Self-help group and three Bal Vihars.

**Farmers Club:** CORD Gajapati has seven Farmers' club. All the Farmers clubs are approved by NABARD. The Farmers Clubs are getting technical and financial assistance from NABARD. As per the provision, NABARD will assist Rs. 10000/- every year to each farmers clubs up to 3 years. Similarly, it also provides exposure visit programmes to the members of farmers clubs as a part of capacity- building training.

Our Farmers clubs are also getting training from District Agriculture and Horticulture Office from time to time on various subjects. includes capacity building trainings of farmers, technical assistance for using of modern machines and tools in agriculture as well scientific know-how's for better development. We arranged one Farmers Meet Program on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in our operational area which was addressed by AGM NABARD and Junior Agriculture Officer of Rayagada Block of the of Gajapati District.

**Mahila Mandals:** CORD Gajapati has formed seven Mahila Mandals so far. CORD Gajapati is providing proper training to Mahila Mandals from time to time and enhancing their capacity in many ways. We did not form any more number of Mahila Mandals since we did not spread our operational area We emphasized on the issues such as creating awareness, reduce gender inequality and empowering them. CORD Gajapati has organized skill development programmes for Mahila Mandals and SHG groups also.

## **Bala Vihar:**

At present CORD Gajapati is regulating three Balvihar classes in the remote villages namely, Tapanga, Tuburuda and Khambari Sahi. Three Volunteers, one from each village has been selected to look after the Balvihar Classes. The Balvihar volunteers are also getting training at the CORD Office of Laxmipur and Paralakhemundi on spiritual, educational, social and skill development issues by the CDOs.

### **A Glance on Training and Activities of CORD Gajapati, 2009-10**

#### **TRAININGS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Village/s</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Dignitaries/ Resource Person</b>
26-4-2009	Khambari Sahi	Mushroom cultivation and Aam chur Training	Sri. Anil Kumar Mishra and Horticulture Department.
28-4-2009	Jhirjhira	Mango Pickle Training	Smt. Sanjukta Sahu and Group
11-6-2009	Landu Sahi, Jhirjhira, Tapanga and Khambari Sahi	SRI Method Training	JAO Rayagada, Field Supervisor Jeerango
30-7-2009	Khambari Sahi, Jhirjhira, Landu Sahi, Tapanga, and Amar Sing	SRI Promotion Training	JAO Rayagada, Field Supervisor Jeerango
21-9-2009	Satum, Betar Sing, Tuburuda, and Tapang,	Training Programme on various issues such as Capacity Building etc.	AGM NABARD and Lead Bank Manager, Andhra Bank, Paralakhemundi.
30-9-2009	Tapanga and Tuburuda	Capacity Building to MM and SHG	Smt.Kalpana Mishra
1-10-2009	Khambari Sahi	Capacity Building to MM and SHG	Smt.Kalpana Mishra
16-12-2009	Satum, Khambari Sahi, Tuburuda	Gender Equality	Miss. Jyoti Panigrahi, OTELP, Gajapati District
17-12-2009	Jhirjhira, Landu Sahi, and Tapanga	Gender Equality	Miss. Jyoti Panigrahi, OTELP, Gajapati District

#### **Activities:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Village/s</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dignitaries/ Resource Person</b>
3-5-2009	Jhirjhira and Tuburuda	Group Discussion on National Horticulture Mission	Sri Samanataray Horticulturist, Gajapati District, and Sri Padhi Babu Area Supervisor, Rayagada Block
12-6-2009	Landu Sahi,	Demonstration about Carpet Making	M/S. Jeypore Rope Foundation.

	Kinnoda, Jhirjhira, Tuburuda and Khambari Sahi		Rajasthan
7-7-2009	Landu Sahi, Amar Sing, Tapanga, Khambari Sahi and Jhirjhira	Farmers Meet	AGM NABARD, JAO Agriculture and Field Supervisor.
20-8-2009	Landu Sahi, Jhirjhira and Khambari Sahi	Farmers club inauguration and Demonstration on use of modern machines such as Cone Weeder, Mandova Weeder, etc	AGM NABARD, JAO Agriculture and Field Supervisor.
22-8-2009	Amar Sing, Landu Sahi, Tuburuda	Capacity Building Programme	JAO Agriculture Deptt.,
3-11-2009	Khambari Sahi	National Director's Visit and Interaction with the CBOs	National Director with Team
4-11-2009	Laxmipur CORD Office	National Director's Visit and Interaction with the CBOs	National Director with Team
5-11-2009	Laxmipur CORD Office	National Director's Visit  To conduct interview for Samaj Sevak Trainees	National Director with Team
2-12-2009	Khambari Sahi, Satum	CORD New Delhi, Secretary's Visit. Visit to Horticulture Dept.	Secretary CORD Head Office, New Delhi
6-12-2009	Satum	Training on Tomato and Brinjal farming as seasonal crop	Horticulturist, Gajapati_District

**Health and Hygiene:** A "Free Health Check-up Camp" was organized by CORD, Gajapati in support with Primary Health Centre (PHC), Koinpur at village Jhirjhira on 18<sup>th</sup> June 09. Ninety Seven patients from village Tuburuda, Landu Sahu and Jhirjhira were treated freely and checked up by the Physical Consultant Dr. P.K.Sahu, Koinpur PHC. Free Medicine was distributed to the patients supplied by CORD, Gajapati and the C.H.C (Community Health Centre), Rayagada Block.

**Livelihood Programme:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009, CORD Gajapati along with Horticulture Department provided a training programme on Orchard Development. The Trainers and resource persons from the department had described the benefits of Orchard development to the farmers and the benefits extended by government. Six farmers from Jhirjhira and three farmers from Tuburuda applied for the Mango and Cashew Nut Orchard. Similarly, on

6<sup>th</sup> December 2009 the District Horticulture Team visited Satum and suggested the Farmers club to plant Tomato and Brinjal as seasonal crop. They also advised the Farmers Club about the importance of crop rotation, soil fertility and market analysis of vegetables during summer. Following their suggestion, the Farmers Club cultivated Tomato and Brinjal in 2 acres of land and Sunflower in 2 acres of land.

**International Women's Day Celebration:** CORD Gajapati celebrated International Women's Day in a grand manner. Large number of women folk from our operational area were attended the celebration. Our Mahila Mandals, SHGs, and Farmers club members got inspired by the wonderful messages given by the dignitaries such as Pujya Gajapati Maharaj of Puri Sri Divya Sing Dev, Chairperson of State Women Commissioner Smt. Dr. Jyoti Panigrahi and AGM NABARD Sri Sunil Kumar Nayak. Dr. IB Sahu, Swami Medhananda of Kailash Ashram Hrishikesh, and Swami Ameyananda Acharya of Bhawanipatna, Chinmaya Mission.

### **Talagud Project**

The Orissa Rajya Talaguda Samabaya Samiti Ltd. (ORTSS Ltd) and the District administration of Gajapati in a district level meeting assigned a job to CORD Gajapati to take the photographs of the beneficiaries (Date-palm jaggery) of around 17 villages in Nuagada and Udayagir block in Gajapati District. CORD employees are presently completely involved themselves in this project work. The main motto of the project indirectly, is to reduce the rate of alcohol consumption among tribal people in the villages and to save forest as well to increase their annual income enhancing their livelihood.

**Training and Exposure Visit:** On 10<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, the state Agriculture Department of Orissa arranged one training and exposure visit for 8 farmers from CORD's Farmers club. Eight members of 3 farmers club had attended the training camp and visited CRRI, Cuttack and OUAT, Bhubaneswar. Likely a number of group discussions, Capacity building programmes and Interactions were arranged by the CORD for the larger benefit of the community.

### **Computer Training Centre in Laxmipur Kany**

Though we reached in 21<sup>st</sup> Century, yet the light of development has not reached at the young generation in the remote villages. Keeping this in view, CORD facilitated a computer training centre at Laxmipur Kanyashram ( Govt. Girls High School for Tribal Girls) with a trainer, who takes care of computer education there. It was being inaugurated by AGM NABARD on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009. About 150 girl students of Class IX and X are getting benefitted from this centre. The National Director of CORD and Secretary, CORD visited the center during tour to Laxmipur.

**Gender Awareness Programme :** A gender equality programme was organized by CORD Gajapati on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2009 at Khambari Sahi to create awareness about gender issues. A resource person Miss Jyoti Panigrahi from OTELP, Govt. of Odisha, with CORD team arranged the programme for two days to narrow down the gender gap in the tribal belt.

## **VERMICOMPOST :**

While addressing the importance of organic compost and fertility of the soil, CORD Gajapati advised the farmers of various farmers club to prepare vermi-compost. And to develop vermi-compost pits, CORD has arranged 2 training programs by the resource persons of Department of Agriculture, Gajapati District Orissa. The Junior Agriculture Officer, Sri. B N Mangaraj of Rayagada Block visited the villages viz., Khambari Sahi and Landu Sahi to inspect the Vermi-Compost pits for approval. Out of Five, four vermin-compost pits have been approved by him .

## **SRI Method Paddy Agriculture**

With the organizational effort of CORD, the Farmers clubs of Landu Sahi, Jhirjhira and Khambari Sahi, and Betar Sing implemented SRI Method paddy cultivation for the first in the operational area. CORD signed an MOU with the Department of Agriculture to develop SRI Method in the operational area. All the technical and scientific assistance from the Department of Agriculture have been provided to the farmers. The farmers of Landu Sahi, Betar Sing, and Jhirjhira have achieved about 24 quintals of paddy in SRI method from an acre of land where as earlier they used to get only about 10 quintals of paddy through traditional method.

Four numbers of training programmes were arranged by the Agriculture Department in collaboration with CORD. CORD being the facilitating agent helped the farmers from time to time by continuous visit to field in order to guide them for this new adopted method.

Likely with the effort of the CORD Gajapati, the farmers clubs were distributed with foundation seeds, Cone weeder, Mandova weeder and Marker by the AGM NABARD and JAO Agriculture.

**Conclusion:** With the blessings of Param Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda Ji and Pujya Guruji Swami Tejomayanandaji and loving care and guidance of Dr. Kshama Metre, National Director of CORD and support of CORD Head Office New Delhi, the activities of CORD Gajapati are increasing and the poor tribal people are getting new hope and inspiration from CORD to change their life. We are sure, CORD is taking a leading role in the development of this remote area of Gajapati District of Odisha.

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