



Vikas Bharti Bishunpur

HDFC Parivartan at Latehar

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Introduction

Located in the state of Jharkhand in eastern India, Latehar district is known for its natural beauty, rich history, and cultural heritage. The district covers an area of 3,665 square kilometers and has a population of around 725,673 people, most of whom are from tribal communities. Latehar is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, including dense forests, waterfalls, and wildlife. Despite its natural beauty, the district faces several socio-economic challenges such as poverty, lack of infrastructure, limited access to education and healthcare, and a high incidence of malnutrition. In response to these challenges, the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO, supported by the HDFC CSR fund, has been working tirelessly to improve the quality of life for the people in the district.

One of the key areas of focus for the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO has been to develop sustainable agriculture practices that can help the local farmers increase their yield and improve their income. In addition, the NGO has been working on child development initiatives, and the use of modern technologies for Horticulture and Animal Husbandry.

Through this study, we aim to document the impact of the various initiatives undertaken by the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO in the Latehar district. We will explore the challenges faced by the community, the innovative solutions implemented by the NGO, and the outcomes of these initiatives. The case study will provide valuable insights into the strategies that can be employed to improve the lives of rural communities in India and create a sustainable future for all.

Our Visit to Latehar on the 22nd and 23rd of April included visits to initiatives by Vikas Bharati spanning over more than 10 villages across the district, specifically around the Garu Block. In the presence of Ashutosh, Assistant Project Manager, Vikas Bharti we interacted with the locals to understand the demographics, the before and after effects of the initiatives and what can be improved in the current process for an even more sustainable future.

The modus operandi of Vikas Bharti includes the promotion of SHG (Self Help Groups) across the villages by providing shelters, animals and various machinery for the sustainable growth of the tribals. The organization firmly believes that growth can happen only when the people benefiting are equally invested in the economics of the initiatives, as this increases the sense of responsibility for the beneficiary.



Below are the details for the initiatives, those visited by us during the 2 day visit.

1. Promotion of women Based Group Enterprise

- a. **Gram:** Surkumi
- b. **Number of People :** 10
- c. **SHG Name :** Sarna SHG
- d. **Month of Initiation :** March, 2023



Surkumi village in Latehar district is a small and vibrant community where the women and girls have been struggling to make ends meet due to the lack of job opportunities in the area. However, the recent intervention by the NGO Vikas Bharti Bishunpur has brought a glimmer of hope to the community.

During my visit, I had the opportunity to witness the impact of the NGO's initiative firsthand. The provision of two sewing machines and two sal leaf plate maker machines has opened up new avenues of income generation for the women and girls in the area. The women are now able to utilize their skills to create beautiful handcrafted items and earn a sustainable livelihood for themselves and their families.

A group 10 consisting only of women were provided with adequate machinery and multiple workshops for them to be able to correctly use the machinery and understand the process ahead of making the plates. The process to create the Sal leaf plate is to stitch the dry leaves together, big enough to be turned to a plate, and then use the Molding machine to give it the shape of a plate.

The initiative has not only provided economic opportunities but also empowered the women and girls in the area. They are now able to contribute to their families' income and feel a sense of self-worth and independence. Moreover, the girls in the community can now see their mothers and other women in the community engaging in productive activities, which can motivate them to pursue similar opportunities in the future.



2. Promotion of women Based Group Enterprise -2

Gram: Baribandh

Number of People : 10

SHG Name : Mahua SHG

Month of Initiation : March, 2023





3. Support to Backyard Poultry

Beneficiary Name: Sunita Devi

Size of Poultry : 1 Cock and 4 Hen

Gram : Surkumi

Month of Initiation : March, 2023



This initiative implemented by the NGO was the distribution of 4 Hen and 1 Cock to the beneficiary Sunita Devi. One can clearly see the positive impact of this initiative on the home of a local family who had received four hens and one cock from the NGO. The family had set up a small coop provided by Vikas Bharti in their backyard and were taking care of the poultry with great enthusiasm. The hens produced eggs which not only provided a source of protein for the family but also generated additional income when sold in the local market. It was evident that the small intervention by the NGO had a significant impact on the lives of the people in the community. It is heartening to see how a simple initiative could positively impact the lives of those in need.

4. Support to Backyard Poultry -2

Beneficiary Name: Leelavati Devi

Size of Poultry : 1 Cock and 4 Hen

Gram : Surkumi

Month of Initiation : March, 2023



5. Development of Vermicompost Unit

Beneficiary Name: Ganesh Oraon

Size of Poultry : 10 x4 Vermicompost Unit

Gram : Luhurtahn

Month of Initiation : October, 2022



One of the many initiatives is the provision of shelter and worms for a vermicompost unit, along with training for the beneficiary. The NGO provides the shelter and worms while the beneficiary constructs the unit themselves, creating a sense of mutual involvement and responsibility towards the initiative.

Through this initiative, the beneficiary is able to create organic fertilizer and earn a steady source of income by selling it in the local market. In addition, the initiative promotes sustainable farming practices and reduces waste. The training provided by the NGO equips the beneficiary with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively manage the vermicompost unit.

Overall, this initiative is a testament to the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO's commitment to improving the livelihoods of the local community in a sustainable manner, while also fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among beneficiaries.



6. Vermi Compost Unit -2

Beneficiary Name:Naro Devi

Size of Poultry : Vermicompost Unit

Gram : Hesag

Month of Initiation : October, 2022



7. Promotion of Horticulture Livelihood model

Beneficiary Name:Sanjeet Oraon

Size of Poultry : Mango Plantation

Gram : Purnihesag

Month of Initiation : October, 2022



The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO in Jharkhand has been working to promote horticulture in the local community through various initiatives. One such initiative is the provision of boundary and mango seeds for a mango plantation, with the beneficiary responsible for constructing the unit themselves.

This initiative not only promotes sustainable farming practices, but also provides a steady source of income for the beneficiary through the sale of mangoes in the local market. The provision of boundaries also ensures that the plantation is protected from damage by animals or other external factors.

The involvement of the beneficiary in the construction of the plantation unit fosters a sense of responsibility and ownership towards the initiative, further promoting its sustainability. The training and guidance provided by the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO equip the beneficiary with the necessary knowledge and skills

to effectively manage the plantation.

Overall, this initiative is a testament to the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO's commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture and improving the livelihoods of the local community. It also showcases the importance of involving beneficiaries in the implementation of initiatives to ensure their success and sustainability.



8. Promotion of Horticulture Livelihood model -2

Beneficiary Name: Mango Plantation

Gram : Baribandh

Month of Initiation : October, 2022





9. Custom Hiring Center

Gram : Karwai

Month of Initiation : March, 2023



Vikas Bharti Bishunpur has been implementing initiatives to promote modern technology use in agriculture in the local community. One such initiative is the provision of equipment for a custom hiring center for agriculture in the village of Karwai.

The custom hiring center allows farmers in the community to access modern farming equipment, such as water tanks and Pressure pumps, that they may not be able to afford on their own. This enables them to improve the efficiency and productivity of their farming operations, leading to higher yields and increased income.

The equipment provided by the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO is of high quality and maintained regularly to ensure its optimal performance. The NGO also provides training and guidance to farmers on how to use the equipment effectively and safely.

Overall, this initiative is a testament to the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO's commitment to promoting modern technology use in agriculture and improving the livelihoods of the local community. By providing access to high-quality equipment and training, the NGO is helping farmers to increase their productivity and income, leading to a more sustainable and prosperous community.



10. Promotion of Water Resource Development

Beneficiary Name: Karamdev Singh

Village: Kui

Details of Well: 10 x 25 feet

Month of Initiation : March, 2022



One such initiative is the provision of a well of 10 x 25 feet in a village known for its water scarcity.

The well serves as a reliable source of water for the community, particularly during periods of drought or water shortage. This initiative not only provides access to clean and safe water for daily use, but also promotes sustainable agriculture by enabling farmers to irrigate their crops throughout the year.

The construction of the well is done with high-quality materials and under the guidance of experienced professionals to ensure its safety and durability. The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO also provides training to the community on the proper maintenance and management of the well to ensure its long-term sustainability.

Overall, this initiative is a testament to the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO's commitment to improving the livelihoods of the local community through the promotion of water resource development. By providing access to a reliable source of water, the NGO is helping to address the issue of water scarcity in the area, leading to a more sustainable and prosperous community.



11. Established of Nutritional Garden in Homestead Land

Beneficiary Name: Karamdev Singh

Village: Baribandh

Details of Well: 10 x 25 feet

Month of Initiation : March, 2022



The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO in Jharkhand has been working to promote horticulture and improve the livelihoods of the local community through various initiatives. One such initiative is the provision of fencing and seeds for a Nutritional Garden in the Homestead Land.

The Nutritional Garden is an innovative approach to address the issue of malnutrition in the community. It promotes the cultivation of a diverse range of fruits and vegetables that are rich in nutrients and vitamins, ensuring a balanced and healthy diet for the community members.

The provision of fencing ensures that the garden is protected from damage by animals or other external factors, while the high-quality seeds ensure the optimal growth of the crops. The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur

NGO also provides training and guidance on the proper maintenance and management of the garden, enabling the community members to maximize their yields and income.

Overall, this initiative is a testament to the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO's commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture and improving the nutritional status of the local community. By providing access to high-quality seeds and fencing, the NGO is helping to address the issue of malnutrition while also promoting better livelihoods through horticulture.



12. Promotion of Solar Based Irrigation

Beneficiary Name: Kamlesh Oraon

Village: Kolam

Area Covered : 7 Acres

Month of Initiation : March, 2022



Vikas Bharti Bishunpur has been working to promote sustainable agriculture through various initiatives. One such initiative is the provision of solar equipment for the promotion of solar-based irrigation over a land area of 7 acres.

The use of solar-based irrigation is a sustainable and eco-friendly approach to irrigating crops, as it relies on renewable energy and reduces the carbon footprint associated with traditional irrigation methods. The solar equipment provided by the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO ensures the efficient utilization of solar energy for the irrigation of crops, reducing the reliance on non-renewable energy sources and enabling farmers to cultivate crops throughout the year.

The initiative has had a significant impact on the local community, as it has enabled farmers to increase their crop yields and improve their livelihoods through sustainable agriculture. The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO provides training and guidance on the proper maintenance and management of the solar equipment to ensure its long-term sustainability.



13. Smart School Intervention

Village: Kolam

Area Covered : 7 Acres

Month of Initiation : October, 2022



The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO in Jharkhand has been working towards improving the quality of education in rural areas by converting traditional classrooms into smart classrooms. Through this initiative, the NGO has been installing projector panels, computers, and other digital equipment in classrooms to make them more interactive and engaging for students.

By using modern technology, the smart classrooms provide students with a more immersive learning experience, allowing them to understand complex concepts more easily. The use of digital media and educational software also makes it easier for teachers to teach and assess students, which leads to better academic outcomes.

The initiative to convert traditional classrooms into smart classrooms is aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals of ensuring quality education for all. This initiative is particularly important in rural areas where access to quality education is limited, and traditional teaching methods are often

inadequate.

The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGOs efforts in this regard are commendable, as they are not only improving the quality of education in rural areas but also bridging the digital divide between urban and rural areas. Through this initiative, the NGO is creating a level playing field for students in rural areas, giving them access to the same resources and opportunities as their urban counterparts.

Overall, the initiative to convert traditional classrooms into smart classrooms is an important step towards ensuring quality education for all in rural areas, and the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO's efforts in this regard are making a significant impact.

14. Innovation of Anganwadi Centre

Village: Goendi

Area Covered : 7 Acres

Month of Initiation : March, 2022

The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO in Jharkhand is dedicated to improving the lives of people in rural areas through various initiatives. One of its notable initiatives is the innovation of anganwadi centers, which are government-run child care and development centers in villages.

The NGO has been working towards improving the infrastructure and facilities of these centers, making them more child-friendly and conducive to early childhood learning and development. The aim of this initiative is to provide quality early childhood education and care to children in rural areas, which is essential for their overall development.

The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO has also been working towards the training and capacity-building of anganwadi workers, to ensure that they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to provide quality care and education to children. The NGO has been conducting training programmes and workshops for anganwadi workers on various topics related to child development, nutrition, and health.

Through this initiative, the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO is making a significant impact on the lives of children in rural areas by providing them with access to quality early childhood education and care. This initiative is aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals of ensuring inclusive and quality education for all, as well as promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls, as a majority of anganwadi workers are women.

Innovation of anganwadi centres is an important step towards ensuring a bright future for the children of rural areas, and the Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO's efforts in this regard are commendable.



15. Promotion of Goat farming

Village:

Month of Initiation :

The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO in Jharkhand has been working towards promoting sustainable agriculture and improving the livelihoods of the local community through various initiatives. One such initiative is the provision of goats and shelters for the promotion of goat farming as part of animal husbandry.

Goat farming is an important aspect of animal husbandry, as it provides a source of income for farmers through the sale of milk, meat and other goat products. It is also a viable and sustainable alternative to traditional livestock farming, as goats require less land and resources to maintain than larger animals like cows.

The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO provides goats and shelters to farmers, enabling them to start their own goat farming businesses. The initiative has had a significant impact on the local community, as it has enabled farmers to increase their income and improve their livelihoods through sustainable animal husbandry practices.

The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO provides training and guidance on the proper maintenance and management of goats and shelters to ensure their long-term sustainability. The initiative not only promotes sustainable animal husbandry practices but also helps in generating employment opportunities in rural areas.



16. Promotion of Cow Farming

Village:

Month of Initiation :

The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO in Jharkhand has been working to promote sustainable agriculture and improve the livelihoods of the local community through various initiatives. One such initiative is the provision of cows and shelters for the promotion of cow farming.

Cow farming is an important aspect of sustainable agriculture, as it provides a source of income for farmers through the sale of milk and dairy products, while also promoting organic farming practices through the use of cow manure as fertilizer. The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO provides cows and shelters to farmers, enabling them to start their own cow farming businesses.

The initiative has had a significant impact on the local community, as it has enabled farmers to increase their income and improve their livelihoods through sustainable agriculture. The Vikas Bharti Bishunpur NGO provides training and guidance on the proper maintenance and management of the cows and shelters to ensure their long-term sustainability.





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