



# BANAYANA



A Quarterly Newsletter of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project - Phase II



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Inaugurating OSFDP-II Banayana Project on April 27, 2017

## From Project Director's Desk ...



The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase-I was implemented successfully from 2006-07 to 2014-15. The learning and rich experience got through this project not only paved the way for new opportunities but also provided necessary input to launch the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project -II with the financial assistance from JICA. The OFSDP-II will be implemented from 2017-18 to 2026-27 in 12 Forest and 02 Wild Life Divisions spread over 10

Districts across the State of Odisha through 1200 Vana Surakshya Samitis / Eco -Development Committees. The twin objectives OFSDP-II are restoration of degraded forests and improving income level of the villagers by promoting sustainable forest management and community development thereby improving environment and elevating poverty.

The quarterly News Letter of OFSDP-II "Banayana" is intended to cover various developments including success stories on OFSDP-II. The idea is to keep all the stake holders apprised periodically about the project activities. The views and suggestions from all stake holders are welcome, which indeed will help us in improving the contents and their quality.

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## Banayana (OFSDP-II) Launched by the Chief Minister

Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik launched Banayana, the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP), Phase-II for sustainable management of forest, bio-diversity conservation and for providing livelihood opportunities to forest fringe dwellers on April 27, 2017.

This new project would be implemented in 14 Forest and Wildlife Divisions of the state, covering 10 districts, with the active participation of 12,00 Vana Surakhya Samitis (VSSs) at an outlay of Rs. 1,000 crore for a period of 10 years.

"This JICA supported project is the first 3rd generation forestry sector project in India. It envisages sustainable management of forest and bio-diversity along with adoption of best available technology and practices," said Shri Patnaik.

He said the most important aspect of this project would be active community engagement, to transform them from resource users to resource managers.

The Japan International Co-operation



The experience of successful implementation of OFSDP-I, opened the way for launching of the Ama Jangala Yojana, which is a flagship programme of the Govt. of Odisha, which is being successfully implemented in 24 forest divisions with a target to cover 7,000 Vana Surakhya Samitis.

He said that the project would bring in a paradigm shift in forest management by acknowledging crucial role of women in sustainable management of forest.

As many as 3,600 women Self Help Groups would be supported under this project to facilitate them to pursue viable income generation activities, he said.



Agency-assisted OFSDP was first implemented in Odisha from 2006-07 to 2014-15 with active community participation in 2,426 villages. The goal was restoration of degraded forest and improvement in livelihood of communities living in the forest fringe villages.

"Considering the unique biological diversity of Odisha, I am glad to know that ecosystem based management will be introduced in Bhitarkanika under this plan. Similarly, SATOYAMA initiative would be piloted in Badrama Wild Life Sanctuary of Bamra Wildlife Division," he added.

The inauguration ceremony of Banayana was graced by the Forest and Environment Minister Shri Bikram Keshari Arukh, Chief Secretary Shri Aditya Prasad Padhi, and Principal Secretary (Forest & Environment) Shri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra.

## Shri Lalit Kumar Tewari took charge of new Project Director of OFSDS

Shri Lalit Kumar Tewari, IFS joined as the Project Director of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society, on 5th September'2017. He took over the charge from Mr. Susanta Nanda, IFS. He was extended a warm welcome by members of OFSDP and AJY in a meeting held on the same day. Shri Tewari has vast experience in both at the Union Government and the State Government's the Forest and Environment Department and had held several important positions including the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur,



which was his last assignment. He has travelled many foreign countries and proved his mettle as a senior bureaucrat in the national and international arena.

## Celebration of Independence Day at OFSDS premises

OFSDS celebrated 71st Independence Day in its premises unfurling the tricolour to the tune of the National Anthem with the staff members. Sri Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS, Joint Project Director, OFSDS hoisted the national flag and addressed to the gathering of staff members of OFSDS.

In his address, Shri Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS highlighted the progress made in recent years in implementing the OFSDP and AJY. He also thanked the staff members in the state PMU, DMU, FMU and VSS members for being instrumental in scaling up the initiatives. He also reiterated the



contribution of freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to gift us the freedom that we are enjoying. He said that the freedom that we enjoy today is more relevant and we need to respect the freedom of others and protect it for the future generations.

## Fortnightly Internal Review Meeting at PMU

The Project Director has launched a unique platform for informal interaction between the Officers and the staff of OFSDP through internal Fortnightly Review Meeting. The meeting is being held on first and third Saturday of every month.

All the staff are given opportunity to raise any issue, suggest new ideas for

the betterment of project during the meeting. While starting the new initiative, the Project Director stated that the fortnightly meetings would help in overcoming difficulties. He asked project staff to speak out their ideas and difficulties, if any, in the meeting.

## Vigilance Awareness Week Celebrated



Vigilance awareness week on 'My vision- Corruption free India' was observed at Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP) on 30th September, 2017. The week started with an oath taking led by Project Director Shri Lalit Kumar Tewari.

While addressing the officials and staff of the project, Sri Tewari stated that- the motive of the vigilance awareness intends mainly to make the system more transparent so as to eliminate the corruption and fraud from the public delivery. Corruption has been major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country, therefore all stake holders should try to work together to eradicate this menace.

On this occasion, Dr. Meeta Biswal, Additional Project Director administered integrity pledge to all the employees.

Senior officials and staff participated in the function organized at the Project Management Unit (PMU) office of OFSDP.

The awareness week continued till 4th November, 2017.



## Review Meeting of DFOs at PMU

A review meeting of all the Divisional Forest Officers (DFO) Cum DMU Chiefs on the progress of preparedness for implementation of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP-II) was held on 22nd September at Project Management Unit (PMU) of OFSDS. Sri Lalit Kumar Tewari, Project Director presided over the meeting.

The meeting focused on five major areas viz., launching of OFSDP-II at divisional level, selection of Vana Surakhya Samiti (VSS) for implementation of the project, engagement of contractual staff at Divisional Management Unit (DMU) and Field Management Unit (FMU), proposed expansion of DMU and FMU buildings and establishment of six high-tech nurseries under OFSDP-II in the state.

At the outset Project Director extended warm welcome to all the participants

and briefed them about the objectives of the meeting. Additional Project Director Dr. Meeta Biswal highlighted learnings made during implementation of OFSDP-I and Ama Jangal Yojana (AJY), which are relevant in the context of

and Inter sectoral Convergence) Dr. Mamata Mishra gave a presentation on the proposed livelihood resource centre (LRC) for facilitating income generation activities (IGA) at the community level.



It was decided to complete the VSS selection in accordance with the Joint Forest Management (JFM) guideline – 2011 with subsequent amendment in 2015. The existing nurseries in six divisions namely Sundergarh, Sambalpur, Subarnapur, Ghumusar (North), Dhenkanal and Baripada will be taken

smooth implementation of OFSDP-II. Joint Project Director Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat made a detailed presentation highlighting the project coverage, project components and modalities of project implementation. State Programme Manager (Livelihood, NRM

up and developed as high-tech nurseries with required up gradation under OFSDP-II. All the DFOs were asked to open separate bank accounts both at division and range level.

## Partnership Eco-System Initiative in OFSDP

A meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Sri Lalit Kumar Tewari, Project Director, OFSDP to review the progress of implementation of Partnership Eco-System Initiative in OFSDP, Phase I Cluster Villages on 21st Sept, 2017.

The Project Director, OFSDP extended warm welcome to all participants and outlined the brief objective of the meeting. In his initial remarks, he underlined the importance of sustainability in implementation of Partnership Eco-system and urged all participants to work in coordination with all stakeholders. Dr. Ajit Kumar Pattanaik, IFS Former Project Director,

OFSDP stated that the Partnership Eco-system initiative of OFSDS is an unique initiative in itself and emphasised that the outcome of this initiative would not only contribute in generating sustained income of the SHGs in OFSDP, Phase-I Clusters but also would be a learning that can be used during OFSDP-II in addressing the livelihood interventions with sustainability.

Sri Pranab R Choudhury, Vice President, NRM, Bhubaneswar gave a brief presentation highlighting the background of conceptualising the Partnership Eco System Initiatives in OFSDP, Phase-I Clusters. Subsequently, representatives of all Partner

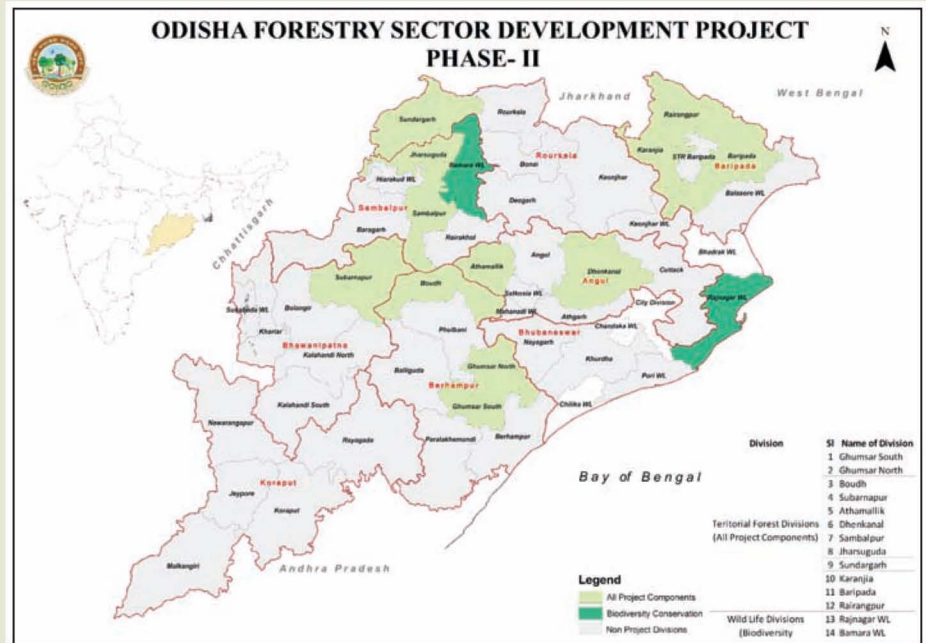
Collaborators made a brief presentation on the progress made and upcoming plans in grounding the partnership initiatives in the field.

In this meeting, concerned DFO cum DMU Chiefs of respective forest divisions were asked to take the Partnership Eco System Initiative on priority basis and ensure due coordination with all stakeholders in grounding the project with sustainability. The Partner Collaborators were also requested to ensure due coordination with the DFO cum DMU Chiefs of respective Forest Divisions at all stages for effective grounding of the initiatives under implementation.

## The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Phase-II – An Overview

Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase II, also called, “BANAYANA” is being implemented by Forest & Environment Department With assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in from of soft loan through OFSDS from 2017 – 18 to 2026-27.

The aim of the project is to enhance the forest eco-system with sustainable livelihood of the forest dependent communities. The project cost is Rs. 1000.30 crores and would be implemented in 14 Forest Divisions of 10 Districts of the State, through 1200 joint forest management committees designated as Vana Suraksha Samities (VSSs). The Divisions are Baripada,



### The Divisions Covered

Baripada, Rairangpur, Karanjia, Dhenkanal, Athmallik, Ghumusur (N), Ghumusur(S), Boudh, Subarnapur, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Sundergarh, Bamra (WL), Rajnagar Mangrove Forest (WL)

**The Forest Vision 2020 of Odisha Forest and Environment Department envisages promotion of Joint Forest Management (JFM) and Sustainable Forest Management through Micro Plans.**

Rairangpur, Karanjia, Dhenkanal, Athmallik, Ghumusur (N), Ghumusur(S), Boudh, Subarnapur, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Sundergarh, Bamra (WL), and Rajnagar Mangrove Forest (WL) Divisions. The project will also engage with 3600 women

### Activities Proposed in OFSDP-II

1. Plantation over 57000 ha with community participation in 1200 Villages
2. Farm Forestry over 10,000 ha in private and non forest public land.
3. Construction and maintenance of 6 Hi-tech Nurseries.
4. Consolidation and demarcation of forest boundaries over 1898 sq km.
5. Livelihood improvement by promotion of income generating activities (IGA) in 3600 SHGs.
6. Establishment of livelihood resource center (LRC).
7. Sustainable Biodiversity management, piloting of SATOYAMA initiative and Establishment of Eco- system Based Management and introduction of Eco- system, Health report card.

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in enhancing their income through different Income generating activities.

Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase –I was also implemented by Forest and Environment Department with assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from Financial Year 2006-07 to 2014-15. Sustainable Forest Management was promoted by Joint Forest Management (JFM) plantation and community / tribal development in the OFSDP-I. As a positive outcome, the Dense Forest and Moderately dense Forest in the Project area increased significantly, as ascertained through analysis done by using satellite imagery. This is contrary to the declining trend of dense and



moderately dense forest area of the state as a whole. The Forest Vision 2020 of Odisha Forest and Environment Department envisages promotion of Joint Forest Management (JFM) and Sustainable Forest management through Micro Plans. It also outlines to increase the forest cover outside the forest, mainly on private lands and as well as non-forest public lands.

Thus, in line with these policies and from lessons learnt from OFSDP-I, Government is implementing OFSDP-II to expand the achievement of OFSDP-I with the emphasis on sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation and community development.

This is the first 3rd generation JICA assisted forestry project in India. Based on the lessons learnt from OFSDP-I and for improvement and innovation envisaged in phase II, the following strategic approaches would be adopted in order to achieve the project objectives:

1. Micro Plan as a Community development plan by strengthening convergence.
2. Enhanced support for cluster business development and partnership ecosystem by establishing Livelihood recourse center.
3. Gender Mainstreaming and
4. Creating Models for Community-Based Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (CMRV) System for Sustainable Forest Management for Odisha.

At the end of the project it is estimated that 67, 0000 ha of plantations, 15% reduction in degraded forest area in the target

| Phase wise /Division wise / FMU wise distribution of VSSs for OFSDP-II |                      |                  |                       |                      |                    |                     |                      |                     |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Sl. No                                                                 | Division             | Range            | No of<br>existing VSS | Avg. VSS<br>Proposed | Phase-I<br>2017-18 | Phase-II<br>2018-19 | Phase-III<br>2019-20 | Phase-IV<br>2020-21 | Total |
| 1                                                                      | Baripada<br>(150)    | Bangriposi       | 15                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Betnoti          | 94                    | 30                   |                    |                     | 30                   |                     | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      | Dukura           | 24                    | 24                   | 24                 |                     |                      |                     | 24    |
|                                                                        |                      | Kaptipada        | 26                    | 26                   | 26                 |                     |                      |                     | 26    |
|                                                                        |                      | Pithabata        | 29                    | 25                   |                    | 25                  |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Udala            | 27                    | 25                   |                    | 25                  |                      |                     | 25    |
| 2                                                                      | Rairangpur<br>(100)  | Badampahar       | 43                    | 20                   | 20                 |                     |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Bahalda          | 48                    | 20                   | 20                 |                     |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Bisoi            | 76                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Manada           | 39                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Rairangpur       | 61                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
| 3                                                                      | Dhenkanal<br>(150)   | Dhenkanal        | 55                    | 25                   | 25                 |                     |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Hindol           | 48                    | 25                   |                    | 25                  |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | K Nagar- East    | 50                    | 25                   |                    |                     | 25                   |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | K Nagar West     | 50                    | 25                   |                    |                     | 25                   |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Kapilash         | 32                    | 25                   |                    |                     |                      | 25                  | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Sadangi          | 48                    | 25                   |                    |                     |                      | 25                  | 25    |
| 4                                                                      | Karanjia<br>(100)    | Dudhiani         | 31                    | 20                   | 20                 |                     |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Gueguria         | 34                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Karanjia         | 60                    | 20                   |                    |                     | 20                   |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Kendumindi       | 21                    | 20                   |                    |                     | 20                   |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Thakurmunda      | 34                    | 20                   |                    |                     |                      | 20                  | 20    |
| 5                                                                      | Sundergarh<br>(150)  | Bargaon          | 48                    | 30                   | 30                 |                     |                      |                     | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      | Hemgir           | 48                    | 30                   |                    | 30                  |                      |                     | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      | Lephripara       | 45                    | 30                   |                    |                     | 30                   |                     | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      | Sundergarh       | 86                    | 30                   |                    |                     | 30                   |                     | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      | Ujalpur          | 60                    | 30                   |                    |                     |                      | 30                  | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      |                  |                       |                      |                    |                     |                      |                     |       |
| 6                                                                      | Jharsuguda<br>(80)   | Belpahar         | 24                    | 29                   | 29                 |                     |                      |                     | 29    |
|                                                                        |                      | Bagdihi          | 18                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Kolabira         | 31                    | 31                   |                    | 31                  |                      |                     | 31    |
| 7                                                                      | Sambalpur<br>(100)   | Dhama            | 15                    | 15                   |                    | 15                  |                      |                     | 15    |
|                                                                        |                      | Padiabahal       | 40                    | 25                   | 25                 |                     |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Rengali          | 83                    | 30                   |                    |                     | 30                   |                     | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      | Sadar            | 59                    | 30                   | 30                 |                     |                      |                     | 30    |
| 8                                                                      | Subarnapur<br>(75)   | Sonepur          | 73                    | 25                   | 25                 |                     |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Ullunda          | 77                    | 25                   |                    | 25                  |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Binika           | 33                    | 25                   |                    |                     | 25                   |                     | 25    |
| 9                                                                      | Boudh (60)           | Boudh            | 52                    | 20                   | 20                 |                     |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Kantamal         | 23                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Manamunda        | 28                    | 20                   |                    |                     | 20                   |                     | 20    |
| 10                                                                     | Athamaliik<br>(75)   | Athmalik         | 23                    | 20                   | 20                 |                     |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Bamur            | 47                    | 30                   |                    |                     | 30                   |                     | 30    |
|                                                                        |                      | Madhapur         | 29                    | 25                   |                    | 25                  |                      |                     | 25    |
| 11                                                                     | Ghumsur -<br>N (100) | Jagannathprasada | 27                    | 25                   | 25                 |                     |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Mujagada         | 67                    | 25                   |                    | 25                  |                      |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Central          | 48                    | 25                   |                    |                     | 25                   |                     | 25    |
|                                                                        |                      | Tarasinghi       | 55                    | 25                   |                    |                     |                      | 25                  | 25    |
| 12                                                                     | Ghumsur -<br>S (60)  | Buguda           | 45                    | 20                   | 20                 |                     |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Sorada           | 31                    | 20                   |                    | 20                  |                      |                     | 20    |
|                                                                        |                      | Badagada         | 28                    | 20                   |                    |                     | 20                   |                     | 20    |
| Total                                                                  |                      |                  | 2188                  | 1200                 | 359                | 386                 | 330                  | 125                 | 1200  |

VSS, enhancement of house hold income in the project area by 15% and 100 crores in minimum will be converged from different government schemes in the programme villages.

It is expected that by the end of the project, there will also enough

capacity building of the institutions created (1200 VSS and 3600 SHG) which will be sustainably managing their natural property resources with equitable distribution of usufructs and will be capacitated enough to implement their own development plan in convergence.



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## Important Landmarks of Indian Forestry

### Phase-I : East India Company Period

**1800:** Appointment of first Commission to assess availability of Teak forests in Malabar;  
Regulations to restrict felling of Teak trees below 21 inch girth  
**1805:** Royalty rights over Teak introduced  
**1806:** Conservation of forests for organizing timber supplies from West Coast started  
**1842:** First teak plantation was taken up at Nilambur (Kerala)  
**1847:** First Conservator of Forests appointed for Bombay Presidency  
**1855:** Memorandum for conservation of forests was issued

### Phase-II : British India Period

**1864:** Sir Dietrich Brandis, a German was appointed as first Inspector General Forests  
**1865:** First Indian Forest Act promulgated  
**1871:** Working Plan based forest management commenced

**1878:** Indian Forest Act revised (term 'forest' removed from definition); 1st Forestry Training school opened at Dehradun  
**1885:** Imperial Forest Service constituted (Training started at Cooper's Hill in U.K.)  
**1891:** Provincial Forest Service started (Training at Dehradun)  
**1894:** First Forest Policy Resolution, laying down sound principles for preservation of forests was issued  
**1905:** First Chief Conservator of Forest appointed for Bombay Presidency  
**1906:** Imperial Forest Research Institute established  
**1914:** Board of Forestry formed for comprehensive Administration, Management and Training & Research  
**1921:** Forests become a 'State' subject.  
**1927:** Indian Forest Act- a consolidated law relating to forest and forest produces was promulgated/ formulated.  
**1937:** Imperial Forest Service suspended (due to depression)

**1947:** Private forests acquisition by Government started.

### Phase-III : Post Independence

**1952:** First National Forest Policy of India enunciated; 'Van Mahotsav' introduced  
**1966:** Indian Forest Service constituted  
**1972:** The Wild Life (protection) Act, 1972 formulated.  
**1977:** Forest and Wild Life became 'Concurrent' subject  
**1980:** Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 came into force  
**1985:** Setting up separate Ministry of Environment & Forests  
**1986:** Forestry Research and Training were separated. ICFRE & IGNFA came into existence.  
**1988:** Second National Forest Policy, 1988 was enunciated  
**2002:** Launch of National Wildlife Action Plan; National Afforestation Program and Enactment of Biological Diversity Act  
**2006:** Formulation of National Environment Policy



## IN &amp; OUT

**Dr. Ajit Pattanaik, IFS**  
Former Project Director  
Retired from Government service  
on attaining superannuation. A  
farewell meeting was organized  
in his honour on April 30.

**Subrata Kumar Kar**  
Joined as the State Programme  
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**Jyoti Prakash Mohapatra**  
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**Dr. Mamata Mishra**  
Joined as the State Programme  
Manager (Livelihood, NRM and  
Inter Sectoral Convergence) on  
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**Sri Lalit Kumar Tewari, IFS**  
Took over charges as the Project  
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**Sri P.C. Mishra, IFS**  
Addl. Project Director  
Retired from Govt. Service on  
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