

## Highlights of activities

**i. JANA MANCH (Thematic Sessions):** Thematic Consultations will be organized on themes like MGNREGA, FRA, Land Rights & Basic Services for the SEGs with a special focus on women and PWDs involving social activist, government officials and community leaders.

**ii. Exhibition "Our Village-Our Dreams":** The CBOs will develop and display their dream map on the theme of "Our Village-Our Dreams".

**iii. JANA MATA (Reflection of People's Voice):** CBO leaders will express their views/voices/demand/issues on various grassroots issues. These demands will be documented and presented as a People's Manifesto to the Hon'ble Chief Minister & Governor of Odisha.

**iv. KHOLA KATHA (Live talk with CBO leaders):** CBO leaders would share their responses related to LOK SANGATHAN UTSAV and views/comments on FRA, MGNREGA and other government schemes and services.

**v. Photo Exhibition "Celebrating Community Leadership":** The Photographs of leaders would be displayed with a brief write-up capturing their profile and contribution made by them in their respective areas.

**vi. Ama Sangathan, Ama Pragati:** The CBOs will display creatively their Programme, CBO profile, key achievements, photo-diary publications, case-studies etc in the CBO exhibition stalls.

**vii. Peace Rally:** A rally on the theme 'Our Voice-Our Rights' will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from the venue to the Rajmahal Chowk with participation of CBO leader, CSO representatives, social activists and others.

**viii. Cultural Events:** The cultural troops (folk) from 10 districts would perform in the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 including dance, songs and social dramas on various local issues.

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14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Adivasi Exhibition Ground  
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

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## Lok Sangathan Utsav

### Background

Poorest Areas Civil Society Programme (PACS) is an initiative of the Department for International Development (DFID). PACS works with Civil Society Organizations to help community groups claim their rights and entitlements by promoting inclusive policies, programmes and institutions at local, district and state levels. PACS programme is being implemented in 90 districts across 7 states of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

PACS believes that the desired changes are only possible when the community take charge of their own development. Alongside taking initiatives for their own development, empowered Community Based Organizations (CBOs) make the service providers accountable. Therefore, the most important interventions of PACS are to build cohesive group of the socially excluded and build their capacities so that they assert their rights. Thus, one of the key roles of the PACS partner Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) is to nurture and handhold the community based organisations to become stronger, empowered and self sustained.



PACS is working in 14 tribal districts of Odisha in partnership with 35 CSOs. During last 2 years, PACS has promoted and strengthened various CBOs to address the socio-economic issues at grassroots level such as Village Development Committees (VDC), Self Help Groups (SHG), Shramika Sangha, Gram Panchayat level Land Rights Committees (GLRC), Labor Union, School Management Committees (SMC), Gaon Kalyan Samithee (GKS), Jangal Suraksha Manch (JSM), Community Action Groups (CAG), Children's Club, Forest Rights Committees (FRC) etc. These CBOs are actively taking up community issues and are playing vital role in community planning, implementation and monitoring of the various government programmes in collaboration with Government line departments and other CSOs.

To celebrate the work and leadership of these grassroots CBOs, PACS is organizing state level conclave "Lok Sangathan Utsav"- Celebrating CBO Leadership" on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Bhubaneswar. Around 1500 Lok Sangathan leaders from 14 districts would participate in the conclave.

## Celebrating Community Leadership

### Objectives

- To provide a platform for interaction among CBO leaders on various thematic areas of MGNREGA, FRA, land rights and basic services.
- To generate awareness about CBOs engagement in mainstream development process and share their best practices at state level.
- To offer an open forum for social excluded group to interact with development professionals, social thinkers, social activists and community leaders.

It is expected that the Conclave will provide an opportunity for exchange of experience and learning among CBO leaders and will instill greater confidence among them with collective strength and wisdom. This will also provide visibility to the strength & achievements of the CBOs and will pave ways for state level network for periodic advocacy on different issues.

