



Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development

## **ITRHD YOUTH PROGRAMME**

### **Tree Plantation Initiative**

**Van Mahotsav 2021**

**Ranchi, Jharkhand**

The **ITRHD Jharkhand chapter**— organised the Tree plantation drive "**Ek ghar - Ek ped**"- One house One Tree in villages near Ranchi. The plantation was done in :

Marwah village in Kanke Block of Ranchi district 21 kms from Ranchi – the tree plantation drive "Ek ghar - Ek ped" was launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> June on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ITRHD. Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Ranchi Lok Sabha, Shri Sanjay Seth was the chief guest and supported the initiative.

A large number of villagers, especially the youth had assembled for the event. It was a newly excavated pond site little away from the village area, the youth were greatly excited and initiated the tree plantation on the banks of the pond.

Next the planation was done in Dugdugia village of Khunti district 33 kms from Ranchi – the plantations were done on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Due to delay in the rains the final part of the plantation drive was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August in Dumertoli and Purna Chatra villages in Chatra panchayat in Angara Block of Ranchi district, 18 kms from Rnachi.

Total of 1000 saplings were planted and with the support of the State Government and Forest Department the saplings were procured for free.

NGO's like Prerna, Global Village Team and Team Green also partnered with ITRHD Jharkhand chapter in this initiative.

Many organisations have been conducting tree plantation drives in the rural sector but the distribution of saplings to the villagers of the fruit trees and other good quality plants was a great selling point of ITRHD's initiative of "**Ek Ghar Ek Ped**" and was very well received. Villagers were very excited to receive the saplings and planted them in their homes.

It has been very overwhelming to see the enthusiastic response of the villagers and youth and it has been decided to plan and execute the plantation/ distribution drive next year in meticulous manner coming fully prepared in coordination with village youths. It has also been planned to add a couple of neighbouring villages next year to increase our outreach and have large number of plantations in rural Jharkhand under the ITRHD Youth initiative.











