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GVT Minor Forest Produce Promotion and Upgradationprogram Activity Report

The Forest Product promotion and capacity building program conducted in Amirgadh and Danta Block of Banaskantha District of Gujarat State during 10th June 2016 to 5th January 2017 with the participation of the tribal community.



Objective of the Activities and Trainings

- Capacity Building of the Tribal people who are dependent of Forest Produce.
- Conduct Study of the natural Resources availability in the forest
- Identification of valuable forest medicine produces.
- Improve livelihood through develop of forest product.
- Group survey and field visits.
- Conduct Trainings on forest produce, available resources, marketing, market linkages and credit linkages.
- Involve through Youth capacity building on forest product entrepreneurship.
- To improve tribal community on collection, harvesting, storage, value addition, marketing etc. individually or collectively covering the entire system of backward and forward linkages, etc
- To organize forest produce gatherers for developing sustainable enterprises
- To formation of the SHGs, local CBOs, milk, livestock and forest product marketing cooperatives.
- To Organize vocational courses on handicraft and embroidery for tribal Girls,
- To promote handicraft and tribal skilled product.

Activities

Garmin Vikas Trust in its endeavor to develop the marketing of minor forest produce is engaged in knowledge up gradation and capacity building of MFP gatherers with the objective of improving their livelihood by way non-destructive harvesting, primary processing, value addition and marketing of MFPs. During year of 2016.

Community gather in the forest with conduct participatory field visits to identify available forest produce along with youth and experience people of the community.

GVT has organized intensive training on sustainable collection, cultivation, primary processing, value addition and marketing of Honey, Dates, Amla, Timru, Gum, kotha, timbre, babul, lemon, mehandi, horticulture, aritha, medicine, etc covering 59 Gatherers. The trainings were organized in the tribal forest area of Gujarat.



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During the program GVT organized FGD and knowledge sharing sessions as well as participatory identification of the forest produce.

Training was organized at Danta Block level with the orientation and knowledge sharing of present market scenario and demand of forest product.

GVT has covered topics of natural resources of livelihood for the Tribal and forest area people participated in the training, orientation and field visits involving shepherds, artisans, labourers, students, SHGs, local CBOs and leaders of the community.

As well as GVT has specially targeted youth of tribal community who are new generation of the community with skill of communication and calculation of the marketing cost of the products.



The families, parents and their siblings of the trainees are wondering in the forest for gathering the forest produces with hard laboring as well as the youth also accompany them in the forest, but they are plucking and gathering particular produce as per their daily need and sale in the nearest market with low cost, they are not afford more transportation cost with small quantity of the produce. They are satisfied with their immediate daily livelihood with sales of raw products.

Also they are not aware of many forest produces available in their forest areas, as GVT conducted participatory forest visits along with the youth and experiences people of the community, they could identified 50 forest produces which they could not use as forest product so far. but with the continuously visits in the forest while discussion in the group people could found so many ideas on the valuable forest produces.



They are not aware of the processing of raw materials of forest produces and value addition process also they are not aware of the present market demand and cost of the processed forest products, but the youth are now equip with the information technology and education in the

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community, our aim of to target youth for the training is to develop the community with system of supply and demand chain. This will provide equal knowledge of the process and system this can be stop exploitation of the tribal people for marketing of forest and tribal products. They would be able to earn reasonable price of the products as their hardship and labors.

Now the youth of the tribal community are able to manage the development system of the tribal community only we need to sharpen them with up gradation of the skill and knowledge.

Trainings Covered on Following Points

- Group Discussion on merits and demerits of the current practices adopted by the forest produces Collectors. Detailed discussion on up-gradation of knowledge & skills on management of Forest produces, information gathering, value addition, livestock and marketing as entrepreneurship mode.
- Practical training by visiting nearby forest areas for demonstrating the techniques of collection of forest produce as well as available regular livelihood resources like livestock, gotary and other activities.
- Availability of Forest produces in the area, different varieties of forest produces and medicines produces, parameters of good quality, timings for harvesting and awareness about dangers of premature harvesting.
- Scientific technique for harvesting, tools required for harvesting, awareness to avoid over exploitation, concept of developing consciousness for maintaining quality.



- Drying methods, grading of available material, optimum utilization of different grades to minimize wastage, Processing / value addition techniques, other raw material required for making brooms its availability quality etc., tools required for making local materials, use of those tools and their maintenance.
- Varieties of materials required by the market and their quality specifications, quality control covering theory.
- Practical training on storage techniques, packaging & brandings
- Formation & operationalization of Cooperative/ SHGs/Collectives-its benefits, division of work, maintenance of records, registration, opening of Bank account, operation of bank accounts, documentation, management principles & practices for starting and running the enterprise including sourcing of quality raw materials, machinery & equipment from different sources / suppliers at reasonable prices etc.
- Organized Trainings and Vocational courses for Tribal Girls and Women with marketing skill.

Credit Linkages

- GVT assisted the beneficiaries in getting required financial assistance from Banks/credit institutes or its affiliates/ Central Govt. financial institutions, State

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Govt. /Institutions or any other agency etc. Beneficiaries have been informed about following information.

- Provided information about different type of assistance available i.e. loans/grants/subsidy etc.
- Procedures explained for Availing loan, getting subsidy/Grant
- Business feasibility Study

Marketing Linkage

- Information shared and discussed on Marketing channels available for selling their products like TRIBES INDIA / State Emporia/ local retail outlets / wholesalers/ fairs & exhibitions etc
- Provided information on Pricing, standards, certifications, packaging details, margins, terms of supply etc.

Vocational Courses Organized on Handicraft and Embroidery

Traditional embroidery and handicraft are precious valuable product available in the tribal community many women and girls are involving in the traditional embroidery and handicraft but they require technical up gradation and market linkage with capacity building.



63 girls and women have been provided vocational trainings on handicraft, embroidery and computer literacy.