

## Haldikhol - Making the stride for a new height!

Haldikhol village of Sinapali Block in Nuapada district has 67 households of whom 61 belong to S.T. and the rest 6 belong to SEBC. The village is at a distance of 16 km from the block H.Q. but not yet connected with all-weather motorable road. During the year 2003-04 SVA facilitated the process of micro level planning in the village which laid the foundation for a new era in the history of Haldikhol. The villagers got organized and took initiative for a various development activities - many of which are of "Self Help Development" in nature.

### Some of the important activities of the villagers are as follows:

- The villagers are protecting the nearby forest which gives them various NTFP such as Tenduleaf, Chiranjee, Resin, Jhuna, Mahua, Bamboo etc. and they get livelihood support from these for 4-5 month in a year.
- The villagers played an active role in the campaign for FRA at district, state and national level and as such 19 households got ROR under FRA during 2012.
- After formation of 'Maruti Farmers Club' during the year 2010-11 under the leadership of the club the development of the villagers has been making a new stride.
- The village is now included under integrated Watershed Development Project and villagers are actively involved in its implementation.
- During 2012 the villagers have installed 12 deep bore wells under Biju Krushak Yojana and it has sown the seed for of the Green Revolution in the village.
- The TDF (WADI) programme taken up in the village is converting the village into a "VILLAGE OF EVER GREEN REVOLUTION"!All the households of Haldikhol including the five landless have been included in this programme.
- Prior to formation of the Krishak Club every year 18-20 youth from the village used to migrate to outside states for work but now not a single person is going out, rather the villagers are seeking workers from outside the village.
- With the initiative of the Maruti Farmers Club the villagers have contributed their labour, cash and kind to construct Pucca buildings for a "Community Food Processing Unit" in the village. The building was inaugurated by Shri A.V. Swamy, M.P. (Rajyasabha) on 13th July 2013 and he was overwhelmed seeing the efforts of the villager to keep the Gandhian spirit of self-reliance alive and vibrant. He committed to support for many such efforts in Sinapali block with his M.P.LAD. Funds.
- With voluntary labour the villagers are regularly maintaining the village road, tube well platforms and drains and the village surroundings. They are also active in protecting their village forest for which they have submitted the claim application under FRA.



*Visit to the WADI field by DGM-NABARD Mr. B.K. Mishra and Mr. M.S. Mishra. DDM-NABARD, Nuapada, to see the plantation activities undertaken by the villagers.*



- All the women in Haldikhol are organized into SHGs and involved in varieties of income generation activities. Many of them have taken up Duckery, Poultry, Dairy and Goat Rearing activities. One of the groups is making leaf plates and involved in food processing activities using machines provided by SVA.
- The club is mobilizing funds under MGNREGA, IAY and other schemes to develop the crop fields as well as to ensure good quality Pucca houses for everyone in the village.

Sahabhagi Vikash Abhiyan with support from NABARD (TDF-WADI) has been providing necessary training, exposure and hand holding support to the villagers and there is no doubt that within a short period Haldikhol will emerge as an ideal village not only in Nuapada district but in the whole country.



*The Farmers club and the UVS members are conducting health camps and various training camps for the socio economic wellbeing of the villagers. In the picture a health camp is being organized involving the Women, SHGs, Health Staff from Sinapali PHC and others in the village on 6th May 2013.*

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