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**A REPORT ON TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR FRONTLINE  
STAFF OF DHANBAD FOREST DIVISION UNDER “DPR FOR  
REJUVENATION OF DAMODAR AND SUBARNAREKHA  
RIVERS THROUGH FORESTRY INTERVENTIONS”**

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A training program for the stakeholder departments of Dhanbad district, such as frontline staffs of Dhanbad forest division, agriculture, and Horticulture department under “DPR preparation on rejuvenation of Damodar and Subarnarekha rivers through forestry interventions” was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the conference hall of Combined Bulding, Dhanbad Forest Division. Altogether 28 participants including range officers, front-line staff of Dhanbad Forest Division, and representative from Agriculture and Horticulture department, Dhanbad, were present in the program. Shri, Bimal Lakra, DFO, Dhanbad, initiated the programme by welcoming the house and introduced the house to IFP team and stated that on their end, they would be required to collect survey data from the Damodar basin region under the forest division.

Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Scientist-G & Nodal Officer, IFP Ranchi, presented a brief introduction to the project. He also deliberated the previous initiatives undertaken by the MoEF&CC for the rejuvenation of India's 13 rivers. He also presented the current DPR plan for the Damodar Rivers and their tributaries to provide information on prospective activities and riverscape buffer zone. Sk Mujibar Rahaman, Subject Matter Specialist also described the data collection form to the participants. The copies of these forms were distributed among the participants. He responded to the questions posed by the participants. He demonstrated using KML file for ascertaining location while recording field records. Various queries such as issue of invasive species, landscape falling outside the natural landscape, pollution to rivers due to industries, and river encroachments were discussed and addressed. Issues such as elephant corridor, soil erosion and drought on some part of river basins are major issues were discussed. During the meeting, DFO, Dhanbad told about the initiatives taken by the Dhanbad forest department concerning river-side plantations. He also urged Horticulture officer to provide area wise economics of horticulture species, which will be beneficial for the field staff of the forest division while interacting with the farmers to promote agroforestry activities. The program was interactively coordinated by the IFP team members Mr Shibnarayan Patihar, Junior Project Fellow. During the session, Shri Rajesh Kumar Verma, VEW, District Horticulture Department, Dhanbad, Shri Maksud Alam, VEW, District Horticulture Department, Dhanbad, representative of Shri Shiv Kumar Rai,

District Agriculture Officer, Dhanbad, and the front-line staff of all the three ranges under the Dhanbad, forest division were present.

### Photographs

