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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CIRCLE LEVEL INCEPTION WORKSHOP OF STAKEHOLDERS FOR “PREPARATION OF DPR FOR REJUVENATION OF DAMODAR AND SUBARNAREKHA RIVERS THROUGH FORESTRY INTERVENTIONS” HELD SANKALP CONFERENCE HALL, BARIPADA FOREST DIVISION, ODISHA

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The circle level inception workshop of stakeholders for “Preparation of DPR for rejuvenation of Damodar and Subarnarekha rivers through forestry interventions” was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at Sankalp Conference Hall, Baripada Forest Division, Odisha.

Altogether 24 members attended the meeting offline as detailed in Annexure 1.

The purpose of the workshop was to bring together all of the potential stakeholders within the scope of the Damodar and Subarnarekha riverscape in order to have a reasonable discussion about prospective activities and a plan of action for the preparation of a technically sound and practically applicable document. The stake-holders from various departments such as forest, agriculture, and water resources participated in the aforementioned workshop.

### **Inaugural session of the circle level inception workshop**

**Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra, Director of the Institute of Forest Productivity**, Ranchi initiated the programme by welcoming the Shri T Ashok Kumar, RCCF-cum-Field Director, Baripada circle, Shri Akshaya Agarwal, Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj district, Shri Daulat Chandrakar, Chief Development Officer, Mayurbhanj district, Shri Santash Joshi, DFO Baripada and other stakeholders. He informed the house about the background, issues of the rivers, benefits and genesis of the project that is being implemented by ICFRE- ‘Detailed project report preparation for rejuvenation of Damodar and Subarnarekha rivers through forestry interventions’. Further, he informed that a consultative approach will be followed for DPR preparation that will make the DPR acceptable and implementable by various stakeholders. He also shared the experience of preparation of on Mahanadi. He hoped that the deliberations will be helpful in formulating a strategy for the rejuvenation of Damodar and Subarnarekha.

**Shri. T Ashok Kumar, RCCF-cum-Field Director, Baripada Circle**, enlightened the audience on the need for rejuvenation of the rivers of India like Subarnarekha for our agriculture as the country depends on agriculture. He also described how the river Subarnarekha flows over the states of Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha from the origin Piska village. He highlighted the required input from the focused area and highlighted how the flow will be regulated by forestry approaches which eventually benefit the farmers and people living in the adjoining areas of the river.

**Shri Akshaya Agarwal, Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj**, spoke on the significance of the Subarnarekha River. He promised that whatever support need from the revenue administration they will provide for this DPR project.

**Shri Daulat Chandrakar, Chief Development Officer, Mayurbhanj**, deliberated on how river is fulfilling our need as lifeline and how all the old civilization was made in the riverside. He also discussed the requirement of rejuvenation of the river using technical models. He promised all sorts of support from his department for preparation of the DPR of Subarnrekha river and also urged other departments to support for this endeavor.

**Shri Santosh Joshi, Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada**, spoke about dependency on agriculture and support of DPR project to the local livelihood. He spoke on the previous DPR of Mahanadi River and how forest department support for that project and promise again they will support to prepare the DPR of Subarnrekha River.

### **Technical session of the state level inception workshop**

The technical session commenced with the presentation by **Mr. Mujibar Rahaman, Subject Matter Specialist, IFP, Ranchi**. In his presentation he outlined prospective operations that could be carried out under the terms of the existing proposal. He presented riverscape data pertaining to the Subarnarekha River. In addition, he described the methodology for defining priority regions for the suggested interventions. He also described the data collection form to the participants. The copies of these forms were distributed among the participants. He responded to the questions posed by the participants. He demonstrated using KML file for ascertaining location while recording field records.

The programme was compeered by **Mr. Hareram Sahu, Research Fellow**, Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi also presented vote of thanks.

### **Annexure-1: List of Participants**

<b>SERIAL No.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
1	Shri T Ashok Kumar	FD-STR, RCCF	Baripada
2	Shri Akshay Sunil Agarwal	ADM	Baripada
3	Shri Daulat Chandrakar	Chief Develop. officer	Mayurbhanj
4	Shri Santosh Joshi	DFO	Baripada
5	Shri Bhabhani Shankar Kalo	P.D. Watershed	Mayurbhanj
6	Shri Rabindra Kumar	Addi. P.D. DRDA	Balasore
7	Shri Maheshwar Singh	R.O	Bangriposi
8	Shri Laxman Ch. Murmu	ANC, Agriculture Dept.	Baripada
9	Shri Dilip Kumar Barik	ACF	Baripada
10	Shri Rabinarayan Mohanty	ACF	Baripada
11	Shri Arun Kumar Barik	ACF	Baripada
12	Shri Siba Chana Jetiy	P.D	Balasore
13	Shri Manmottan Murmu	R.O	Balasore
14	Shri Diganta Soran Chand	ACF	Balasore
15	Shri Praven kumar Pradhan	O/O Mines	Balasore
16	Shri Jitendra Kumar Pande	Dy, Director of Mines	Baripada
17	Shri Pradeep Kumar Sahu	Asst. D.I.C	Mayurbhanj
18	Shri Nibideta Naya	O/O RCCF	Baripada
19	Shri L.D. Bahera	R.O	Baripada
20	Shri Manas Ranjan Dash	S.E.M Division	Mayurbhanj
21	Shri Bishnath	Steno	Baripada
22	Shri Arabinda Shethi	FG	Baripada
23	Shri Nidhi Behera	Assit. D.C	Balasore
24	Shri Ratiranjana Paramgarhi	Asst. Manager	Balasore

**Fig- Photographs of the inaugural and technical session of the state level inception workshop at Baripada, Odisha**





