

15TH ANNUAL MEETING- 5TH AUGUST 2017

The 15th Annual Meeting of Centre for People's Forestry (CPF), brought the entire networking unit of CPF, Partner NGOs, Community representatives, field facilitators from various on-going projects, on a single platform, for *cross learning and open discussion*. The meeting took place at St. Ann's Generalate, Tarnaka, Secunderabad on 5th of August-2017. A total of 164 (117 M +47 F) representatives from the three States i.e. Telangana, Andhra Pradesh & Odisha participated in the meeting. Further the meeting has witnessed a change in the composition of participants; the participant of women members was more in numbers than previous years.

Welcome session

Mr. E. Poornachander, Convener of Annual meeting, CPF; initiated the meeting with a warm welcome to all participants and invited the Joint Director-CPF as Chair and Chief functionaries of CPF partner NGOs; Mr. Jayaraju from Samyogita and Mr. Trinadh Rao from Gramabhyudaya as Co-chair on to the

dais, followed by a round of self-introduction by all the participants. Mr. Vasu, Joint Director, CPF; expressed his contentment with enhanced participation of the community representatives from various states and gave a brief information about new intervention taken up by CPF for development of rural communities.



Annual programme Presentations 2016-17

The first half of the day engaged in thematic area presentations and community responses; which highlighted the progress made during the financial year 2016-17 in various thematic areas under Forest communities i.e. Forest Rights and Tenure Security, Capacity building and Strengthening of Forest Based Communities, Action Research and Policy Advocacy, Participatory SNRM and Livelihoods and Climate Change; and Rural communities (Tata Trust Projects) i.e. Health Insurance, Sanitation, Village development Plan, Digital literacy, Swacch Bharat Mission etc.

Interactive Session

Dr. Suryakumari, Director, CPF opened the stage for the forum saying that Transparency, Participation, Accountability, Equity and Equality are main pillars of CPF. This platform is the opportunity to learn the reflection of community on the work taken up and done in the operational areas and to understand the need of the community.



The majority of the participants expressed that, they are very impressed about the outcome of Watershed Projects in Adilabad district; Internet Saathi Project and Sanitation project being implemented in Vijayawada Parliamentary constituency. Participants also shared that they are able to receive individual and community level benefits from government schemes because of Village coordination Groups (VCGs) formed by CPF at village to ensure community access to the government entitlements. They requested the Director to continue the same facilitation and federate them at Gram Panchayat level. Participants shared that, they are looking for activities that will sustain their lives and natural resources and also want extension of Internet Saathi Programme to other operational areas. The Director said that, CPF will take both tasks i.e. federation of VCGs and NRM plans preparation & facilitation in near future.

15th Annual Day Event

Mr. P. Rajanikanth, SPO, CPF requested the guests to come on to the dais. Dr. Kameshwar Rao, Managing Trustee, CPF; was requested to chair the session. Sri. Motilal, Joint Commissioner, Dept. of Rural Development; Dr. Subhash Chandra, DGM, NABARD and Dr. D. Suryakumari, Director, CPF shared their messages in the meeting. Annual Report and Annual Audited statements of accounts were presented by Director Dr. Suryakumari and Finance Officer Mr. Balraj Gupta during the meeting.

Messages from Guests:

Dr. Subhash Chandra, DGM, NABARD: CPF made lot of efforts to bring the community members from three different states into a common platform. This platform gives good opportunity to the funding agencies to hear the project implementation process and its achievements. Moreover, it also helps the organization and funding agencies to learn community perspectives, needs and to prioritize on the future course of action for community benefits. He suggested CPF to associate with NABARD on non-Farmers sector, Minor irrigation, Climate change and water campaigning.

Mr. Motilal, Joint commissioner, Department of Rural development, Telangana; recalled the value based impressive evolution of CPF during the last 15 years and its commendable contributions in the field of forestry. Further he added that CPF has maintained transparency and accountability. He appreciated, implementation of IWMP batch-1 by CPF in Adilabad. He suggested to CPF to get involve in Harita Haram programme for entire Telangana state, and to facilitate implementation of Sanitation program in

Telangana (Vijayawada model), He also invited CPF to facilitate the awareness programs on Government schemes at Devarakonda.

Dr Kameshwar Rao, Managing Trustee, CPF commended the organization for the work undertaken and congratulated the CPF team, communities and partners as setting up best example for other to replicate. He also suggested that the organization should now work on the issue of Climate change and adaptation which is a critical issue to be addressed in the states.

Felicitation programme:

Dr. Urmila Pingle, Outgoing Managing Trustee, CPF was felicitated to recall her contribution to CPF and various civil society Organization in the state of country. Dr.K.Kameswara Rao, Managing Trustee of CPF, Dr.Sheela Prasad, Dr. Manmohan Yadav, Shri Sanjay Upadhaya, Ms Kalamani trustee of CPF, Dr. Suryakumari, Director of CPF and several others Staff of CPF shared the fond memories from their association with her.

15th Year event:

Mr. Vasu, Joint Director CPF, Invited all the Trustees to the dais. Team CPF expressed their gratitude towards them and shared how each one of them has contributed in strengthening the organization through their guidance and support. Later Dr. Suryakumari, Director CPF shared the future goals of the organization.



RELEASE OF PUBLICATION



- Annual Report 2016-17
- Study Report on Traditional Medicinal Practices among the Tribal of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana
- Empowering Tribal Community Through Village Coordination Groups
- CPF 15 years Brochure



Distribution of Prizes

About CPF: Centre for People's Forestry (CPF) is a Civil Society Organization established on 6th August 2002. It is a non-profit, non-political and secular organization, working for the development of forest dwelling/ dependent and other resource poor people, especially the deprived and marginalized sections irrespective of religion, race, caste or creed.