



Sidho-Kanho Agriculture and Forest Produce State Co-operative Federation Limited

Date: 17th February 2023

Venue: Conference hall of the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Hesag, Ranchi

Subject: One day workshop on Agriculture and Forest-produce based livelihood enhancement through cooperative action

A one-day workshop on Agriculture and Forest-produce based livelihood enhancement through cooperative action was held on February 17, 2023, at the conference hall of the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Hesag, in Ranchi District for the representatives of LAMPS and PACS across Ranchi district. Shri. Sanjeev Kumar, CEO of SIDHKOFED, Shri Shrikant Verma, DFO Ranchi, Shri. Afrim George Kujur, DCO, Ranchi were present at the workshop.

Other list of dignitaries present at the event included Shri. Jay Prakash Sharma, Secretary, SIDHKOFED, Shri Devendra Singh, Managing Director JASCOLAMPF, Shri Prakash Kumar, Managing Director VEGFED, Shri Kumod Kumar, Managing Director, JHAMCOFED, Shri Uday Shankar Saha, RBI Chair Professor /CGM, NABARD (Ex), IRMA, district officials from Agriculture and Cooperative departments.

The CEO of SIDHKOFED gave the keynote speech, highlighting the significance of the Cooperatives and the vital role of agriculture and forestry in the rural economy of Jharkhand. He emphasized the need to organize the trade/processing and value addition of agricultural and forest products to ensure fair prices for farmers by eliminating intermediaries. SIDHKOFED is a state level federation of District Unions which in turn are a union of all LAMPS/PACS of the district. SIDHKOFED aims to facilitate access to fair market, capacity building and training of members of LAMPS/ PACS across the state for their agriculture and forest produce.

Officials from JASCOLAMPF, VEGFED and JHAMCOFED shared their experience. MD JASCOLAMPF added that the three tier structure of the federation will help in better coordination and scheme implementation. MD, VEGFED stressed upon the importance of cooperation, the role of forest products in the economy of Jharkhand. MD JHAMCOFED further mentioned the responsibilities of the Primary Cooperative Societies within the Federation. The workshop aimed to explain the activities and objectives of SIDHKOFED, including the significance of branding of agricultural and forest products nationally and globally.

Workshop was conducted by Project Management Team highlighting the idea of Cooperatives and related success stories of Cooperatives at International, National and State Level. The participants were stimulated by showcasing them the Audio Visual of AMUL and Lijjat Papad. Representatives from LAMPS and PACS shared thier success stories, experiences and improvement areas. President of Namkum LAMPS, one of the best performing LAMPS, inspired the participants. The Namkum LAMPS is functional as a multipurpose society with services ranging from Rice procurement to providing credit facilities for members. The worksop concluded with a detailed discussion on the programmatic pathway for SIDHKOFED.