

Celebration of World Water Day, 2012



Venue: Mission Shakti Conference Hall, District: Nabarangpur, Date 22.03.2012



It was one of the most crowded day at Nabarangpur on dated March 22, 2012. Around 260 nos of participants comprising students, teachers, Academia, Elected Representatives, Women, Youths, civil Society organizations, Community Leaders, government officials, Health workers, farming community and corporate were assembled to celebrate World Water Day 2012.



At the outset Mr. B Brahma, Convener, District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) of NGOs, Nabarangpur greeted the esteemed guests, dignitaries, participants, media and each one. Mr. Brahma requested the Sri Sibabrata Dash IAS, District Collector and Magistrate to inaugurate this workshop and preside over.

This was totally innovative to begin with. Sri Sibabrata Dash, IAS, District Collector and Magistrate inaugurated the workshop in a different way. Instead of generating carbon thru lighting, he watered a plant with all the delegates and dignitaries. Message is that not only Water is essential to survival of plant; in turn plant will provide us water, fruit, oxygen, cooling and basic needs for survival of living beings.



Mr. Pradeep Mohapatra Secretary UDYAMA briefed on the objective and need of workshop at nabarangpur. He stressed that community resilience is the core to development. Country will be resilient once community will be resilient enough to mitigate the losses or community level adaptation will be geared up to cope with recurrent environmental change. Citing the example of demographic situation/vulnerability of Odisha, it is reeling under recurrent droughts, floods, heat wave, cyclone, tornado, lightening, and villages' fire. With advance of global climate change as it is forecasted, all the development endeavors will be washed out in water if there will be destructive sea surge that already reflects in coastal Odisha. We have already witnessed droughts; dry spells and heavy down pours, floods after floods in this year 2011 and losses on, assets, infrastructure, lives and livelihoods are enormous and would be manifold. Magnitude of vulnerability is equally prevalent in coastal, rural and urban too. Fear, thetas worries, hazards and stress will be compounded due to increment of environment degradation and Eco-systems and grossly affecting basic life saving elements like water, land forest, crop and losing other beneficial elements those who are contributing our survival and comfort but these are not seen.



Hence are community resilience is essential right now to mitigate crisis and accelerate our adaptation to cope with the climate change. So community involvement, focus on more micro-water initiative, widening the conservation, preservation of biodiversity, household water recycle, reuse and restore considered as safety nets initiatives that would prevent us from recurrent vulnerabilities. Deepening governance, undertaking local action, inclusion of sectoral initiatives, program convergence at district level and GP level and greater partnership would be ideal for enhancing community resilience.



DFO Nabarangpur, He stressed upon very pertinent things on community forest protection and conservation. This forest has is other wise known as food basket of local people and also direct bearing on lives and livelihoods of community. Commons conservation is the prerequisite in the context of climate change, it can be mitigated recurrent disasters be it floods at coastal or be it drought through it steams revulets and rivers. Hence rich local environment is to considered the capital of community and country, hence forest conservation at local level

is the high priority to get water, food and other basic needs.



Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Nabarangpur stressed on linkage of human/living being with plant resources. Only pant resources are the source of life of millions and other contributors those who are living under the above and under the soil. Only tree that can prove better source of oxygen and water and create humus and food for all, will be no way in peril. Therefore there has greater consensus and need of community participation

to rehabilitate the degraded forest, rejuvenate the depleted forest and conserve the rich forest for the survival of humans and others too.

Sri Sibabrat Dash IAS collector emphasized very few pertinent things, provided heart touching elements. He stressed that what ever global phenomena may be, we are feeling climate change impacts. What ever global dialogue and discourse may be there has local and community action. Water is the life saving element, survival of all living being. But conservation water, land and forest all are interlinked to our attitude. Only our positive attitude can save us, save resources and prevent us from climate change vulnerabilities, prevent us from other environmental hazards, provide us better opportunity to grow further and build our social, ecological economical, infrastructural capital at community level and lead t country development. Citing few examples on Attitude and behavior he pointed teachers and students are the carries of positive attitude. Conservation rich biodiversity, protection greenery and gearing the green drive across country;

Sri Dash highlighted 20 points need for community and country resilience: Each one should practice at house and community level:

- Use of CFL ,
- Renewable energy
- Use of taps
- Use of toilets
- Going green
- Use of vehicles
- Use of cooking gas
- Be vegetarian
- House hold nutrition
- Community forest protection

- Community led water resources
- Waste recycle , reuse of papers
- say no plastics
- conservation of biodiversity
- minimize food waste
- Go organic
- Child education and
- women involvement and empowerment
- youth engagement and entrepreneurships
- accelerating community safety nets



After the Opening Session the Technical Session followed:

Dr Mihir K Jena FES (foundation for Ecological Security hilghtd few scientifically on forest resources, its impact, water resources availability and need for hour. He zero downed to local data on land water, forest and commons and where this district Nabarangpur is;

He stressed that Nabarangpur is one of first from last districts in all development index like (on lack water irrigation potentiality , food security health, sanitation and nutrition)which is coming under Indravati river catchment. Massive siltation load will make fill the big reservoirs due to severe deforestation and shifting cultivation. He stressed on calculations of water potentiality and per capita water, land and forest availability followed by other hazards.

Mr. Pradeep Mohapatra presented a PPT on how sweet water is being guarded by armed forces like armory or bank. He hilghted Dr.APJ Albul kalam PPT follows by few mitigation and adaptation measures being undertaken at Nabaangpur , Bolangir, Kalahandi,Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Nayagah, Balasore, Kendrapada, Puri, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Ganjam and through network partner of UDYAMA towards community resilience.

During interaction He stressed micro-initiatives, led by community and PRIs would be better option for community water and forest resource conservation. Each one has to carry a small initiative sat house hold level that can be seen, measurable so that house hold income and sufficiency will be generated. He highlighted women and teacher and students will



be brigades / ambassadors to transform the message on environmental sustainability.

During the session “ the way forward” there was good interaction with participants. It was resolved UDYAMA will organize more sanitization workshops at the block level.

During Open session it was felt that there would an integrated effort required. District collector agreed to take stock in each month with line department followed by another reflection..

At the end UDYAMA placed a suggestion and recommendation note to District Collector how to carry forward this initiatives with clear cut actions and link with MNREGS, BRGF, KBK funds and other mainstream and corporate funds towards collective action on community resilience.

The workshop ended with vote of thanks extended by Sri Brahma Convener DLCC.

Agenda:

Registration:

Opening Session:

Welcome address: Bibhu P Brahma, Convener DLCC

Inaugurate and preside over the Meeting: Sri Sibabrat Dash IAS, Collector and District Magistrate

Objective: Pradeep Mohapatra, Team Leader UDYAMA

Current situation and Challenges on Ecology, Environment and People’s Livelihoods- DFO, Nabarangpur

Opportunities: Disaster Resilient Development: Sri Sibabrat Dash IAS, Collector and District Magistrate

Technical Session:

Presentation: Where we are now? Challenges on Water, Food , Livelihoods

Presentation: What are the hardest hit in the context of Climate Change: Dr. Mihir Kumar Jena, FES

Open session

Way Forward to Convergence and Networking in addressing Water, food security and Community Resilience: Sri Sibabrat Dash, IAS, Collector & district Magistrate

Act Now: putting Governance in Water, food security as one of the core areas of community resilience:

Vote of thanks- Bibhu P Brahma, Convener DLCC

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Venue: Kholan, Titilagarh, District: Bolangir, Date 22.03.2012



Facilitate by: UDYAMA, Supported by: Global Water Partnership South Asia, India Water Partnership

Theme: Safe Water and sanitation for all and role of Women & PRIs in
Community Resilience

All of us know that the international World Water Day is being held annually on 22nd March as a means



of focusing attention on the importance of fresh water and advocating for the sustainable management of fresh water resources. This is an International Day to celebrate fresh water was recommended at the 1992 United Nations conference on environment and Development (UNCED). The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22nd March 1993 as the First World Water Day.

Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of fresh water.

Water is the basic necessity for all living beings on the planet. Without water, it is difficult for livings or



human animals as well as the vegetation for survive. The world is observing the world water day 2012 on 22nd March. This year the theme is “Save Water”, “Safe Water & “Protect Water”. Now its time to enlighten the Government and every individuals to concentrate on the water issues/ problems and opportunity to use reuse, recycle , restore and rehabilitate in rural and urban cities and give solutions to fight the situation.

On date 22nd March, 2012 the World Water Day and sensitization workshop on community livelihood Resilience on climate change, the program was held at kholan G.P Head Quarter of Kholan, on the eve of World Water Day-2012 . women SHG members, Anganwadi, ASHA workers , youths , children government officials and the PRI members participated the World Water Day Celebration at a most water stressed areas of Titlagada, Bolangir district. Titlagad is one of the most httest place, drought prone areas, severe drinking water problem and reeling under climatic chaos.

There has a very much innovative citizen action. At first all of us went for rally with placards and banner, during the rally all of them were said about the world water day slogan and started from kholan village.

Along with rally , cleaning the tube well, drain, cleaning village ponds and road of the kholan village involving community members , the main objective is how to get and conserve the fresh water and save water by every individual in the community leading to availability at country and world.



All co-travelers assembled at Panchayat meeting hall for discussion regarding the need of celebrating the World Water Day. About 11:00 A.M the World Water Day workshop was started with the presence of Block Development Officer of Titilagarh Block and Executive Officer, and entire elected PRI members, SHG members, ASHA members, Anganwadi, old and other people from different village of Titilagarh Block. At the outset Mr. Narayan Barik ,Coordinator of UDYAMA welcomed all the distinguished delegates followed by discussions on the goal and objective of the world water day workshop given by Cluster coordinator of UDYAMA Mr. Manohar Sunani .

Chief Guest Mr. Mahendra Pradhan , Block Development officer of Titilagarh Block addressed the gathering about the Water situation of present and future time, how to save water, safe water and protect water, he encouraged to all the SHG member and PRI members to save the water and protect the water at the locality, he also said about the govt. scheme and programme, basically water related programmes like MNREGS,KBK funds , Western Orissa Development Council fund , Soil conservation and watershed, will be an opportunity to link how to recharge the ground water from the land and these programme are helping for ground water recharge and address climate change vulnerabilities through the plantation of tree , environment protection and road connectivity for communication.



He encouraged to all the participants to create new ponds in the land for the storage of water and ground water recharge, irrigation facility, he informed to all participants that Govt. is giving Rs. 50000/- (fifty thousand rupees) to every BPL holder family to form a new pond in their own land,

During discussion the SHG members raised issues on the Tube wells and water problem of the kholan G.P. Most of the tubes well are not working and some of are in damaging stage , community reservoirs have silted up and have dried up and wells are getting drying up, there has serious drinking water shortage and this issues will be very much acute n coming days if this trend will continue.

Assembled community raised very rights based issues of installation tube wells and demanded more as population has increased substantially. So that communities are facing lot of problem regarding the water, most of them are collecting the water from river and ponds causing serious health problems. Hearing from Community The B.D.O assured to full fill and resolve demand on water problem. As further assured ,If any delay ,the water tank will be provided and distribute the water in every village of the Titilagarh block as this block has gross shortage of drinking water.

The Executive officer also said about the World Water Day, he described about the water and food security and Agricultural situation in the locality impact on climate change, how to protect the environment and save the water and earth.

Mr. Dharmendra Bhoi the Sarapanch of kholan said about the sanitation and water problem of the kholan Gram Panchayat. He encouraged SHG member for saving the money through the Bank and doing and involved some profit activities for their group and individual growth and development. Simultaneously he stress to save money for doing good toilet at house. He gave hearty thanks to Government for giving the 50% women reservation in Panchayatiraj system. This through women can more participate in political and try to change the society and nation through the proper planning and implementation. Their role is much more than men.

The Gram Rojgar Sathi of Kholan said about the Present situation of MNREGA in the kholan Gram panchayat and some discussion with the B.D.O regarding the effective implementation of MNREGS especially community water sector development and implementation of other government programmes. Like PDS, IAY, SGSRY, old age pension, job card, and other related issue and programmes.

At the end Mr Manohar Sunani , Cluster Coordinator UDYAMA extended vote of thanks to each delegates.

The following are the agenda of world water day workshop on 22nd March 22, 2012

SL. NO	SUBJECT MATTERS	TIMING	PRESENTATION
1.	Community Rally with Slogan With Placard and banner; clean some tube well, drain, ponds, road of the kholan village.	09:30-10:30	Women SHG members, Anganwadi, ASHA, Elected PRI members, youths, children and other people from different village of Titilagarh Block and UDYAMA team.
2	Welcome address to all the distinguished delegates of the world water day workshop	11:00-11:10	Narayan Barik, coordinator, UDYAMA, Titilagarh
2.	Goal and Objective of the workshop and Prospect	11:10-11:30	Manohar Sunani, cluster coordinator, UDYAMA, Titilagarh

3.	Why World Water Day Celebration and what is the benefit and impact of the programme. Water related Government scheme and programme. Like MNREGS, KBK fund, Soil-conservation, watershed etc. Feed back from SHG member and PRIs.	11:30-01:00 Noon	Mahendra Pradhan, B.D.O, Titilagarh
4.	Water and food security. Agricultural productivity situation in the locality. How to save water, safe water, and Protect water, Environmental protection.	01:00-2:30	Executive officer, Titilagarh
5.	Water situation and Problem of the locality. What is the situation of water in present and future generation?	3:00-3:45	Mr. Dharmendra Bhoi, Sarapanch, Kholan G.P.
6.	KBK fund and MNREGS scheme situation of Kholan G.P of Titilagarh Block. Water related issue.	0345:-04:20	GRS, Kholan G.P
6.	Vote of Thanks	04:20- 0430	Manohar Sunani

