

MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREST RIGHTS ACT HELD AT KORAPUT.

A one-day workshop-cum-training programme on implementation of the Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules thereof was organized at DNK Conference Hall, Koraput on 20.6.2010 at 10.30 A.M. Shri Rajesh P. Patil, IAS., Collector, Koraput presided over the programme. While inaugurating the same, the Collector released a book on compilation of different circulars and instructions issued by Government of India and Government of Orissa on the Forest Rights Act which was prepared by an NGO *PRAGATI*. Simultaneously, it was distributed to the participants. The Collector made a briefing on the broad outlines of the programme and impressed upon the various functionaries to implement it not only as their duty but also as a part of their social responsibility in order to derive utmost personal satisfaction.

Shri Manoj Kumar Nayak, Project Administrator, ITDA, Koraput (in charge) delivered welcome address and extended his gratitude to the participants for their pro-active steps in implementation of the Act in Koraput district.

Shri Prabhakar Adhikari, *PRAGATI*, Koraput briefed his experience on implementation of the programme. Among others, the P.A., ITDA, Jeypore and A.D.W.O., Koraput shared their experience and spoke on the implementation. Shri Y.Giri Rao, *BASUNDHARA* made a visual presentation on the subject. In addition, there was an open house discussion on the subject specially about the difficulties and ways and means to sort them out for smooth implementation of the programme. Certain doubts were also clarified.

The Sub Collector, Koraput, Sub Collector, Jeypore, Revenue Inspectors, Forest Rangers, Welfare Extension Officers, NGOs of the district and others related were present on the occasion.
