



Tata Trusts’ COO Visits Operational Villages of Lakhpati Kisan™

11 May 2023, Murhu (Khunti, Jharkhand): Tata Trusts' COO, Mrs. Aparna Uppaluri, visited operational villages of the Lakhpati Kisan™ project in Murhu block, Khunti district, Jharkhand. In Chatta village, she interacted with women's self-help group (SHG) farmers who use Solar-Based Micro-Lift Irrigation systems and cultivate around 6 acres of land.

The COO showed interest in the project's implementation process and the women farmers' income enhancement from cultivating high-value crops. The farmers shared that their income now ranges from Rs. 30K - 80K per season, enabling better life choices such as child education and savings. Mrs. Uppaluri also participated in a community meeting with women leaders and project beneficiaries to discuss various agricultural prototypes and their benefits.

The women farmers highlighted integration projects on drinking water, healthcare, and their contribution to developing model villages. They have received training on menstrual health management, cancer awareness, and have access to cancer insurance and screening camps.

Finally, Mrs. Uppaluri met with the Board Directors of Murhu Nari Shakti Kisan Producer Co. Ltd., the FPO promoted under the Lakhpati Kisan™ project. The visit was successful with the support of CInI-Tata Trusts team members.

NBJK-Run School Excels in CBSE Exams, Empowers Rural Girls with Remedial Coaching

15 May 2023, Hazaribagh: Surekha Prakash Bhai Public School, affiliated with CBSE and managed by NBJK, has achieved remarkable results in the recent CBSE exams for class XII and X. Aarav Raj emerged as the class XII topper with 92% marks, while Sweety Gupta and Sanni Kumar shared the top position in class X with 94% marks. The overall pass percentage of the school stood at 96%, surpassing the state average of 89.7% for class XII and 94.4% for class X.



Principal Ms. Rina Pandey attributed this success to the dedicated efforts of the students, the guidance from teachers and parents, and NBJK's able leadership. Among 68 class XII students, 48 secured first division and in class X, out of 174 students, 105 obtained first division.

In another development, NBJK's collaboration with Action Village India in the form of Remedial Coaching Centers (RCCs) for rural girls in Hazaribagh district has yielded outstanding results. In the recent Class X board exams, 230 girls from 17 RCCs appeared, and the overall success rate was nearly 100%. A remarkable 80% of the girls achieved first division, highlighting the effectiveness of the RCCs in providing quality education in rural areas. Riya Raj from RCC-Pabra village scored the highest with 94%.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony for MRTC Trainees

20 May 2023, Giridih: The Mission Rozgar Training Centre (MRTC) in Giridih, supported by NBJK and UTI Mutual Fund, recently organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of its trainees. Esteemed guests from different institutions have graced the occasion. They presented

course completion certificates to the trainees and offered words of encouragement.

The Certificate Distribution Ceremony served as a significant milestone for the trainees of MRTC, recognizing their dedication and efforts in completing their training successfully. The event inspired them to strive for further accomplishments and provided a platform for networking and connecting with influential individuals from various fields.

The MRTCs at Giridih, Koderma and Hazaribagh by NBJK with the support of UTI Mutual Fund, continues to empower youths by equipping them with essential skills for employment and fostering a culture of learning and growth.

Eye Healthcare Training for DPOs Leaders & ASHAs

22 & 30 May 2023, Hazaribagh: NBJK and Sightsavers organized a refresher training session for Disabled Peoples' Organizations (DPOs) leaders and members as part of the Inclusive Eye Health project. Led by Mrs. Babita Sinha from CREA, the training focused on topics like gender equality, human rights, and creating barrier-free environments for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Jitendra Kumar from Sightsavers introduced the program, and 37 DPO members from Hazaribagh district participated in the training.



In a separate event under Rural Eye Health program on 30th May in Churchu block, NBJK and Sightsavers conducted a training session at Charahi PHC on cataract awareness, attended by 52 ASHAs as participants. The success of this session was attributed to the contributions of dedicated individuals from Sightsavers and the expert guidance of Mrs. Babita Sinha.



Empowering Farmers & Laborers: Highlights from the Farmer-Labor Convention in Bodhgaya

25 May 2023, Bodhgaya (Gaya, Bihar): Recently, the Kisan-Majdoor Convention took place in Bodhgaya, organized by Gaya District Lok Samiti and allied organizations. Esteemed guests included former Bihar CM Mr. Jitan Ram Manjhi and Gandhian thinker Mr. Girija Satish.

Mr. Manjhi emphasized the challenges faced by farmers and laborers, demanding minimum support prices and fair wages. Mr. Satish highlighted the need for widespread awareness on prohibition and revival of the APMC market system.

Resolutions were passed, addressing issues such as fair purchase prices, strict prohibition compliance, irrigation system repair, agricultural subsidies, and land acquisition for landless families.

Supporting voices included MLA Mrs. Jyoti Manjhi, social worker Mrs. Putul Kumari, and Lok Samiti's Mr. Kaushal Ganesh Azad.

The convention united around 300 men and women from Gaya district, committed to the betterment of farmers, laborers, and society.



VRBEH Makes a Difference in Eye Care: May 2023 Recap

31 May 2023, Deoghar-Giridih-Jamui: During May 2023, NBJK's Vimla Ramkrishna Bajaj Eye Hospital (VRBEH)-Deoghar organized 30 eye screening events across Bengabad, Jamua, Birni, Sono, and Khaira blocks in Giridih-Jamui districts of Jharkhand & Bihar.

Through the Netra Vasant program with Sightsavers, we conducted screening camps in remote villages and provided specialized eye care at our VRBEH-associated Vision Centre in

Bengabad.

Our dedicated team also conducted door-to-door eye screenings at villages in Sono and Khaira blocks of Jamui district, identifying several cataract patients. Overall, we served 406 patients, identifying 91 cases of refractive error, 157 cataract cases, and 06 cases of pterygium. We provided follow-up services to 05 elderly patients and distributed necessary medicines to 98 individuals.

We're grateful to our staff, SightSavers, and volunteers for their valuable support. Together, we're making a difference in eye health and vision.

