

EXPOSURE VISIT TO BANDWAN WADI

An exposure visit to Bandwan Wadi was arranged on 26th February 2013 by Gramin Vikas Trust in order to train and encourage the farmers of the recently established WADI – Bagmundi Project to apply similar technology & scientific methods of cultivation in their fields. 20 Farmers of villages - Saharjuri, Dhangadi, Saparambera, Bhursabera, Puniasasan, Chatni and Ayodhya from WADI Bagmundi Project participated in this programme.

The farmers were taken to the Villages, namely, Churku, Bhabani, Paharpur & Bhogidi where they were exposed to the WADIs of different farmers especially WADI of Panchanan Mandi, a farmer of Bundwan Wadi, that comprised of Mango & Cashew plants. The farmers were also informed about the utility of basin formations, trenching, fencing & weeding of the WADIs along with the usage of fertilizers & pesticides to the plants.

Subsequently, the farmers were also exposed to the tanks from where watering is done to the plants through pipes. They were informed about the utility of stacking which supports the plant and staggered contour trench which not only helps to conserve water required for the plants to grow but also to retain the moisture in the soil under WADIs. The farmers were explained about the importance of contour trenching & fencing to conserve the water during the rainy season and to prevent the animals from grazing into the WADIs, respectively. They were also exposed to the concept of Border Plants and its relevance.



They were enthusiastic about the field visit and noted relevant information required for establishing a good & successful WADI. They understood that continuous care and effort for 2-3 consecutive years will bring them a better and sustainable future.

