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Millets and Mahashakti

Mahashakti Foundation embarked on its journey to promote millets in Bargarh district of Odisha with the support from Millet Mission, Govt. of Odisha and HDFC Bank Parivartan. Beyond their delicious taste, millets offer a plethora of nutritional advantages, including a rich source of essential nutrients like fiber, protein, and micronutrients. Moreover, millets are naturally gluten-free, making them an ideal choice for those with dietary restrictions.

Millets Food Festival on the occasion of Maa Gajalaxmi Mahostshav at Petupali village of Sohela Block Bargarh.



We are thrilled to mention that, Bijepur Block of Bargarh District has been awarded as the best performed block of Odisha in Millets Value Chain Promotion at International Conference of Millets. Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment and other dignitaries handed over the award to the block representatives. Mahashakti Foundation is the Facilitating Agency for Bijepur Block and our collaborative efforts on promoting millet eco system has a substantial impact on equity, justice and empowerment.

Millets are found to be helpful with the reduction of weight, BMI, and high blood pressure. Millet is generally consumed with legumes, which creates mutual supplementation of protein, increases the amino acid content, and enhances the overall digestibility of protein.

International Day of Millets was celebrated at Bargarh in association with Ganjam Tiffin Bargarh Odisha.

Ready to eat millet tiffin is being provided by this centre.

Experience sharing of Progressive Farmers, Directors of FPOs, our Team Members regarding Agri Enterprises and Farm Field Schools with State Manager CSR - HDFC Bank Sri Swaroop Sharma and President - Mahashakti Foundation Dr Debasish Mohapatra.



Addressing farmers during Millet Harvest Festival at Redhakhol, Sambalpur, Odisha

Engagement with farmers during crop cutting

Annual Day- Mahashakti's 19 Years of Transforming Communities



19TH Annual Day

The 19th Annual Day of Mahashakti Foundation was an action-packed event! We had engaging and informative sessions on "climate-resilient agriculture" and "the crucial role of non-profits in empowering communities". And in the evening, our amazing employees had a splendid evening taking part in cultural programs, creating unforgettable moments together.



19TH
Annual Day
List of Awards and Recognitions during Annual Day Event:

Transforming Communities Award for Farmers Empowerment -

- Mrs Snigdha Meher-MD, Turekela FPCL, Turekela Dist. Balangir
- Mr Bhelasagar Sahu- MD, Chirasabuja FOCL Bijepur Dist. Bargarh

Transforming Communities Award for Community Development-

- Shaktimayee Foundation
- Lanjigarh, Dist Kalahandi

Transforming Communities Award for Financial Inclusion -

- Samparna Business Correspondence Pvt Ltd.

Aradhana Nanda MEMORIAL AWARD FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT -

- Pratignya Trust , Dunguri, Bargarh

Our OFF-Farm Initiatives (Art and Craft)

A capacity building program on palm leaf carving and Pattachitra was organized where market led products were developed with handicraft artisans. Representatives from Corporate Communication of TATA Power and TPCODL visited artisans to understand their livelihood development initiatives supported by TPCODL.



Skill Development Training Program for the Handicraft Artisans of Khordha Dist for their income enhancement.



Project Samridhi of TPCODL is empowering handicraft artisans of Odisha which leads to economic growth at the grassroots level and helps combat poverty, promoting a more inclusive society. Traditional Indian handicrafts and textiles have been passed down through generations, representing the diversity and ingenuity of the country's cultural tapestry. Head L&D and Head CSR of TPCODL visited the Skill Development Training Program of Khurdha Dist.



Our efforts on developing Art and Craft Cluster in Odisha was recognized by YES FOUNDATION . Our craft value chain intervention efforts has helped 3000 rural artisans to get additional income of Rs 3000 per month.



Mahashakti Foundation, in collaboration with CYSD, co-hosted a thematic learning event on December 6, preceding the esteemed Odisha Vikash Conclave on December 7. The event's theme was "Dialogue with Community-Based Organizations and PRI Representatives in Building Resilient Gram Panchayats." The event brings together insightful discussions on the pivotal role of PRI and CBO representatives, exploring how Panchayat and Village-level planning can become more inclusive and effective.



Prospective Planning Workshop

Prospective Plans provide strategies to our team to forecast the vision of the future. The plan is prepared with specific growth objectives. Our board members, top and senior management staff actively participated in a two days prospective planning workshop organized at Natures Camp-Chandaka Resort, Bhubaneswar. Dr. Amulya Mohanty Strategic Advisor, Mahashakti Foundation, Dr. Pradeep Mohapatra and Smt. Itishree Kanungo- Board Members of MSF, Dr. Surendra Jena Professor -KSRM and Dr. Debasish Mohapatra, President Mahashakti Foundation facilitated the program. Many topics such as five year plans, sectoral risks, SWOT analysis etc. were discussed during this program.



Photo Gallery

Project Peheli Udaan launched by Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business to help girls accept menstruation as a normal body function and learn how to care for themselves during their menstrual period. Also the program aims to disprove the old taboos, and give girls a thorough, wholesome understanding of menstruation.

Shaktimayee Foundation - SHG Federation promoted by us is targeting 5000 school students



Five days Micro Enterprise Development Program on Organic Commercial Vegetable Cultivation organised at Talpadar Village, Bijepur. The program was coordinated by DDM, NABARD, LDM, BAO, Bijepur, Secretary Mahashakti Foundation and Mr Mihir Ranjan Sagar, Agri Expert. Around 30 women farmers from Barguda and Talpadar Village participated in the said training program.



Launching of Climate Resilient Agriculture Project !.

A Climate Resilient Agriculture Project has been launched at the Shila Tower Hotel in Sambalpur, by Mahashakti Foundation, with the support from TPWODL. This project is going to cover 1750 hectares of land of 1692 farmers in 8 Gram Panchayats of Maneshwar block, Sambalpur.



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A two days non-residential training program on Community Seed Centre Management was organized where officials from Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment provided their valuable inputs to participants.



Mr. Joshua Kyle Leighton, Senior Director, Livelihood and Mr. Diganta Mohanty, Program Director, Trickle Up visited our UPMA Project. During the visit his team interacted with participants, staff members and FPO officials to understand the progress and sustainability strategies.



An important co-benefit of wadi is that it contributes to climate change mitigation by converting atmospheric carbon into tree biomass and soil carbon that act as long term carbon sinks. In the wadi model, the combination of species is selected such that they are suited to the agro-ecological conditions. AHO Gudvella, Bolangir, Odisha facilitated the capacity building training to the tribal farmers on mix cropping and plant care to get multiple income.



Chilli cultivation is an important aspect of agriculture in India and is widely grown for both domestic and commercial purposes. India is one of the largest producers of chillies in the world and it also multiplies the income of farmers. In this context we are developing a chilli cluster with 200 farmers with the support from Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business at Lanjigarh Kalahandi. Head CSR Vedanta Lanjigarh joined in the strategic planning sessions on management of the chilli value chain.

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Digital payment methods have the advantage of being faster, safer and easier. Customers also can get discounts while paying their electricity bills digitally. Our Circle Coordinators are sensitising CRPs and MBKs of Mission Shakti Department , Jajpur dist, to encourage more and more SHG members for digital payments though



Exposure program to our UPMA Project. NGO representatives from Jagruti, Shakti and Nirman (Kandhamal and Rayagada) visited different activities of the UPMA Project at Bongomunda block for mutual learning.



On Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Jayanti, observed as Children's Day, we shared special moments with the kids of our Women Literacy Centre (WLC) beneficiaries, supported by TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited. Wishing a joyful Children's Day to all the incredible kids



On this special occasion of Janajati Gourav Divas, TRIFED sponsored a special program called Sourcing Mela on painting at Lalitakala Academy, Bhubaneswar. Kala Punaruthan invited to represent the Painting like Soura art, Palm Leaf painting & Patachitra being promoted by Mahashakti Foundation.

