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🌱 MNSKPCL Holds 8th Annual General Meeting in Khunti

Khunti, 29 September 2026: The 8th Annual General Meeting of Murhu Nari Shakti Kisan Producer Company Ltd. (MNSKPCL), an FPO promoted under Lakhpati Kisan project with support of CInI, was held at Town Hall, Khunti, bringing together women shareholders, Board members, producer groups and partner institutions.

📈 Key highlights:

- 3,766+ women shareholders and 8,113+ registered farmers
- FY 2025–26 turnover reached ₹6.11 crore
- Operations across 155 revenue villages and 25 Gram Panchayats
- 683 SHGs and 102 Producer Groups engaged
- Expansion to 30 villages and 2,500 families in Rania block, with 30 new Producer Groups

The AGM also highlighted value addition and marketing of agricultural and forest produce, including millets, tamarind, jackfruit, mango and lac products, alongside livestock and fisheries-based livelihoods.

The partnership of NBJK, CInI and MNSKPCL continues to strengthen women-led collective enterprise and sustainable livelihoods among tribal farmers.

🌱 Renovated Anganwadi Centre Inaugurated at Bhagabandh

East Singhbhum, 29 September 2026: A renovated Anganwadi Centre at Bhagabandh Village, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, was formally inaugurated under NBJK's Model Village Project – Chhota Banki, supported by Cummins India Foundation. The inauguration was graced by Mr. Aaron Morris, Global Safety & Health Leader, Cummins India



Limited; Mr. Yashvardhan Patil, Global Safety-Health Manager; and Mr. Ajitesh Moonga, Plant Head, Jamshedpur.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from local villagers and community members, who warmly welcomed the visiting dignitaries and actively joined the celebrations.

The visitors appreciated the community's participation, support and expressed satisfaction with the renovation and overall development of the Anganwadi Centre. 🍌🌱



🌱 Building Climate-Resilient Farming in Chanho, Ranchi

Ranchi, 20 September 2026: With support from MetLife Foundation, NBJK is reaching around 2,000 small and marginal farmers in seven

villages through improved irrigation, climate-smart agriculture and diversified livelihoods.

600 households received kitchen garden kits, 33 farmer groups got electric pumps, and 70 households received backyard poultry support. Farmers also benefited from exposure visits, soil testing, improved seeds, KVK training and an IoT-based weather station with soil-moisture sensors.

Together, these efforts are strengthening food security, climate resilience and sustainable rural livelihoods. 🌱



🍷 Nutritious Meals for Schoolchildren

Hazaribagh, 16 September 2026: From 1–15 September 2026, over 11 school days, NBJK-run schools in Chouparan block of Hazaribagh district served 6,495 breakfasts and an equal number of lunches under the Feeding India Programme, supported by Eternal Foundation—a total of 12,990 nutritious meals.

School-wise, the programme covered Amoli Apurva High School, Mangarh (5,316 meals), Amoli Apurva Middle School, Bahera (3,172), Amoli Apurva

Middle School, Prajapat Nagar (2,378) and Chandrakala Devi Daga High School, Kewaliya (2,124).

Children received sprouted gram or green gram with milk for breakfast and rice, pulses and vegetables for lunch.

The initiative is being warmly appreciated by the community, particularly women, who traditionally shoulder much of the responsibility for cooking and feeding children at home.



Strengthening Rural Livelihoods in Khunti

Rania (Khunti), 13 September 2026: With support from Azim Premji Foundation (APF), NBJK's Rural Livelihood Development Programme is promoting climate-resilient agriculture, lac cultivation and livestock among small, marginal and landless households in Rania Block, Khunti.

The programme aims to

reach 2,750 households across nearly 30 villages.

During the first year:

- 996 households surveyed across 24 villages
- 1,703 acres of cultivable land mapped
- Paddy promoted among 730 farmers
- High Value Agriculture among 608 farmers
- Finger millet, pulses and Rabi vegetables promoted among 1,581 households
- Farmers and Local Resource Persons received training and exposure
- Strong MIS, monitoring and community institutions established

The programme is laying a strong foundation for diversified and climate-resilient livelihoods.

Back to Work, Back to Life ✨

Patna, 10 September 2026: Shri Shankar Sao, 45, from Rajapur Pul, Patna, has lived with a locomotor disability caused by polio since childhood. A tailor by profession, he lost his livelihood during the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving his family of six in financial distress.

During a community outreach under the Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Project, Shankar was identified and supported to access his rights and entitlements. He received a UDID card and was enrolled in the disability pension scheme, receiving ₹1,000 per month.

Recognizing his passion for tailoring, the project provided skill upgradation training and livelihood support, helping him restart his tailoring shop near his home.

Today, Shankar's customers are returning, his income is improving, and his confidence is renewed.





Restoring Vision and Independence

Gaya, 8 September 2026: At 49, Smt. Budhmanti Devi of Horidih village, Atri, Gaya, had been struggling with poor vision caused by cataracts in both eyes. Coming from a marginalized and landless family, she was initially unaware of the cause and afraid of surgery.

During a village outreach visit, a health worker from the Atri Vision Centre of NBJK run Lok Nayak Jay Prakash Eye Hospital (LNJPEH), Gaya,

identified her condition and referred her for treatment.

After counselling, Budhmanti agreed to undergo cataract surgery on her left eye on 24 January 2026. Supported under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme, the treatment was provided without any financial burden. Her vision improved dramatically from 4/60 to 6/9 in the operated eye. Today, she can once again manage household activities, care for her grandchildren and move around independently. Encouraged by the result, she is now preparing for surgery on her right eye.

Five FPOs Hold Annual General Meeting in Choreya

Chanho (Ranchi), 3 September 2026: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of five Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) was held at Choreya village, Chanho block, with the participation of around 190 farmer members. The FPOs—Birsa Munda Choreya, Taranga Gramin, Karkat Gramin, Roll Gramin and Tala Gramin Farmer Producer Companies—are being strengthened under the HDFC Bank Parivartan-supported Focused Rural Development Program (FRDP) implemented by Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK).



Discussions focused on farmer participation, institutional strengthening, collective procurement of paddy, technical support, collective marketing, market linkages and better price realisation.

The meeting also highlighted the convergence of FRDP with NABARD's Producer Organisation Development Fund (PODF) initiative, aimed at strengthening FPO leadership, management and collective action.

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