

## Development – is the only means for Rebel – resolution

The Regional Programme Manager Mr. Subrat Sarkar before his departure to Western Zone Programme in a higher responsibility as Zonal Programme Manager, prior to the official custom, he initiated the process to discharging the responsibility to next RPM Mr. Satish Kumar Pradhan. On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 a “Farmers Meeting cum Sensitization Programme” was organised at Ajodhya Hill Sericulture Office where around 45 focal persons from the Village Planning Committee’s of WADI villages participated.



During the course of the Sensitization Programme all the problem & issues related to WADI Farming were highlighted with the findings through small group discussion. In this meeting the Issue resolution mechanisms were developed by taking into consideration of the participant’s opinion to accelerate the approach towards sustainable development for the forest fringe communities of Ajodhya Hill.



By evening Mr. Sarkar with his team Mr. S K Pradhan & B K Majumdar went to the special Naga Force Camp to extend thanks & gratitude as their tremendous effort to uphold the peace reconciliation process of the area where people were in fear psychosis due to extremist evil circumstances.

By any criterion, Purulia is the most backward or underdeveloped district in West Bengal where

the tribal communities constitutes 18.27% of total district population are the poorest of the poor. There are fifteen types of tribe such as (i) Sabar, (ii) Birhore, (iii) Chikbaraik, (iv) Paharia, (v) Bedia, (vi) Bedomajhi, (vii) Bhumij, (viii) Bhunia, (ix) Karmali, (x) Koramudi, (xi) Lohara, (xii) Mahali, (xiii) Munda, (xiv) Oraon and (xv) Santal are surviving in suffocation caused by the “Vicious Circle of Poverty & worst hit by the unprecedented poverty, hunger, malnutrition, illiteracy, poor housing facilities, starvation, semi-naked clothing, hunting and gathering means of living. Evidences indicate that the tribes are in the slow process of upward transition toward the mainstream society.

Since 2003 Purulia district is being treated as the “Maoist-infested District” and the Ajodhya Hills as the “Terror Hills” . Some training centres of the Maoists are located in and around this district. Considering the grim situation the Ambush expert Naga troopers of the Indian Reserve

Battalion (NIRB- Nagaland Indian Reserve Battalion) have been deployed since 2009 to flush out the ultra left rebels from the area as part of the anti-Maoists operations in West Bengal's Junglemahal region, for which the top politburo member & leaders of the illegal radical organisation had threatened NIRB in open letters.

At this juncture the local people's support & cooperation is most essential for NIRB to operate their mission successfully against the illegal insurgents. The NIRB has been organising different events, melas, health camps, sports etc to become nearer to the community.



Therefore GVT is trying out of the best to restore peace & harmony with its significant development interventions for enhancement of livelihood coping mechanisms especially for the tribal & needy community through their locally available resource & endowments. Thus the interaction with NIRB as a development stakeholder is most crucial in terms of convergence supports specially be made for the downtrodden local mass in the near future.