### **Fundamental Action and Research Foundation**



Vision to Development and Human Rights

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## ABOUT FARF—A SMALL INITIATIVE

**Fundamental Action and Research Foundation\*\* (FARF)**, a Bangalore based non-profit organization, is working in the field of Rural development, agriculture and related research areas. So far, FARF's primary focus has been on rural development and agriculture, so that people from rural and remote places are not left behind from rest of the country in the fast moving world of Information Technology.

To help in agriculture and rural development, it is working towards transparency in Government schemes, awareness campaigns, agriculture campaigns among other things.

As part of its rural development program, FARF has started unique initiative in 2016 called FARF Adarsh Gram Yojana (FAGY) by adopting 5 villages. In FAGY initiative, FARF has planned to spread awareness about central & state Government schemes, allocated villages level budget and expenses, technical and legal advises on these 5 selected villages.

At the same time, it has planned to continue awareness campaign and rural development workshop. In October 2016, FARF has planned to cover Area Development Index (ADI), significance of digital village and a short documentary film on rural development.

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### **OUR JOURNEY SO FAR**

- ⇒ Successfully organized a rural development workshop in Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh in September 2015.
- ⇒ Awarded 15 members team of 'Pahal Ek Prayas' for their efforts towards "Clean India Mission".
- ⇒ Conducted voter awareness and organized a village level rural development workshop in Bhadohi District, Uttar Pradesh (March-2015).
- ⇒ Provided consultancy and important information related to rurural development on need basis to numerous individuals
- ⇒ Filed multiple RTIs (~10) related to rural development, central government schemes and Agriculture information.

## Do You Know / Facts:

Agriculture sustain's nearly half of all households in India and needs a new paradigm, said the 2015-16 Economic Survey.



## **MEET OUR PEOPLE**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVVELOPMENT

- ⇒ In the Union budget 2016-17, for rural development, on the whole total of Rs 87,765 crore provided.
- ⇒ 28.5 lakh hectares will be brought under irrigation under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana.
- ⇒ In the Union Budget 2016-17, initial corpus of approximately Rs. 20,000 crore under NABARD to create dedicated Long Term Irrigation fund.
- ⇒ 5 lakh farm ponds and dug wells in rain fed areas to be taken up under MNREGA in 2016-17,.
- ⇒ Creation of 10 lakh compost pits for organic manure to be taken up under MNREGA in 2016-17.
- ⇒ In the Union Budget 2016-17, provision of Rs 5,500 crore made for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
- $\Rightarrow$  The government allocated Rs 19,000 crore for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in 2016-17 .
- ⇒ 2.85 million hectares will be brought under irrigation through the flagship Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana (PMKSY) scheme in 2016-17.
- ⇒ To increase crop yields in rain-fed areas the budget allocated Rs.412 crore towards organic farming.
- ⇒ For enhancement in pulses production, the budget allocated Rs.500 crore under the National Food Security Mission. The programme will cover 622 districts in the country.
- ⇒ Soil health card scheme has target to cover all 14 crore farm holdings by March 2017.

### **TESTIMONIALS**

- ⇒ Great Work! FARF is on the right track and the momentum is picking up. Carry on with your good work as always Ram will be your helping hand.
- Ram Sundher (Twice National Awardee & Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship)
- ⇒ Well done Mr. Anand. Keep contributing to the society. If you need any assistance regarding Organic farming or any other projects we can connect you to the Si Sri Rural Development Programme (SSRDP).
- Geetha Balasubramanian (Volunteer & Trainer at Art of Living, Bangalore)



## **FARF-IN PICTURES**

Rural Development Workshop (September 2016)



Presentation in Workshop



Public Participation in Workshop



Presentation by Anand Pandey (FARF Convener)



Public Participation in Workshop



Bhadohi Social Service Award by FARF



Open Meeting in Village



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ **Rural Development Workshop:** Workshop is planned to cover Area Development Index, significance of digital village and a short documentary film in Bhadohi (Date: 27 October 2016)
- ⇒ **FARF Adarsh Gram Yojana:** FARF to adopt 5 villages for rural development work (Date: 18-26 October 2016)
- ⇒ **Program on Government Primary School Date:** (19-20 October 2016)
- ⇒ **Ramanujan Maths Olympiad** (Date: 23 October 2016)

## Do You Know / Facts:

As of 23-Feb-2016, a total of 13,000 villages are not electrified. All remaining villages to be electrified within next 3 years.

#### **FARF MESSAGE**

Dear All,

Most of us in FARF are professionals/students who are contributing their valuable time & efforts towards rural development and agriculture transformation. Considering limitations on resources, finance etc, we are progressing very gradually but we are consistent and untired in our journey and achieving our goals.

So far in our journey, we have received tremendous support from all section of the society. We hope to get your continuous moral support and best wishes. It really encourages us when we hear kind words for our work as we are not here for any business but for small changes.

If you want to be involved directly or indirectly for the socio-economic development in your state/district/village, feel free to contact us. You may contribute through time/suggestion/financial support. We are in process but still have not been certified as 80-G. Hence, we are sorry that you may not get tax-exemption till the time we are 80-G certified.

If interested for financial support, the account payee cheque or demand draft can be made in favour of **FUNDAMENTAL ACTION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION**, payable at *Bangalore*.

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## **SUCCESS STORIES**

- ⇒ FARF has few success stories from Northern part of India (District: Bhadohi (Sant Ravidas Nagar), State: Uttar Pradesh)
- ⇒ Success Story#1: In Bhadohi district, few active members of FARF team have started unique initiatives by making digital villages. Few digital villages are: Sikhapur (www.sikhapur.in), Bhikharirampur (www.bhikharirampur.com) and Jorai (www.jorai.in). This initiative in Bhadohi district is expected to help in rural development and will bring more transparency in implementation of the Government schemes.
- ⇒ Success Story#2: After successful organization of rural development workshop by FARF in September 2016, FARF received a request from a remote village (village—Hardua, District—Bhadohi) by a local resident (name—Diwakar Mukhiya) on 24th September 2015. Diwakar had already filed 10 RTIs on certain matters related to Indira Awaas Yojana but did not get him single reply and was feeling alone in his fight. FARF team set-up meeting with Diwakar without any delay and provided useful information and details.



#### **ABOUT FARF:**

FARF registration in Karnataka in 2014



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