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Foreword

It gives me immense pleasure to present the sixteenth annual report of Shri Jagdamba Samiti (A Non Govt. Development Organization) commenced with a modest start from Bhilangana Valley of the Himalayas, Tehri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand in 1991 and presently working in Six district i.e. Dehradun, Tehri, Uttarkashi, Pauri Garhwal, Haridwar and Rudraprayag of Uttarakhand state with the mission *“to bring prosperity to all, through sustainable development process, by involving the community in planning, implementation and management of the locally available resources as per needs and opportunity”*.

On its mission of *“ Integrated approach for Creating rural farm sector a profitable enterprises through resource-planning, technology promotion, financial management and marketing support to groups of farmers and capacity building of people for organization and institutional development”* Shri Jagdamba samiti has strategically expanded its areas as well as ideas of operation and achieved its objectives of providing better services to the rural communities.

The year has been vibrant in terms of expansion of activities and in partnering the community base, linkages with the technical and financial institutions, placement of the mechanism and promotion of the concepts and establishing the core intervention methodology as “End to End approach based farm enterprises development and capacity building of Rural organization/Institutions” . This was an important year for us to achieve new goals of development and set some new targets for future with our partners. Our work was concentrated around four mission mode core activities of resources planning, organization building and institution development, technologies intervention and economic development through better management. Tremendous success was achieved by our team through the projects supported by the Donors and Govt. agencies. It gives us a sense of immense pride to declare that we have achieved the targets set for the year.

On Behalf of the Executive committee , I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Funding and partner agencies specially Agriculture and organic farming group (AOFG) India, Action for Food Production (AFPRO), Uttarakhand State council for Science & technology (U-COST), National Bank for agriculture and Rural development (NABARD), Department of Science & Technology, (DST, SSD) Govt. of India and National center for organic Farming (NCOF) Govt. of India who have made a considerable contribution and support the activities of the organization.

Last but not the least I would like to congratulate the community partners, organization staff, executive members and all our associates whose hard work and dedication made the mission of the organization a reality.

Summary of achievements

Shri Jagdamba Samiti worked around the four core activities selected as the mission of the organization during the year with its core team and is pleased to acknowledge the achievements as follows:

Resources Management:

Organization's Resources management team had started planning, implementation and management of natural as well as human resources with the active participation of the local communities in 30 village Panchayat of different working areas. It is one of the key activity of our intervention through various initiatives in our working area. The planning was generally focused on land and water management and capacity building of the users communities.

Resource mapping of the villages has been done and all the resources based on the availability for the development process and put into the data base of the villages.

An analyses of local demand and supply of goods and services has been studied and possibilities of local initiatives for sustainable development has been explored.

Progress through project intervention during the year:

This year we have complete the plantation project on 50 Ha. Community land in Bhilangana block of district Tehri Garhwal funded by National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, ministry of environment & forest Govt. of India. Under this project we developed a nursery of 96000 seedlings of fuel/fodder and fruit/medicinal plants and trained the communities to gain from the sustainable utilization of their community land, where plantation of the trees has been completed by the village level beneficiary groups.

The organization has evaluated 25 village forest committees in Pauri civil soyam forest division and Tons reserve forest division under NAP/FDA project and facilitated the village forest committees for sustainable management of plantation raised under this project.

Major achievement of the year has been acknowledged as the support of Action for Food Production (AFPRO), for development of a model village by improving livelihood through promotion of organic farming based natural resource

management in Bhilangana area where 30 self help groups were benefited through training, demonstration and infrastructure support to promote their livelihood option. This was done by educating about responsible water use, local input production and value addition in the farm produces by introducing organic farming practices.

Organization building and *Institutional Development*:

Organization has been organized and developed for the people's institution like village community forest groups, organic farming groups, water user's committees, farmers cluster committees and fair trade producers committees. So that there will be involvement of local people in developmental programs for appropriate planning and effective implementation for the sustainability of the programs. The organization has a strong network of 500 self- help groups, 28 Village level water management committees, 61 NRM committees and 3 federations of farmers involved in fair trade and organic activities in the working area of organization. This year the organization has made an addition of 100 self help groups, two cluster committees and one producers company with its associated community partners.

Progress through project intervention this year:

Organization has created the following community based groups and implemented the following capacity building and institutional development program for deepening the relationship with community partners and making them capable to take-up the ownership of their resources, enterprises and ventures.

- ❖ Three federation of farmers under fair trade organic program for promoting their organization to work on the “END TO END BASED APPROACH”
- ❖ Organised Cluster development committee with coordination of NABARD and District administration of Tehri Garhwal district.
- ❖ Organised three entrepreneurship development program with the help of District industries center Narendra Nagar Tehri Garhwal in Bhilangana and Hindolakhil blocks of Tehri Garhwal district.
Totally 78 entrepreneurs have been trained and facilitated to move their proposal to the banks and other development departments for setting up their own enterprises
- ❖ Training on organic farming and seed certification to five self-help groups, also trained about the organic vegetable seed production activities which is

- under the project supported by science and society division of the ministry of science & technology Govt. of India.
- ❖ 1515 farmers of 22 villages are trained in keeping the internal control system under organic farming certification and these farmers are registered with Uttarakhand state organic certification agency Dehradun.
 - ❖ Organised trainings, workshop and seminar for the women groups for setting up resources based small and micro enterprises in 20 villages of Bhilangana block Tehri Garhwal district.
 - ❖ Organised the refresher training of self help groups formed earlier to take the economic activities for further empowerment and linkages with the line departments and orientation towards the ongoing development schemes.
 - ❖ Organised three women awareness camps with the assistance from central social welfare board, Govt. of India.
 - ❖ Imparted training of the elected members of Panchayati Raj Institutions with the resource persons of this organization in Dehradun district with the collaboration of district Panchayati Raj office.
 - ❖ Organised and trained 100 Self help group with the financial assistance from NABARD New Tehri.
 - ❖ Organised rural industrialization awareness program with collaboration of the state office of the Khadi & village industries commission, Govt. of India.
 - ❖ Training of village Panchayats, groups and other community based organization on demand, productivity and supply analysis of the villages for food and nutrition security, water and sanitation facilities, agriculture productivity and technology vis a vis financial possibilities for the major improvements.
 - ❖ Awareness campaign for the community action and group movement to ensure effective implementation of Right to information and National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme Act.

- ❖ Facilitation of the groups to form Bhilangana valley entrepreneurs SHG federation and Shri Shikar SYUK Sahasratal eco tourism development organization.
- ❖ Established a common facility center for resources, technologies, institutional and marketing support at Dhopardhar.

Application of Science & technology for integrated development:

Under the third core activity of organization a set of intervention through knowledge, demonstration and action research is applied in the field for integrated development of the specific area through resources based livelihood promotion. This year organization has implemented few technology-based projects as:

Progress through project intervention the year:

- A project on technology intervention for organic vegetable and seed production with the financial support from Science & society division of the ministry of science & technology Govt. of India has been implemented as per the agro climatic conditions of five different villages in Bhilangana valley of Tehri Garhwal district. The results were encouraging as farmers got just double output in the terms of money from the same area of land. During the year more groups associated with this program through a cluster development project approved by NABARD.
- A project on integrated technology application for sustainable livelihood through vegetable and flower cultivation as per specific agro climatic condition has been sanctioned by the Uttarakhand council for science and technology and it is implemented in four villages where poly houses, water harvesting/collection tanks and zero energy cool chambers have been demonstrated among the farmers group.
- A project under the service provider scheme of National centre for organic farming, ministry of agriculture and cooperation by Govt. of India has been implemented for 1515 farmers of 22 villages, where a set of on-farm input production technology and sustainable agriculture practices were demonstrated by the organization.

- Under the AFPRO model project organization has demonstrated technologies on responsible water use, sustainable agriculture practices, value addition of locally available agriculture products and improved agriculture tools.
- Technologies used for maintaining and enhancing the nurseries, bio manure production, reduction in indoor air pollution through improved stoves, low cost sanitation and promotion of cleaner sources of energy i.e. SPV, hydropower has been disseminated in new areas.

Following trainings, demonstration and action research has been completed during the year:

- ❖ Dissemination of on-farm input production i.e. compost and manure production technology in four villages. 80 self-help groups of 22 villages already producing on-farm inputs for fulfillments of their requirements. There were inputs given for organic farming practices.
- ❖ Demonstration of organic vegetable seed production with five self-help groups.
- ❖ Nurseries and Polly house technology was introduced in seven villages. Two new Polly houses were installed during this year with the financial assistance from U-COST. (more than 20 groups and individuals currently are using the Polly houses for raising vegetable nurseries in controlled conditions and taking benefits of these technologies)
- ❖ Zero energy cool house demonstration for storage of vegetables to extend the shelf-life for better market prices.
- ❖ Soil testing and soil nutrient management trainings were imparted to promote sustainable agricultural practices among the 30 self-help groups of 22 villages.
- ❖ Post harvesting and value addition technologies through demonstration of latest equipments were developed by MERADO (Mechanical engineering research and development organization) and it was introduced among the farmers federation.
- ❖ Technology support for organic farming practices were provided to the groups of farmers registered with Uttarakhand state organic certification agency with the help of National centre of organic farming, ministry of agriculture and cooperation, Govt. of India.

- ❖ New area of technology support for processing of locally produced small millets were explored and studied with the help of central food technology research institute Mysore.
- ❖ Collaboration for introducing Ultra Low Oxygen (ULO) technology for long term storage of fruits was made with AOFG India, FFT and SHGW, Netherlands.
- ❖ Demonstration and benefits of low cost toilets were shown (Beneficiaries and PRI adopting the technology under TSC)

Economic Empowerment through financial management and product development:

Organization has concentrated its collaborated efforts to provide livelihood support to local people on the fourth core activity of economic empowerment for effective achievement of goals and objectives of sustainability of the programs. This year we have learned more about the “End to End Approach” based product and marketing development under the project on “Fair trade Organic” that was supported by the Agriculture and Organic farming group India and these concepts were tried in our ongoing projects. We have started micro finance support to the associated self-help groups and got the sanction of ICICI Bank Ltd. and Rastriya Mahila Kosh for this purpose. Capacity building of the staff on economic and financial management has been initiated and promotion of a core team for this specific task is under process. Our organization has implemented the following projects for economic empowerment of the communities:

Progress through project intervention this year:

Small and Micro Enterprise Development of Self help Groups:

To promote the livelihood opportunities through optimum utilization of locally available resources and appropriate technology interventions a project with 80 women self help groups were started during last year with financial assistance from Indira mahila Samekit Vikas Yojana of the department of women empowerment and child development, Govt. of Utrakhand. The resources based plans of SHG with local Panchayati Raj Institutions has been made and proposals for enterprises development were prepared with active participation of concerned group. All the proposals have been discussed with banks and development line departments. The commitment has been taken for financing. But the second phase of project is yet to be finalized with the project office. A SHG produces collection and common

facility center has been constructed at Dhopar Dhar which is proposed to be transferred to the federation of SHG. But due to delay in decision for implementation of second year activities by the project management unit this center is yet to be transferred.

Collection of Local agriculture Products from Self help Groups:

Organization has collected Amaranth produced by the women groups for making breakfast cereals and stored at CFC. Sample of the material is sent to CFTRI for accessing technology and equipments.

Processing and marketing of agro products:

Equipments and machinery for cold processing of mustered oil and packing of other organic products has been installed in the rented premises at Dhopar Dhar under the model project for livelihood promotion supported by Action for Food Production (AFPRO). All the groups and farmers are registered for organic certification associated with this processing and marketing center, and this will be fully operational during next year.

Jute based production:

This year the project on Training cum production center (TCPC) with the financial assistance from NCJD, Ministry of textile Govt. of India has been completed where 20 beneficiaries trained and center with machineries has been handed over to them for regular production. Our organization has also facilitated the training cum orientation program organised by the Jute service center Kanpur.

Fair Trade organic program for promotion of farmers ownership on end product and supply chain through product Development:

Our organization has started planning and implementing a new economic development concept of Fair trade organic (An end to end approach based production, processing and marketing) with AOFG India for which Basmati rice and Apple has been selected as focus commodities for first year. Farmers owned company or cooperative proposed to be formed to ensure the ownership of small and marginal farmers. These activities are currently under progress in Nogaun block of Uttarkashi district and Doiwala, Raipur blocks in Dehradun district.

Formation and linkages of Self Help groups:

This project is under implementation with financial assistance of NABARD in Bhilangna block of Tehri Garhwal district. 86 SHG has been formed and the savings are linked with state Bank of india, Punjab national bank and RRB.

Entrepreneurship Development program and Awareness for rural industrialisation:

EDP and awareness program with district industries centre and Khadi & village industries commission has been organised.

Other Activities

Organic farming:

This year the organization continued organic vegetable seed production technology involving five groups of five villages in Bhilangana valley with special focus on conservation of native seeds of millets, grains, pluses and vegetables.

To improve organic agricultural practices we have started National center for organic farming service providers scheme and successfully implemented this with 1515 farmers of 22 villages.

Finance facilitation:

This year we have received support of RMK and ICICI Bank Ltd. for facilitation of micro finances to self help groups as micro finance institution.

Energy and environment:

Chief functionary of the organization participated in the “ partnership for clean indoor air” held at Banglore and activities planned to be implemented with existing community partners.

Women and child development:

Awareness program has been organised for 76 participant women in three places with the help of central social welfare Board.

Intervention for Adolescent issues:

Organization has started to assist and guide these important groups of society and future change makers on different development issues.

Devolution of powers and responsibilities to Panchayati Raj Institutions:

Keeping the 73rd amendment in view the organization is working with 40 village Panchayats for planning and implementation of village level development actions. A proposal for training of PRI representatives and functionaries has been submitted to ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of india

Human Resources Development and Capacity building:

This year the member and staff of the organization have attended the following training program: -

- Participated in visioning workshop of solution exchange (UNDP country team) food & nutrition community, Decentralization community and Work and employment community.
- Participated in Training on quality input supply and service providers organised by NCOF Gaziabad.
- Partnership for clean indoor air.
- In house training on performance appraisal and leadership development.
- Training workshop on Fair Trade organic project at Hyderabad.
- Training of Rastriya mahila Kosh at Lucknow.

Trainings and capacity building program conducted by the Organization:

- Different capacity building program for SME development
- Experience sharing workshop SHG
- ULO technology orientation for Apple growers
- Organic farming for organic seed development
- Jute Diversified products 20 Trainees- Bhilangana Block

Project developed for future:

1. Organic farming for the rural development with the help of Agriculture and Organic Farming Group (AOFG) New Delhi, that proposed to execute with 10 partners NGO.

2. A proposal on environment conservation and energy management through utilization of community wasteland has been developed for 61 villages with 31 village panchayats.
3. Cluster development approach for integrated area development program.
4. Advocacy for RTI and NREGA for effective and people centred development.
5. Business Development plan for organic farm based input production and marketing of organic products.
6. Technology and management resource centre for rural entrepreneurs
7. Cluster development for eco tourism development in Bhilangana.

Our Partners/Donors:

- ❖ **Action for Food Production field unit-V Gwalior**
- ❖ **Agriculture and Organic Farming Group India, New Delhi**
- ❖ **Canadian High Commission, New Delhi**
- ❖ **Uttarakhand State council of Science & Technology, Dehradun**
- ❖ **National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India.**
- ❖ **The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi**
- ❖ **G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (Hill campus) Ranichauri Tehri Garhwal**
- ❖ **Uttarakhand State Organic Certification Agency, Dehradun**
- ❖ **Science & Society division, Department of science & technology Govt. of India New Delhi.**
- ❖ **National center for organic farming department of agriculture and cooperation Govt. of India New Delhi.**
- ❖ **District Horticulture office Tehri Garhwal.**
- ❖ **Uttranchal women & child development society, department of women empowerment & child development Govt. of Uttranchal.**
- ❖ **State office of Commissioner of Khadi & village industries Dehradun.**

- ❖ **NABARD Tehri Garhwal & state office Dehradun.**
- ❖ **State Bank of India Ghansali & Regional office of PNB Dehradun.**
- ❖ **National center for jute diversification, Ministry of textile Govt. of India Kolkata**
- ❖ **Territorious Vivos Spain.**
- ❖ **Project Management unit (forest development) Govt. of Uttranchal Nainital.**

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