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Shri.B.B.Singh, ZPM, GVT-East inaugurated a Resource Centre during his visit to Birbhum WADI Projects, West Bengal

Hon'ble Shri.B.B.Singh, Zonal Program Manager, Gramin Vikas Trust paid a visit to Birbhum WADI project areas of West Bengal on 12th February ,2013,whrein he inaugurated Resource centre at Bhagabandh Village, Khairasole Block, Birbhum, followed by a visit to WADI area in Kanaipur Village ,Rajnagar Block,Bribhum and attending focused group discussions in the respective villages. In all the visits, he was accompanied by District Development Manager, NABARD, Birbhum, Shri .P.Saha, Regional Program Manager- WB, OR- Shri.S.Sarkar, District Co-ordinator-Birbhum, Murshidabad, Shri.M.Singha Ray and other local GVT staff.

Shri.B.B.Singh, was given a hearty welcome by the WADI families, SHG members, local Farmers Clubs at Baghabandh, Kanaipur villages with spontaneous participation of the villagers in the inaugural program for the resource center and Focused Group Discussions.



While inaugurating the resource centre at Bhagabandh village, Shri.Singh advised the WADI families to use the resource centre as a forum for collective learning and joint action for their WADI based village development. The agile interaction among the villagers, WADI families and ZPM-East evoked huge response from the participants towards their future plan in maintaining

their WADI with confirmed ownership and participation. The SHG members reflected their vision plan in evolving strong, vibrant SHG movement in the village based on spread of education, enhanced livelihood and accessible community health services in collaboration with Government, GVT and other extension agencies. Shri.P.Saha – DDM, NABARD-Birbhum, through his analytical deliberation, explained the utility for developing strong, vibrant village level institution through formation of SHGs, Co-operatives followed by ensuring backward/forward linkages in order to transform those VLIs in to viable enterprises.



The Focused group Discussion at Kanaipur village



The day's field visit program came to an end by conveying the message of bottom up inclusive socio-economic development for the tribal and marginalized community based on WADI program and full participation of WADI families coupled with Right Based Rooted Advocacy for, by and with the WADI families.