



# Formation and Strengthening of Block CES Forum



## Under RACE Project

**Venue:** Bano Block Conference Hall, Bano (Simdega)

**Date:** 08/09/2021

### Agenda:

- Objective of RACE Project
- Objective of Green Business Challenge and roadmap for conducting.
- Discussion about different types of schemes started by Govt. of India and proposal making.
- Development of Green business Ideas.
- Awareness Campaign through road show.
- Feedback Session and formation of Block Level Committee.

### Minutes of Meeting:

- **Narendra Mishra, Block Coordinator, RACE Project, LEADS** welcomed the Chief Guests and the PRI members and the young entrepreneurs from different blocks of Simdega like Bano, Jaldega, as well as he gave information about the RACE Project and outcome of the project in the intensive block of Simdega at Kolebira Block.
- **Anand Tripathy, District Program Manager, RACE Project, LEADS** discussed about the objective of the RACE Project. The concept behind the Green Business Challenge in RACE project where he emphasized on the youth entrepreneurship development could lead to better India. Along with this, he discussed in detail how we can protect the environment by adopting clean energy. He inspired the young entrepreneurship by giving the example of the mask production unit which is working in Khunti district, How entrepreneurship got a boost up during the pandemic, People also appreciated it.
- **Kuldeep Mehta, Technical Expert, RACE Project LEADS** discussed about the schemes going on the financial support to youth entrepreneurs for new startups. Where he shared the information through the Skill up India scheme banks are providing loans at low interest rate to energetic youths with new ideas to start the business specially to MSMEs.
- Then added up the scheme going on under Jharkhand govt. i.e. Mukhya Mantri Srijan Yojna where ST/OBC/Physically Challenged youths can avail loan of 50 thousand to 25 lakhs at very low interest rate of 6% only. With loan of under 1 lakh no guarantee is required.
- Explained by giving example Under the Jharkhand Chief Minister Employment Generation Scheme, now unemployed youth can take a loan of up to 25 lakhs, in that loan, they can take advantage of 40%

grant under Mukhyamantri Rojgar Srijan Yojana 2021. Suppose you have taken a loan of 100000, then you will have to return 60000.

- Shared that business ideas that can also be started by taking loan from the SHG groups.
- The community was made acquainted with the support LEADS would provide in the form of handholding support along with the seed funding support to 20 youth entrepreneurs and how to get the awards in the form of financial aid.
- This would be done through the submission of proposal submission which would be checked and verified by the jury panel along with the submitted certificates like residential, caste, income, Aadhar, bank Account, etc.
- Later on he discussed about the business idea like small flour mill, Oil extracting machine, solar dryer, Banana chips cutting machine, Popcorn machine at the paddy field which could run on domestic light and even with the solar system set up through the Kusum scheme. Price list of the domestic solar run equipments were shared and discussed about its benefits.
- Selection of business include market, demand and supply were various factors like capital involved, cost of raw materials, labour cost, room, electricity bill, licence, etc were discussed.
- Then the process of proposal was made with the example to justify that the business proposal would be profitable.
- **Kuldeep Mehta, Technical Expert, RACE Project LEADS** explained in detail to the members about smokeless chulha, how smokeless chulha works and what its benefits are. What are the subsidy limits in how villagers can get smokeless chulhas. All aspects were discussed in detail.
- The session was moderated by **Kuldeep Mehta & Narendra Mishra from the LEADS team**, who answered various questions from the youth who were curious to know about the Jharkhand government's scheme and its subsidy. He shared the schemes run by the state government. At the same time, along with taking all possible steps, talked about giving necessary support to bring the government schemes on the ground and assured every effort to get the work done in every possible coordination till the district level and State Level.
- **Smt. Sewani Barjo (Pradhan), PRI**. Appreciated the work of the **LEADS** and assured full support from the department wherever possible and appealed to the youth to come up with ideas so that they can generate employment. Also he talked about holding the next meeting soon so that more good ways can be done. To get the benefit of the scheme from him and assured to work with more cooperation and energy.

- **Smt.Renu Devi, Chief UDC Govt.of Jharkhand** Appreciated the work of the LEADS and agreed to give full cooperation at the government level, as well as appreciated the ongoing work in Kolebira block that the block level committee would prove to be a milestone in the coming times.
- Understanding the functions of the Block Level Clean Energy Solutions Forum, everyone successfully formed the committee under the voting process in which all the participating members raised their hands and agreed. Finally the meeting ended with vote of thanks by Yogesh Kumar. All the guidelines related to corona epidemic were followed in the entire meeting.

**Event Photo Gallery at a Glance:-**



