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Cluster Stakeholders Meets Hon'ble Union Minister for MSME

The representatives of Implementing Agencies of Nizamabad & Chintapalli Turmeric Clusters and Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster Smt. M. Jayasree, CEO and Shri P. Madhava Rao, President of Prakriti Environment Society, Ms. Alivelu, Mani Amma Chaitanya Shraavanthi (MACS) (IA), Shri R. K. Mehta, Director, Rainbow Bamboo Academy (TA), Ms. Aluri Lalita & Ms. T. Rama Devi and SPV members of Nizamabad Turmeric Cluster and Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster have met Shri Narayana Tatu Raneji, Hon'ble Union Minister for MSME at **ni-msme** campus on 30 May 2023. They have briefed on progress of cluster interventions and thanked ni-msme and Ministry for the support extended.



ni-msme is one of the Nodal Agency to implement SFURTI scheme sponsored by Ministry of MSME. **ni-msme** is implementing 24 clusters across 8 states namely: Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra Odisha, Punjab and Telangana.

Jharkhand



- Honey Processing Cluster, Lohardaga
- Gold & Silver Jewellery Cluster, Sukrighraha, Ramgarh
- Bamboo Crafts Cluster, Bundu, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Annatdev Woodcraft Producer Company Limited, Bokaro
- Basantrai Badge and Embroidery Producer Company Limited, Godda
- Kariyatpur Brass Manufacturing, Ichak, Hazaribagh
- Bundu Lac Farming & Processing Cluster



Kariyatpur Brass Cluster

The installation of machinery is under progress in Kariyatpur Brass Cluster. The technical team of machine supplier i.e., M/s Raj Impex visited the CFC and guided the SPV members in execution of foundation work on 19 May 2023. The team stayed at the CFC for almost 15 days and guided the SPV members on the execution of foundation work for the machineries. The engineering Team of JIIDCO including Shri Amrendra Mohan Prasad, Assistant Engineer, JIIDCO, Shri. Amit Kumar, Junior Engineer, JIIDCO and Shri. Sumit Minz, Junior Engineer, JIIDCO visited the CFC on 20 May 2023 to examine the CFC building and the foundation work for machineries. Later, the representatives of Implementing Agency, namely: Shri. Sushil Kumar Bariyar (IEO) and Shri Anand Gothi (Deputy Director) visited the CFC on 23 May 2023 and attended issues related to delay in electrification and foundation work for machinery were also discussed with SPV members. They have instructed SPV members to complete the electrification process at the earliest.



The virtual purchase committee meeting was organized for verification of machines on 29 May 2023 before issuing dispatch order to the machinery supplier, M/s Raj Impex. The IA has organized a meeting on 01 June 2023 to discuss the problems in CFC building that was pointed out by the SPV members earlier. The status of delivery of machineries was also discussed and the supplier was instructed



to deliver all the machines in CFC by 20 June 2023. The SPV members were also instructed to give the sample of dies to the supplier at the earliest. The two machines, namely: Rolling Mill and Electronic Weighing Machine was delivered at CFC on 01 June 2023. The Machine supplier, Shri. Amit Modi, M/s Raj Impex visited the CFC on 15th June, 2023. He examined the foundation work that was in progress in the CFC.

He also inspected the machines that were already supplied in the CFC. He further assured to deliver all the machines by 20th June, 2023. He also urged the SPV members to arrange for electricity connection so that trial run can be completed without any issues.

➔ Bundu Bamboo Cluster

The engineering Team of JIIDCO including Shri Amrendra Mohan Prasad, Assistant Engineer, JIIDCO and Shri Sumit Minz, Junior Engineer, JIIDCO visited the CFC on 07 May 2023; 25 May 2023 and 03 June 2023 to inspect the civil work of the office building. They instructed the civil contractor to expedite the work. The working committee meeting was held on 08 May 2023 to discuss about working capital and status of machineries. SPV Director requested to release the funds for working capital at the earliest.

The SPV has organized a workshop on operation of machinery and product finishing techniques for artisans on 08 May 2023. The artisans learnt about handling and using the bamboo processing machines. They also got to know about the techniques for making well finished products. Shri Chandan Haldar, a Bamboo expert from Mumbai helped the artisans to understand importance of quality and visually more attractive bamboo products having good demand and high market size. The machinery supplier i.e. M/s Anil Enterprises arranged six day training for the artisans wherein they learnt how to effectively use the machines installed in CFC.



➔ Bundu Lac Cluster

The brick work started in the workshop area on 06 May 2023 and finished on 5th June, 2023. The engineering Team of JIIDCO including Shri Amrendra Mohan Prasad, Assistant Engineer, JIIDCO and Shri Sumit Minz, Junior Engineer, JIIDCO visited the CFC on 07 May 2023 and 03 June 2023 to examine the construction works that was going on in the CFC and work shed. Water tank casting was done on the same day. The water tank casting was done on 07 May 2023. Technical team of JIIDCO was present at the CFC to provide supervision in the process.



➡ Annatdev Woodcraft Cluster

Thanks to Implementing Agency for mobilizing fund under District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) to construct boundary wall at CFC with the support of district administration on 11 May 2023 in Annantdev Woodcraft Cluster. The brick work of boundary wall is in progress at the CFC. The machinery supplier has delivered two machines, namely – Boiler and Seasoning Machine at CFC on 11 May 2023 and two more machinery – Termite Treatment Plant and Vertical Band Saw was delivered at CFC on 10 June 2023. A meeting was held with DDC and DEC on 02 June 2023 to discuss about the overall progress of the SFURTI scheme. The SPV members and CDE were present in the meeting. Overall progress of the cluster was reviewed. DDC enquired about the status of machinery. She asked the SPV members to try their level best to make the cluster functional by 30 June, 2023. She also enquired about the status of electrification in the cluster and directed to complete the electrification process at the earliest. Shri Rajendra Prasad, General Manager, DIC Bokaro visited the CFC on 06 June 2023 for physical verification of machinery that were delivered at the CFC and inspection of the CFC building. He examined each of the machines and instructed to take necessary action to safeguard the machines that are kept in the open space. He also asked to expedite the electrification process so that the cluster can be made functional at the earliest. The working committee meeting was held on 07 June 2023 wherein issues resulting in delay in electrification, issues in CFC building, status of machineries etc. were discussed. The committees members asked the machine supplier to deliver all the machines latest by 20 June 2023 and also instructed the SPV members to complete the electrification process at the earliest so that trial run can be completed without any issues.



Sus Garment Cluster, Maharashtra

The Implementing Agency of Sus Garments Cluster has encouraged the ITI students and organised training from 01 to 31 May 2023 for 14 students who are passionate about textile industry.

Through a comprehensive training program, the students gain valuable hands-on experience and insights into the art of garment craftsmanship. Under the guidance of skilled artisans, the students learnt various techniques from pattern making to stitching, and develop a deep understanding of the intricate processes involved in creating high-quality garments. The on-the-job training not only enhanced their technical skills but also nurtured their creativity and problem-solving abilities. During conclusion of training, Ms. Priya of Sus Garment Cluster stated that empowerment of new entrants & artisans and equipping them with the knowledge and expertise needed to excel this industry.



Visit of Government Polytechnic College Students to Sus Garment Cluster

Sus Garment Artisans Association recently welcomed a group of enthusiastic polytechnic students also for a one-day visit to our premises. It was an immersive experience where the students had the opportunity to witness the craftsmanship and innovation that drives the cluster. They were given a comprehensive tour, allowing them to observe the various stages of garment production, from design conceptualization to the final product.

The skilled artisans generously shared their knowledge, techniques, and insights with the Diploma students, answering their questions and providing valuable guidance. The visit offered the students a glimpse into the real-world application of their studies and inspired them to explore the possibilities of a career in the garment industry.

The cluster members delighted to have played a part in their educational journey and hope that this experience serves as a stepping stone towards their future success.



Review Meeting of SFURTI Cluster at ni-msme Campus

ni-msme has organized review meeting of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana SFURTI Clusters on 30 May 2023 at ni-msme campus. The representatives of Implementing Agencies and Technical Agencies along with SPV members have participated in the meeting. The clusters represented include Chinthapalli Turmeric Processing Cluster, Kondapally Wooden Toys Cluster, L-Kota Sesame Processing Cluster, and Pulivendula Banana Processing Cluster from Andhra Pradesh, Nizambad Turmeric Cluster, Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster, Poodur Fruits & Vegetable Processing Cluster, and Mothkur Ikkat Handloom Cluster from Telanagana. The representatives of Technical Agencies include Society for Innovation & Incubation Development (SIID), Confederation of Women Entrepreneurs (COWE), Rainbow Bamboo Academy, and Team S.K. Consultancy.

NRCD team members Mr. K. Surya Prakash Goud, Mr. D. Naveen Kumar, Mr. L. Vijay Kumar and Mr. K. Pandu Ranga discussed with individual clusters on status of implementation of soft and hard interventions, utilization of funds, opening of sub agency accounts and issues in project. Prakriti Environment Society, Implementing Agency of Chandrugonda



Bamboo cluster Smt. Jayashree, Mr. R.K. Mehta of Rainbow Bamboo Academy and SPV members have informed that construction of Common Facilitation Centre is at the verge of completion and requested for advance payment to the machinery supplier against bank guarantee and also to release advance for training activities. Mr. K. Surya Prakash Goud suggested to complete civil works and send detailed budget for training of artisans. He also informed that 30% against bank guarantee is to be released for machinery procurement. In case of Nizamabad Turmeric Cluster, Mr. Madhava Rao of implementing Agency and SPV members assured to complete civil work within timelines. Smt. Madhu Tyagi, Smt. A. Lalitha, and Smt. T. Rama Devi of Technical Agency, COWE, Smt. Ali Veni of Implementing Agency and Ms. Pavani CDE and SPV members of Chinthapalli Turmeric cluster informed that CFC construction is under progress and issued re-tender for procurement of machinery. Mr. Goud mentioned that progress is slow and informed CDE to update the progress of work every week to Nodal Agency and Technical Agency.

The Technical Agency representative, Mr. Satya Kumar of Poodur Vegetable Processing Cluster informed that CFC painting work has completed and electrification and flooring work is yet to be completed. Mr. K. Surya Prakash has instructed to IA & SPV to complete all the interventions at earliest. Mr. Anil representative of Andhra Pradesh Food Processing society which is Implementing Agency of Pulivendula Banana processing Cluster & L-Kota Sesame Processing Cluster presented progress of two clusters. Mr. Anil has informed that Pulivendula banana processing Cluster will be ready for inauguration within a month and CFC & Machinery work is in final stage in case of L-Kota Sesame Processing Cluster. Mr. K. Suryaprakash has instructed Technical Agency representative Mr. Satya Kumar to take immediate action to complete pending activities of both the clusters. Mr. Goud has suggested IA and SPV members of Kondapally Wooden Toys Cluster and Mothkur Ikkat Handloom Cluster to submit their monthly progress reports in time with supporting documents. Further, he stressed on need for product and market diversification, introduction of new designs, market tie-ups and attracting new artisans. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

Nizamabad Turmeric Cluster, Telangana

Mr. D. Naveen Kumar, Consultant, ni-msme has visited the Nizamabad Turmeric Cluster on 12 June 2023 to review progress of Project Interventions. SPV President, Shri P. Thirupathi Reddy, SPV Members, Shri Alluri Santosh, Shri A. Srinivas, Shri K. Ravi, & Shri K. Bajanna and Shri T. Kiran, Cluster Development Executive were present in the meeting. They have informed that civil works completed up to plinth beam and pre-fabricated structure is under progress and work orders issued for part machinery. The Implementing Agency has invited tenders for remaining machinery, which is under process. Mr. D. Naveen Kumar has suggested the SPV members to plant the saplings around the CFC, implement the Social Security Schemes to all the farmers in the cluster and deposit balance SPV contribution for 2nd Instalment.



Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster, Telangana

NRCD Team Member Mr. D. Naveen Kumar has visited the Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster on 24 June 2023. He has interacted with SPV members Shri Veeram Nagabushanam, Chairmen, SPV, Shri Mallam Krishnaiah, Vice Chairmen, SPV, Shri Karam Anvesh, SPV Director, Shri Ketu Ramesh, SPV Member, Artisans, Shri K. Narasimha Rao, Shri Darawat Ramu, Shri K. Ramesh & Shri P. Somaiah, Site Supervisor Shri Katram Prasad and Shri P. Srinivas Reddy, CDE. He also interacted with Supervisor regarding progress of the civil works, fixation of Window Shutters, Rolling Shutters and Flooring work which is yet to be completed. The contractor has assured that he will complete all the civil works by 30 June 2023.

Mr. D. Naveen Kumar has advised Shri P. Srinivas Reddy, CDE to follow-up with Machinery Supplier for delivery of machinery to cluster, implementation of Social Security Schemes to the artisans immediately and explained how to maintain Asset Register after receipt of machinery, and other documentation.



Production Process at Sus Garment Cluster

During the month of May, Sus Garment Artisans Association witnessed a flurry of productive activities within its premises. The skilled artisans were engaged in creating a diverse range of garments, each showcasing exceptional art and attention to detail. From intricate embroidery work to precision stitching, the production floor buzzed with creativity and dedication. The month saw a strong focus on sustainable practices, with the utilization of eco-friendly materials and responsible waste management systems.

The artisans worked tirelessly to meet the high standards of quality and ensure timely delivery of orders. May was a month of productivity and passion as the cluster members continued their commitment to preserving traditional techniques while embracing innovation in garment manufacturing.



Sakoli Bamboo Cluster, Maharashtra

Maharashtra Bamboo Development Board (MBDB), Nagpur, Implementing Agency of Sakoli Bamboo Cluster has visited CFC for monitoring of cluster production and guide SPV for quality and productivity improvement. A review meeting was also organized with TA & SPV to review status of soft interventions chaired by Shri Srinivas Rao, Managing Director. The Implementing Agency has taken initiative and established sales outlet at Shegaon Station under One Station One Product to help artisans to sell their bamboo products. The artisans thanked Sri. Srinivas Rao, Managing Director for his continued support towards welfare of Bamboo artisans.



ni-msme invites MSMEs, Artisans, Associations, Academicians and Officials to join hands for development of MSME Clusters

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