

10th Annual partner's meet- 6th August 2012

Centre for People's Forestry celebrated its 10th Annual Partners Meeting (APM) with enthusiasm as this year, the occasion also coincided with the 10th Foundation Day of the organization.

The Annual partner meeting provided a platform for Partner NGOs, Vanasamakhya and Community representatives from various on-going projects, guests from other organizations, officials from forest department and NABARD, CPF trustees, and staff for discussions, cross learning and a bonhomie intellectual session on Climate Change and REDD. The first half of the day engrossed in the presentations and review of the projects; which highlighted the progress made during the year the in various project like Holistic Development of Chenchus(CHELE-II) Add Leaf Regeneration, Sustainable Bamboo Harvesting, FRA, MNREGS, Watershed Development works, Tribal Development Fund, Carbon Stock Estimation, VSS Members Welfare Fund and mobilization of funds from NABARD for an independent TDF project in Warangal by Vanasamakhya. Indeed sharing of REDD+ pilot project initiatives in Meghalaya by Dr.Ravindranath, Trustee, CPF has enriched participants on technical, development, management and implantation issues associated with REDD + projects. Further the meet has witnessed a change in the composition of participants; the representation of community members was more in numbers due to paradigm shift in the mode of projects implementation.

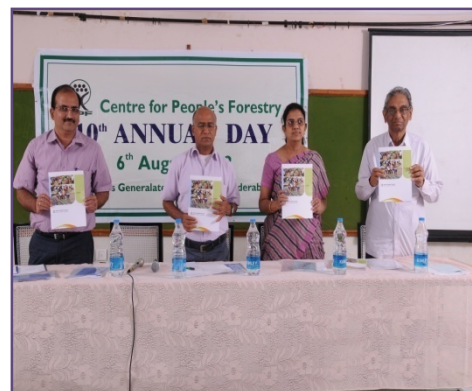


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Tenth annual day programmes were marked by release of CPF annual report for the period from April 2011 to March 2012 by Mr. Sastri honorary Convener-CWS. The overview of programmes as well as finance of the year was shared by Dr.D.Suryakumari, and Mr.Balrajgupta. The foundation day event was nostalgic; guests as well as the participants recalled the value based impressive evolution of CPF during the last decade and its commendable contributions in the field of forestry; building the capacities of grass root NGOs and nurturing Vanasamakhyas as self-reliant.



Key messages:

- **Mr.Ramesh G. Kalaghatgi, Addl.PCCF, and A.P.Forest Department:** Felt the journey of the CPF during the past ten years was fruitful through contribution to policies, APCFM project, resolving the issues related to DET, Bamboo and in mainstreaming the forestry development works in IWMP projects.
- **Mr.B.K.Tripathy, AGM, NABARD:** Congratulated CPF for completing ten years, noted significant growth and contributions in the fields of FRA, Bamboo harvesting and CBOs strengthening. Wished continue to work for empowering the communities through reaching out new technologies to far more remote areas.
- **Mr.Ravindranath, Trustee CPF:** Appreciated CPF for its transparency, participatory, equity in the functioning. He felt that the advocacy and inputs to policy makers through organizing National and State level workshops and soliciting communities, CBOs, NGOs perceptions for ensuring the people's friendly policies is credit worthy.
- **Mr.Sastri, Founder, CWS:** Appreciated determination and dedication in accordance with the vision and mission of the organization. He was in high praise for thriving in building up the confidence of grass root communities.
- **Dr.D.Suryakumari, Director, CPF:** Noted the change in mode of implementation of the projects by CPF, earlier it was mostly through partner local NGOs, Whereas it is now through CBOs.

About CPF:

Centre for People's Forestry is a Civil Society Organisation established in August 2002. CPF works for the rights and livelihoods of forest dependent communities with due regard to conservation, control and management of the resources belong to the forest dwelling and dependent communities and their livelihoods should be the primary concern of all forestry programmes.

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