

## PROGRESS

- Pakur team has selected 26 candidates for skill training to be imparted by L&T Delhi. These candidates would leave for Delhi in two batches i.e. 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

## LAUNCH

- Social Mobilisation Agency – KSRA, launched its community radio program ‘Nava Dahar’ on 23rd October 2010. Starting from 24th October 2010, the program is on air on every Sunday, at 6.30 PM. The project is supported by JSLPS and can be heard in 67 countries on All India Radio . The inauguration function was attended by Dr. Kailaspati Jha, M&E Specialist; Mr. Deepak Upadhyay, State Project Associate; Mr. Naveen Gupta, State Finance Associate; Mr. D.D. Singh, Block Coordinator, Namkum from JSLPS and Mr. S.A. Ahmad, President, KSRA.

## REPORTS

- WASSAN the technical consultant engaged by JSLPS for providing support to State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) has submitted its first draft report titled ‘Capacity Building Strategy for Integrated Watershed Management Projects in Jharkhand’. The report details about the selection criteria of watershed and implementing agencies, Institutional arrangements, etc. in the IWMP.
- DRDA – Palamau with support from JSLPS district team, led by Mr. Arif Akhtar, District Coordinator, Palamau, have developed a report titled ‘*A study on Impact of Drought, Means to find out solution for SUA Panchayat, Sadar block, Palamau*’. The report is based on primary information collected on aspects likes – Agriculture, Livestock, NTFP, Migration, Food Security etc in food unsecured period.

## TENDER

- With reference to expression of interest for conducting baseline survey under financial inclusion project in Pakur, technical presentations were made by three agencies – Winrock, NABCONS and Sutra Consulting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Financial bids of the agencies were also opened in their presence. Declaration of result is pending.

## **NEW COMINGS**

- The mission of document of the NRLM has been sent by MoRD, GoI to all the States, including Jharkhand. A final meeting is going to take place at NIRD, Hyderabad on 18-19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10.

## **INTERVIEW**

- The interview for the State and District Level Financial Inclusion Specialist positions under Financial Inclusion – Pakur is scheduled on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10 respectively.

## **VISITS:**

- Mr. Ratnesh, Program Officer, Poverty Unit, New Delhi and Mr. Harish Chautani, Consultant visited JSLPS office on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 to discuss on future strategies of Financial Inclusion project in the State. The visiting team also saw JSLPS work in Anagara block along with Mr. S. K. Satapathy, Secretary, Rural Development Department, GoJ.
- Mr. Debasis Mohapatra, Livelihood Specialist attended a LFA workshop for the potential Energy project of UNDP and ONGC at Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.10. All the district team members contributed off grid and on grid (electrified) list of villages of project blocks.
- Dr. Kailaspati Jha, M&E Specialist visited SERP, Hyderabad from 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10 to view their MIS system. He also attended a meeting with Development Alternatives, New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> November 10 to discuss on developing approach paper on housing policy in the State.
- Mr. S.N.Pandeya, Project Manager, and Dr. Kailaspati Jha, M&E Specialist would be attending a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10 in Dept. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, N. Delhi to discuss on Govt. of Jharkhand's proposal 'JOHAR' submitted for funding from World Bank.
- Dr. Kailaspati Jha, M&E Specialist would also be attending a meeting on piloting of BPL at MoRD on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 2010 at Delhi.
- Mr. Deepak Upadhyay, State Project Associate, would be attending a 5 days training program on Credit Aspects in Rural Development at Bankers Institute of Rural

Development (BIRD), Lucknow. The training program from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10 is sponsored by NABARD.