

**GRAMIN VIKAS TRUST  
WEST BENGAL**

**Zonal Programme Manager-East Visits to Ayodhya Hill, Bagmundi Block  
of Purulia, West Bengal**

H'ble Zonal Program Manager, GVT-East, paid a visit to Saharjuri WADI Village of Ayodhya hill in Bagmundi block, 45 km away from district H.Q, Purulia, on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013. He was welcomed by the Adivashi Women, mostly belonged to WADI family of Sahrjuri and adjacent WADI villages of Bagmundi Block, with their traditional customs coupled with dance and songs.



Gramin Vikas Trust initiated WADI Project in Bagmundi Block on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 with the financial support from NABARD, RO-Kolkata. This seven year project will cover 800 tribal families of six Gram Sansads and twenty (20) villages under Ajaodhya Gram Panchayat, Bagmundi Block. GVT has completed 160 WADI establishments this year against a target of 150 WADI's.

ZPM's visit to Saharjuri village, a centrally located place for all the WADI Villages, evoked immense response among the local tribal community and expressed their satisfaction in receiving ZPM, GVT-East, as their special guest. ZPM first visited the WADI plots of Sahrjuri Village, interacted with the WADI plot owners and advised for regular, systematic nurturing including watering of the WADI plots. This was followed by a vivacious interface in one of the WADI plots wherein huge number of Women SHG members, Farmers Club members, and Village Development planning Committee participated. The agile interface among SHGs, Farmers Club, Village Development planning

Committees and ZPM, GVT-East was the real reflection of Community Based inclusive social development paradigm, wherein the SHG members explained their dreams, future planning and issues related to enhancement of their livelihoods, also their possible participation in the development process initiated by GVT. They also briefed, how WADI Project, within this short time, has already created a significant impact on their out migration and family income level. They also expressed their willingness in receive some location specific Skill Training Program, in order to adopt gainful Income Generation Activities through Bank Linkage. Famers Club members also briefed their future planning based on the WADI project. So far 10 Farmers Clubs have been formed to expedite Farmers led development in the WADI areas.

ZPM, through his thought provoking deliberation explained the utility of working through groups by citing good examples. He stressed upon mutual support and co-operation to evolve joint actions through SHG movement. He emphasized on ownership development and spontaneous participation in the WADI project through day to day supervision and nurturing. He also advised the SHG members to participate in the Health Program, an important program component of WADI project and propagate the concept of *Health for all* in the local community by addressing all health related issues through regular awareness and sensitization. Regional Program Manager-WB, OR also through his deliberation spoke on the role, responsibility of SHGs, Village Planning Committee, FCs to monitor the WADI project at their level. He emphasized on conducting regular meeting, savings and to address other local issues like Health, Income Generation, and Child Education - to play a pivotal role in making the WADI as a comprehensive, holistic development program.

The Project In-Charge-WADI, Bagmundi, expressed his satisfaction for kind visit of ZPM in the WADI area, Saharjuri, wherein the villagers from 20 WADI villages gathered through in huge number, with significance presence of youth and Women in Foot ball tournament, cultural programs and interface program with ZPM-East, GVT. He conveyed his heartfelt thanks to all the Village Development Committee, SHGs and GVTs local staff, animator to make the program a successful one.

This interface program was followed by a visit to WADI areas of Kalha village, a big patch for WADIs. ZPM interacted with the WADI farmers and advised them to nurture their plots with full of sincerity and commitment. He assured all possible support to the WADI owners within the project framework, for the successful WADI owners. ZPM also distributed some Water filters (as a

program component under Safe Drinking Water) to the WADI owners, who so far, nurtured their plots in a systematic way.



**Shri B.B Singh, ZPM-East addressing the local gathering (Right) and inspecting the WADI area (Left)**

### **Visit to WADI Project area, Hura Block of Purulia, West Bengal**

H'ble Zonal Program Manager, GVT, East, paid a visit to Kharpara, Mahilidih, Bagdish, Bhelagora WADI Villages of Hura block, 26 km away from district H.Q, Purulia, on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2013. During his visit he interacted with the individual WADI farmers. During the conversation he asked the beneficiaries about their *modus operandi* for day-to-day nurturing of WADI and advised them to maintain their WADI properly as suggested by NABARD.

This was followed by a Focus Group Discussion with the WADI beneficiaries and SHG members to know their future plan and impact of WADI programmes in the project areas so far. The SHG members explained their group status and loan utilization pattern (receipt from Bank) for different Income Generation Activities like Poultry, Piggery, and Goatery etc.

After field visit he also visited WADI Project Office situated at Ladhurka and distributed Agri. equipment like Pump sets, Sprayer machine etc. and also water filters among the best WADI members.

