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From the Desk of CEO,TDF



As we look back on 2024–25, we take pride in the progress made by TDF in promoting Tasar sericulture as a sustainable and climate-resilient livelihood for rural and forest-fringe communities.

One of the key achievements this year has been the continued development of Tasar host plantations on privately owned wastelands, government barren lands and open forest areas. These plantations are creating productive livelihood assets for communities while also contributing to carbon sequestration and environmental sustainability.

Our partnerships have been an important part of this journey. Our collaboration with DMF Keonjhar, DMF Jajpur and the Department of Sericulture, Odisha has strengthened plantation, seed and cocoon production initiatives. Through our partnership with Cognisphere Solutions Ltd. (CSL), we have also taken the Tasar plantation model to Madhya Pradesh, expanding Tasar sericulture into new geographical areas.

We have continued to strengthen community institutions, producer collectives, post-cocoon activities and market linkages, particularly in West Bengal. These efforts are helping more families participate in the Tasar value chain and improve their livelihood opportunities.

Innovation and learning have remained central to our work. In collaboration with CTR&TI, Ranchi, we initiated field trials to review and improve brushing and pruning schedules in response to changing climatic conditions. Such efforts will help make Tasar sericulture more productive and resilient.

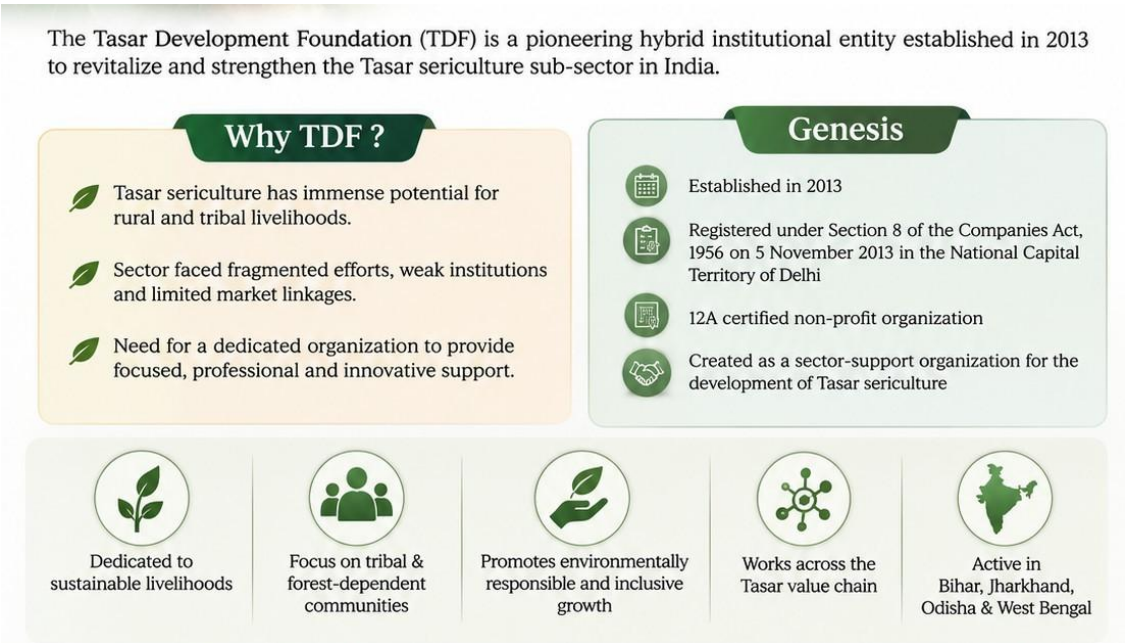
These achievements have been made possible through the dedication of our teams, communities, partners and stakeholders. We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to this journey.

Looking ahead, TDF remains committed to expanding sustainable livelihood models, strengthening community institutions, promoting innovation and building Tasar sericulture as a viable livelihood and environmental solution for the future.

Best Wishes

WhoWe Are

Genesis and existence of the Tasar Development Foundation



Our Strategic Priorities

01

Livelihood& Value Chain Development

- Improve productivity through technology and innovation.
- Strengthen the value chain from production to processing and marketaccess,creating sustainable livelihood opportunities.

02

Quality Inputs& Sustainable Production

- Ensure the availability of quality Tasar seed and critical production inputs.
- Promote sustainable plantation development and resilient production systems.

03

StrongInstitutions&Strategic Partnerships

- Strengthen producer institutions to improve governance, scale, and market access.
- Foster partnerships with government,CSR,research institutions, and community organizations.

04

CapacityBuilding&Innovation

- Build skilled human resources through training and leadership development.
- Encourage research,innovation,and knowledge sharing for long-term sector growth.

Projects of Tasar Development Foundation

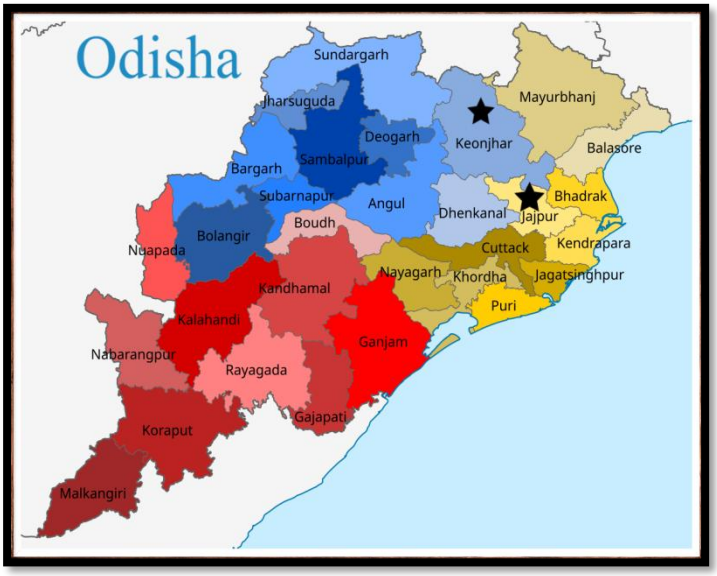
SL No.	Name Project	Funding Agency
1	Livelihood enhancement of people in mining affected areas of Keonjhar through plantation of Tasar Host Trees “Asan & Arjun””	DMF, Keonjhar
2	Livelihood enhancement of people in mining affected areas of Keonjhar through plantation of Tasar Host Trees “Asan & Arjun”” in Basapal	DMF, Keonjhar
3	Livelihood enhancement of people in mining affected areas of Keonjhar through plantation of Tasar Host Trees “Asan & Arjun”” in Jhumpura	DMF, Keonjhar
4	Revival of Tasar Sericulture and livelihood enhancement of Rearers of Jajpur	DMF, Jajpur
5	TASAR-A Way Forward to Lives in Jungle Mahal Cluster,Jhargram and Bankura Dtistrict ,West Bengal	IMEDF (SFURTI)
6	Region and Reason Specific selection of Prunning and brushing schedule for Tasar food plants and silk worm protection.	CTR & TI, Ranchi
7	On field trial and on Station trial of Technology under project	CTR & TI, Ranchi
8	Documentation and validation of indigenous Technical knowledge in Tropical Tasar Zone	CTR & TI, Ranchi
9	Support in Plantation Raising and strengthening the community institutions	Cognisphere Solutions Ltd



Odisha

Tailored solutions for rural and tribal Tasar livelihoods

TDF's strategic engagement in Odisha centers on developing tailored solutions to address the diverse socio-economic challenges facing the state, particularly in its rural and tribal-dominated regions where Tasar sericulture serves as a vital source of livelihood. Through targeted, community-focused initiatives, TDF has significantly strengthened Tasar-based livelihood systems across the state.



These efforts have streamlined Tasar sericulture operations end-to-end—ensuring tribal communities gain reliable access to high-quality Tasar seeds for rearing, which in turn has translated into better yields and fairer prices for their seed cocoons. Beyond production, TDF's interventions have also empowered rural women through income-generating opportunities in post-cocoon activities such as reeling and spinning, fostering economic independence while strengthening the resilience and sustainability of the broader Tasar value chain in the region.

Driving Impact in Jajpur

With support from the District Mineral Foundation (DMF), TDF is currently implementing two flagship projects in Odisha—one in Jajpur district and one in Kendujhar district—aimed at the socio-economic advancement of tribal communities. Together, these projects span three blocks (two in Jajpur and one in Kendujhar), reaching rearers where the need is greatest.

The *Revival of Tasar Sericulture and Livelihood Enhancement of Tasar Rearers* project, supported by DMF Jajpur, marked a landmark year in revitalizing Tasar sericulture in the region, achieving notable gains in both Disease-Free Layings (DFL) production and commercial cocoon yields.

Through TDF's hands-on interventions, Tasar rearers embraced sustainable rearing practices that translated directly into higher productivity and income. This progress was validated on the national stage when the Sukinda Tasar Rearers' Cooperative Society (TRCS) received the **1st prize for Tasar cocoon production** at the national level—a testament to the strength of TDF and DMF's joint efforts. Rearers reported yields exceeding **50 cocoons per DFL**, with natural rearing methods alone producing over **45 cocoons per DFL**.

Rearingperformance,Jajpur2024–25

TypeofRearing	No.of Rearers	No.ofDFLsused	No.ofcocoons produced	Average Cocoon/DFL
1stCropTV(Seedcocoon)	8	850	54,180	64
2ndCropTV(Seedcocoon)	52	8,535	4,95,000	58
3rdCropTV(CommercialCocoon)	321	65,426	32,97,188	50



Seed crop rearing in Jajpur

Strengthening Seed Production Through CommunityOrganisation

Recognizing that a reliable, high-quality seed supply is the foundation of any successful sericulture ecosystem, TDF facilitated the formation of a dedicated seed production group at the block level—**Maa Tarini Tasar Utpadak Sangh**. This collective brings together representatives from every village-level producers' group operating within Sukinda block, creating a unified platform through which seed production activities can be planned, coordinated, and scaled in a systematic manner.

Under the continuous guidance and technical mentorship of the Tasar Development Foundation (TDF), the Sangh has taken ownership of seed production operations, effectively utilizing two key pieces of infrastructure: the Pilot Project Centre (PPC) at Mangalpur, which serves as a hub for scientific rearing practices and quality control, and the seed production facilities available at the premises of the Tasar Rearers' Co-operative Society, Sukinda. This dual infrastructure model has allowed the group to maintain consistent production standards while building local capacity for long-term self-management.

> **HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR**
>
> The group produced approximately **1.7lakhDisease-Free Layings(DFLs)** —enough to meet the complete seed requirement of the project and supply a surplus of **95,974 DFLs** to neighbouring districts across Odisha.

The results this year reflect the strength of this collective approach. The group produced approximately **1.7 lakh Disease-Free Layings (DFLs)**, a volume sufficient not only to meet the complete seed requirements of the project itself but also to generate a meaningful surplus. This surplus was channeled to neighboring districts across Odisha, helping bridge local seed shortages elsewhere and contributing directly to the state's broader push to increase raw silk production.

Beyond the production numbers, this achievement carries deeper significance. It demonstrates that community-led institutions, when supported with the right technical guidance and infrastructure, can move beyond meeting their own needs to becoming net contributors to the regional value chain. The success of Maa Tarini Tasar Utpadak Sangh also serves as a replicable model for other blocks and districts, showcasing how localized ownership of seed production can strengthen supply chain resilience, reduce dependency on external seed sources, and ultimately support the long-term sustainability and growth of Odisha's Tasar sericulture sector.

Seed production by MaaTariniTasar Utpadak Sangh, Sukinda

Type of Grainage	Seed cocoons processed	DFLs produced	DFLs used in own project area	Surplus DFLs supplied outside
2ndGrainage TV	54,180	20,935	8,535	12,400
3rdGrainage TV	4,95,000	1,49,000	65,426	83,574
Total	**5,49,180**	**1,69,935**	**73,961**	**95,974**



Enhancing Post-Cocoon Livelihoods Through Reeling and Spinning



Under the "Revival of Tasar Sericulture and Livelihood Enhancement of Tasar Rearers in Jajpur District" project, TDF has taken significant steps to strengthen the post-cocoon value chain and create sustainable income opportunities for rural artisans. As part of this initiative, 50 Buniyad reeling machines were provided to 50 reelers across four villages, enabling them to produce high-quality reeled Tasar yarn. Complementing this, 15 spinning machines were distributed across two villages**,** further expanding local capacity for yarn production. To ensure these artisans could effectively operate the new machinery and adopt best practices, **a** 20-day training programme on Tasar yarn production was successfully conducted, equipping participants with the technical skills needed to improve both quality and output.

However, the initiative faced a challenge during the reporting period: the **high market price of commercial cocoons** pushed up input costs for reelers and spinners, which in turn led to a slowdown in yarn production. This underscores the need for continued market linkage support and pricing interventions to help sustain momentum in the reeling and spinning segment going forward

Tasar Vikash Samity at the National-Level DMF Exhibition,Konark

Pitambari TVS from Kanchichua village participated in the DMF exhibition held at Konark from 18th to 21st January 2025, showcasing the group's work before a wider audience. At the exhibition, the TVS presented both pre-cocoon activities and yarn production processes, offering visitors a comprehensive view of the Tasar sericulture value chain in action. TVS presented both pre-cocoon activities and yarn production processes, offering visitors a comprehensive view of the Tasar sericulture value chain in action.The exhibition provided an excellent platform for the TVS to display their skills and achievements, with visiting dignitaries

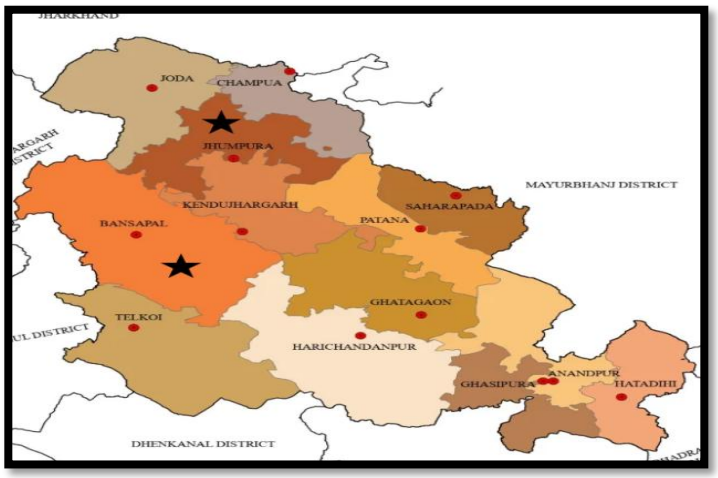




"Livelihood Enhancement of small and marginal farmers of Keonjhar district through plantation of Tasar host tree "Asan & Arjuna 2.0""

This project is a scale-up of the successful first phase of the Tasar host tree plantation program, supported by DMF Keonjhar since 2019. Under Phase 1, 600 hectares of plantation were raised across Banspal and Harichandanpur blocks (300 hectares each), supporting the livelihoods of mining-affected families in the district.

Building on strong community demand, favorable climatic conditions for Tasar rearing, and the availability of underutilized revenue land, DMF Keonjhar is now supporting an additional 1,500 hectares of plantation over the next six years, expanding to five blocks (including the original two) in a phased manner.



★ Star indicate project implementation area

This six-year integrated tribal development project takes a holistic approach to boosting production and marketing, centered on converting unused or marginal revenue land into a sustainable livelihood source for small and marginalized families. Plantations will follow a 70:30 ratio of Asan to Arjun, with intercropping in gap spaces where soil quality permits.

Beyond plantation activities, the project also includes complementary interventions in environment and soil conservation, water resource development, agriculture, and women's development—aimed at the overall upliftment of mining-affected communities.

Under this phase, an additional 300 hectares of Tasar host tree plantation will be taken up in Banspal block, implemented over a 4-year cycle—the first year for plantation raising, followed by three years of maintenance. Interested families will form a village-level institution called the Tasar Vikash Samity (TVS), comprising all women members, which will serve as the nodal community body driving plantation activities from inception. Upon maturity after four years, participating families will receive tree pattas and take up Tasar silkworm rearing on the plantations



Banspal Block

Plantation plan–Banspal Block

Sl.No.	BlockName	Year	Area (ha)
1	Banspal	2024-25	125
2	Banspal	2025-26	100
3	Banspal	2026-27	75
	Total		**300**



In 2024-25, TDF successfully transplanted Tasar host tree plantations across 90 hectares in five villages, with active participation from all Tasar Vikash Samity (TVS) members and the wider village community throughout the programme. A total of 1,66,680 Tasar host tree saplings—comprising Asan and Arjun species—were transplanted across these five villages.To ensure adequate protective irrigation solar based submersible, 6 bore wells and 1 lift irrigation unit were installed across the villages, while the plantation fields were safeguarded from grazing through Cattle proof trench(CPT).

In addition to the plantation activity, TVS members cultivated a variety of vegetables in the intercropping patches, including radish, brinjal, okra, cauliflower, cabbage, and other seasonal produce—further diversifying income sources and enhancing food security for the participating families.

JhumpuraBlock

For the first time, TDF initiâtes Tasar host tree plantation activités in Jhumpura Block, marking an important step towards expansion Tasar sericulture in the region. A dedicated local team was positioned in Jhumpura to identify suitable plantation land, mobilise communities, and conduct village-level meetings to create awareness about the potential of Tasar sericulture.

To build confidence among the villagers, the community members were exposed to established Tasar sericulture clusters, where they could directly observe the livelihood opportunities and economic benefits generated through Tasar rearing. These exposure visits helped strengthen community interest and encouraged villagers to take up Tasar host tree plantation in their own villages.

During 2024–25, TDF successfully established Tasar host tree plantations across 75 hectares in four villages. The programme witnessed active participation from members of the Tasar Vikash Samities (TVSs) as well as the wider village community. A total of 1,38,900 Tasar host tree saplings, comprising Asan and Arjun species, were successfully transplanted across the four villages, laying a strong foundation for future Tasar sericulture-based livelihoods in the area. To ensure adequate protective irrigation solar based submersible, 6 bore wells and 1 lift irrigation unit were installed across the villages

Plantation plan–Jhumpura Block

Sl.No.	BlockName	Year	Area (ha)
1	Jhumpura	2024-25	75
2	Jhumpura	2025-26	75
3	Jhumpura	2026-27	50
	Total		**200**



TVS members received extensive training and capacity-building orientation on various on-field activities related to plantation management and Tasar sericulture practices. As part of this learning process, they undertook exposure visits to established Tasar plantations, where they interacted directly with experienced growers and rearers to understand best practices, common challenges, and practical field-level solutions.

In addition, TVS members visited established Tasar sericulture-based organizations to gain deeper insight into the end-to-end value chain—from plantation and rearing to post-cocoon processing—further strengthening their understanding of the sector and equipping them with the knowledge needed to manage their own plantation and rearing activities more effectively.



"Livelihood Enhancement of small and marginal farmers of Keonjhar district through plantation of Tasar host tree "Asan & Arjuna 1.0""



Under the project "Livelihood Enhancement of People in Mining-Affected Areas of Kendujhar through Plantation of Tasar Host Trees - Asan & Arjun," supported by DMF Keonjhar, this year saw the continued maintenance of 300 hectares of Tasar host tree plantations raised on revenue waste lands, with the objective of developing sustainable and productive assets for the beneficiary families. In 2024-25 maintenance work that the tasar host trees are transplanted in the 2021-22. Recognizing that plantation maintenance requires sustained labour input, particularly during the critical early growth years, the project adopted a convergence-based approach by linking plantation maintenance activities with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). This convergence not only provided beneficiaries with dependable, alternate employment opportunities close to home but also ensured that the plantations received the consistent care and attention needed for healthy tree growth during their formative years.

During the gestation period of the plantation—when the Asan and Arjun trees are yet to mature and generate returns for the beneficiary families—the intervening space between plantation rows was thoughtfully utilized for vegetable cultivation. Taking advantage of the irrigation facilities already available at the site, beneficiaries cultivated a range of Rabi season crops in these interspaces. This intercropping practice served a dual purpose: it helped meet the daily nutritional requirements of beneficiary households, while any surplus produce was sold in local markets, generating a valuable additional stream of income during a period when the main plantation asset was still maturing.

Taken together, this multi-layered and integrated approach has delivered benefits on several fronts simultaneously. It has strengthened household livelihoods in the immediate term through wage employment and vegetable income, while also laying the foundation for long-term economic security through the eventual maturation of the Tasar host tree plantations. In doing so, the project has ensured not just the ecological sustainability of the Tasar plantation ecosystem, but also the social and economic sustainability of the communities that depend on it.

In 2024-25, 15 beneficiary families undertook Tasar silkworm rearing on host trees planted under the plantation programme in 2019 and 2020, marking a significant milestone as these earlier plantations reached productive maturity. A total of 1,735 DFLs were brushed across the plantation patches for commercial rearing.

Through this rearing cycle, beneficiaries harvested 40,197 cocoons, which were subsequently sold to the Banspal Tasar Rearers' Co-operative Society (TRCS), generating direct income for the participating families and demonstrating the tangible economic returns of the maturing plantations.







West Bengal

Building a forest-to-fabric circular economy in JungalMahal

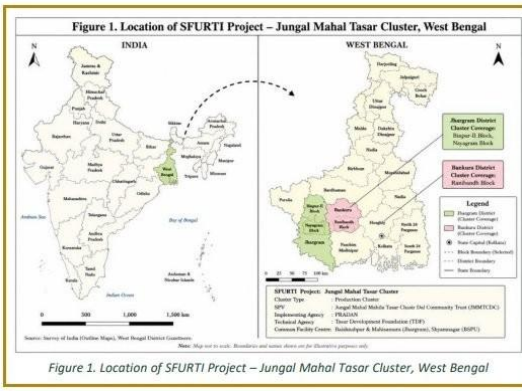


Figure 1. Location of SFURTI Project – Jungal Mahal Tasar Cluster, West Bengal

In West Bengal, TDF operates across two districts and three blocks, with a focused mandate of enhancing Tasar sericulture-based livelihoods among tribal communities. A plantation project was successfully implemented across two of these blocks, while TDF has continued to actively monitor rearing activities on the ground to ensure consistent quality outcomes. Central to this work is the community institution, JangalMahal Mahila Tasar Chasir Dal Community Trust, which plays a pivotal role in producing high-quality Disease-Free Layings (DFLs) to meet the seed requirements of tribal communities whose livelihoods remain deeply intertwined with Tasar sericulture. This integrated, community-driven approach has strengthened the local Tasar value chain end-to-end, opening up sustainable livelihood opportunities for tribal families across the region. In 2024-25, the Basic Seed Production Unit (BSPU) at Shyamnagar, along with other small seed-producing units managed by the community institution, together produced 1,19,457 DFLs from 6,58,845 seed cocoons

This year marked the Third year of implementation of the project titled "Tasar – A Way Forward to Transform Lives in JungalMahal." Implemented across the JungalMahal cluster of West Bengal, the project envisions building a circular economy in which every stage of the value chain, from forest to fabric, is interconnected and self-sustaining. TDF has provided critical technical support toward the project's successful execution, working in close partnership with the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed by PRADAN and the JungalMahal Mahila Tasar Chasir Dal Community Trust.

Activities under SFRUTI Project





This year, the project extended support to 975 families through targeted capacity-building programmes, equipping them with essential skills and knowledge spanning the entire value chain, from seed production and seed cocoon production to commercial cocoon rearing, yarn production, and fabric production technologies.

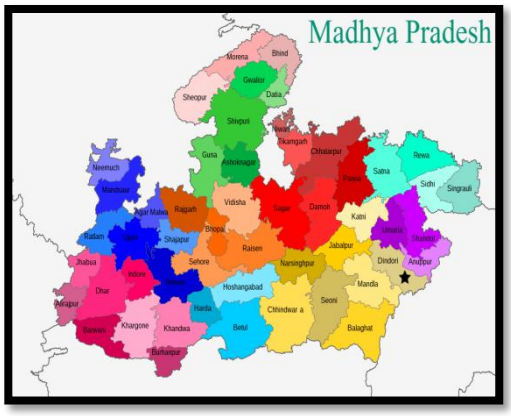
As a direct outcome of these capacity-building efforts, yarn producers in the region have scaled up production significantly, engaging in both reeled and spun yarn manufacturing. In 2024-25, 327 yarn producers collectively produced 500 kg of reeled yarn and 200 kg of spun yarn. Complementing this, the project facilitated the procurement of 7 lakh cocoons by the SPV, providing yarn producers with a steady and reliable supply of raw material. Together, these interventions have enabled local producers to increase production volumes, improve product quality, and access larger and more remunerative markets for both reeled and spun yarn.



Madhya Pradesh

Turning degraded wastelands into livelihood assets

Tasar Development Foundation (TDF) is providing technical and managerial support to Cognisphere Solutions Ltd. (CSL) for establishing Tasar host tree plantations on degraded, barren, and privately owned wastelands in Madhya Pradesh. In the current year, CSL successfully established Tasar host tree plantations across 3000 hectares in the non-traditional Tasar sericulture belt of the state. These lands had remained largely unproductive for several years and were characterized by poor land development, lack of bunding and terracing, and significant topsoil erosion.



TDF played a key role in planning and implementing the plantation programme, including the preparation and supply of 22 lakh high-quality Tasar host tree seedlings through TDF Pvt. Trust. TDF's technical experts supported CSL in identifying suitable plantation sites, developing field-level plantation plans, and selecting and training local human resources to ensure effective implementation and maintenance of the plantations.

Beyond plantation development, TDF facilitated the formation and strengthening of village-level community institutions, enabling beneficiary families to actively participate in plantation management and take collective responsibility for protecting and sustaining the assets created. To strengthen their understanding and motivation, TDF also organized exposure visits for beneficiary families to well-established Tasar host tree plantations in Jharkhand. These visits provided practical insights into Tasar-based livelihoods and demonstrated how previously fallow and unproductive lands can be transformed into productive, sustainable livelihood assets.

Through this collaboration, TDF and CSL are creating a foundation for the expansion of Tasar sericulture in Madhya Pradesh while simultaneously promoting land restoration, community participation, and sustainable livelihoods. The initiative demonstrates how degraded and underutilized private lands can be transformed into long-term livelihood assets, creating new opportunities for rural communities in a non-traditional Tasar-growing region



Jharkhand

Strengthening the Tasar ecosystem in India's leading Tasar state

Jharkhand, India's leading Tasar-producing state, continues to be a strategic geography for TDF's work in strengthening Tasar sericulture and building sustainable livelihoods for tribal communities. TDF has contributed to the Tasar production ecosystem through plantation development, seed production, infrastructure creation, human resource development, technical innovation, and market-oriented value-chain interventions.



TDF has established large-scale block plantations in Godda, Dumka, and West Singhbhum districts, creating a strong foundation for the expansion of Tasar-based livelihood. Over the last three years, more than 2,000 hectares of Tasar host plantations have been established on privately owned barren and under utilised lands in Jharkhand. These plantations are expected to create sustainable livelihood assets for more than 2,000 tribal families and, in the coming years, contribute to the availability of quality DFLs for Jharkhand as well as neighbouring Tasar-producing states.



During 2023–24, TDF implemented a range of Tasar-based interventions across seven districts and 17 blocks in Jharkhand. During the year under review, TDF directly established 90 hectares of Tasar host plantations in Jamtara district and provided technical support to Cognisphere Solutions Ltd. (CSL) in establishing 1,000 hectares of plantation in Simdega and Gumla districts. These plantations were established on barren and unproductive uplands owned by tribal families under carbon-oriented projects.

The plantation programme serves a dual purpose: creating long-term livelihood assets for tribal households while restoring degraded and underutilised land. Plantation and maintenance activities also generate wage opportunities for local families, helping reduce seasonal dependence on migration. Asan and Arjun, the primary Tasar host trees, contribute to carbon sequestration and environmental restoration, thereby linking livelihood development with climate action.

Building a Self-Reliant Seed Ecosystem

TDF has made significant investments in strengthening the Tasar seed sector in Jharkhand. Infrastructure such as Basic Seed Production Units, seed production facilities, cocoon banks, and yarn banks has been developed to strengthen different stages of the Tasar value chain. TDF has streamlined quality DFL production through three district-level Farmer Producer Organisations operating across Dumka, Godda, and West Singhbhum. The DFLs produced through these BSPUs have gained recognition among rearers for their quality and have been able to command premium prices in the market.



A significant milestone has been TDF's demonstration of a systematic protocol for Tasar seed production in the private sector. The protocol was subsequently reviewed by scientists from the Central Silk Board, providing an important foundation for improving the quality, reliability, and scalability of private-sector seed production.

These interventions have contributed to strengthening Jharkhand's self-reliance in the Tasar seed sector and have created a strong institutional and technical base for future expansion

DFL production by district-level producer organisations

Name of the Producers'Organisation	Cocoons processed	DFLs produced	Rearers Supplied
AvenTasarKitPalakPrimaryCo-operative,Dumka	12,33,752	2,47,774	1,612
EktaTasarVikashTrust,Godda	6,36,568	1,15,922	701
SinghbhumSarjombaTasarVikashTrust,West Singhbhum	4,72,089	62,591	521
Total	**23,42,409**	**4,26,287**	**2,834**



Research for Adapting Tasar Sericulture to to mitigate Climate Change in cordination with CTR&TI

Climate variability is increasingly influencing Tasar silkworm rearing, particularly through changes in temperature, rainfall patterns, and the availability and condition of host plants. In response, TDF, in collaboration with CTR&TI, has undertaken field-based experimentation to develop an adapted schedule for initiating silkworm rearing.

1- Region and Season Specific selection of Prunning and brushing schedule for Tasar food plants and silk worm protection.

"Region- and Season-Specific Selection of Pruning and Brushing Schedules for Tasar Food Plants and Silkworm Protection" across different blocks of Jharkhand. Under this initiative, Community Resource Persons (CRPs) systematically collected field-level data from Tasar rearers practicing different pruning schedules. The data generated through this study will help identify the most suitable pruning and brushing schedules for Bivoltine and Trivoltine Tasar silkworms under varying regional and seasonal conditions. The findings will contribute to developing evidence-based, region-specific and sustainable production practices, ultimately improving silkworm protection, productivity and the overall efficiency of Tasar sericulture activity.



2-Documentation and validation of indigenous Technical knowledge in Tropical Tasar Zone

TDF, in collaboration with CTR&TI, undertook an initiative to document the indigenous practices and traditional knowledge followed by Tasar rearers across the major Tasar-producing districts of Jharkhand. The objective was to understand the traditional techniques used by rearers, assess their utility and effectiveness, and explore how these practices contribute to improving Tasar rearing outcomes.

As part of the initiative, the team interacted closely with Tasar rearers to document their field-level experiences, traditional methods, locally available resources, and practical solutions developed over generations. The exercise brought forward several useful and innovative practices that have the potential to strengthen Tasar rearing.



One of the notable practices documented was the use of **grease and oils extracted from locally available forest products to restrict the movement of ants onto Tasar host plants**. Such practices demonstrate how rearers effectively use locally available resources to address field-level challenges in a cost-effective and environmentally appropriate manner. The initiative has helped bridge **traditional knowledge with scientific exploration,** creating opportunities to validate, refine, and promote effective indigenous practices for wider adoption. It also highlights the valuable knowledge possessed by Tasar-rearing communities and reinforces TDF's commitment to promoting locally relevant, sustainable, and community-led innovations in Tasar sericulture.

TDF is also working closely with scientists of the Central Silk Board to improve the quality and productivity of Tasar yarn. Several experiments and trials have been undertaken to develop yarn with different quality characteristics in response to evolving market requirements.

This work aims to bridge the gap between primary Tasar production and market demand by encouraging quality improvement, product diversification, and greater value addition within the Tasar value chain.

TDF's work in Jharkhand extends beyond individual interventions. By combining plantation development, quality seed production, institutional strengthening, infrastructure creation, technical innovation, human resource development, and market-oriented value addition, TDF is helping build a more resilient and self-sustaining Tasar ecosystem. The experience gained in Jharkhand is also serving as a foundation for replicating and adapting Tasar-based livelihood models in new geographies. Through this approach, TDF is contributing to the creation of productive land assets, sustainable livelihoods, climate-resilient production systems, and stronger community institutions—while positioning Tasar sericulture as a viable pathway for long-term tribal livelihood development.



Our People

Our greatest strength

At TDF, we believe that our people are our greatest strength. We have built a dedicated, self-motivated, and field-oriented team committed to bringing meaningful and sustainable change to the lives of rural and tribal families through Tasar sericulture and related livelihood interventions.Recognising the importance of continuous learning and professional development, TDF regularly organises training, exposure, and capacity-building programmes to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and managerial capabilities of its staff. During the year, our team participated in technology upgradation and technical training programmes supported by CTR&TI, along with Entrepreneurship Motivation Training (EMT) facilitated with the support of Cognisphere Solutions Ltd. (CSL). These initiatives have helped our staff stay abreast of emerging technologies, improve field practices, and strengthen their ability to manage and implement programmes effectively.



TDF is equally committed to the well-being, dignity, and social security of its employees. The organisation provides health insurance and accidental insurance coverage to its staff, recognising the importance of financial protection in times of unforeseen circumstances. During the year, TDF also introduced gratuity provisions into its personnel system, further strengthening the organisation's commitment to long-term employee welfare and social security.

TDF strives to foster a workplace culture built on inclusiveness, openness, teamwork, and experiential learning. Staff members are encouraged to learn from field experiences, share knowledge, take initiative, and continuously improve their practices. This enabling environment supports both professional development and personal growth, while strengthening the collective capacity of the organisation to innovate, respond to emerging challenges, and achieve new milestones in its mission of sustainable livelihoods and rural transformation.

Sl. No	Designation	Number
1	Chief Executive Officer	1
2	Programme Coordinator	2
3	Project Anchor	3
4	Project Coordinator	5
5	Project Based Technical Expert	4
6	Supervisors	7
7	Internal Auditor	1
8	Accountant	3
9	Seed Coordinator	4

Media coverage in local news paper

ଟସର ଚାଷ କରୁଛି ସ୍ୱାବଲମ୍ବୀ ୮ ଚାଷୀଙ୍କୁ ମିଳିଛି ରୋଜଗାର

ସୁନ୍ଦିଆ, ୧୫।୯(ସମିସ): ସୁନ୍ଦିଆ ଅଞ୍ଚଳର ଚାଷୀମାନେ ଟସର ଚାଷ କରି ସ୍ୱାବଲମ୍ବୀ ହେଉଥିବା ଦେଖିବାକୁ ମିଳିଛି। ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଖଣିଜ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନ ଓ ସହକାରୀ ରେଶମ ଶିଳ୍ପ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ ଡେଙ୍କାନାଳର ତତ୍ତ୍ୱାବଧାନରେ ସୁନ୍ଦିଆ ବ୍ଲକ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ଇଚ୍ଛାପୁର ଗ୍ରାମର ୮ଜଣ ଟସର ଚାଷୀ କରି ୪୫ଦିନ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଜଣକ ପିଛା ୩୦ହଜାର ଟଙ୍କା ରୋଜଗାର କରିପାରିଛନ୍ତି। ଗତ ୨୦୨୨ ମସିହା ଠାରୁ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଖଣିଜ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନର ଏକ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ପରିଯୋଜନା ଦ୍ୱାରା ଟସର ଚାଷର ଅଭିବୃଦ୍ଧି ପାଇଁ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇଛି। ଏହି ପ୍ରୋଜନାରେ ଇଚ୍ଛାପୁର ଗ୍ରାମସ୍ଥିତ ବିହନ ଉତ୍ପାଦନ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପରିସରରେ ଅର୍ଜୁନ ଓ ଅର୍ଜୁନ ଗଛକୁ ବ୍ୟବହାର କରି ଇଚ୍ଛାପୁର ଗ୍ରାମର ୮ଜଣ ଚାଷୀ ଟସର ଚାଷ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରିଥିଲେ। ପ୍ରତିବର୍ଷ ଏହି ଚାଷୀ ବର୍ଷକୁ ଦୁଇଥର ଟସର ଚାଷ କରି ଏକ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା ଉପାର୍ଜନ କରିପାରୁଛନ୍ତି। ଚଳିତ ବର୍ଷ ପ୍ରଥମେ ଟସର ବିହନ ଚାଷ ପାଇଁ ୧୫୬୨ ରୋଗମୁକ୍ତ ଅଣ୍ଡା ନେଇ ୮୫, ୨୮୦ ଟସର କୋଷା ଅମଳ କରିଛନ୍ତି। ଏହି ଟସର କୋଷାକୁ ଟସର ସମବାୟ ସମିତିରେ ବିକ୍ରିରୁ ୨ଲକ୍ଷ ୭୭ହଜାର ଟଙ୍କା ଉପାର୍ଜନ କରିଛନ୍ତି। ଏହି ବିହନ କୋଷାରୁ ଅଣ୍ଡା ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରି ୫୩ଜଣ ଚାଷୀଙ୍କୁ ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟ ବିହନ ଚାଷ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ରୋଗମୁକ୍ତ ଅଣ୍ଡା ଉପଲବ୍ଧ କରାଯାଇଛି। ଟସର ଚାଷ ପାଇଁ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଖଣିଜ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନ ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ସହଯୋଗ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିଥିବା ବେଳେ ଟସର ଡେଭଲପମେଣ୍ଟ ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଚାଷୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ବୈଷୟିକ ତାଲିମ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଉଛି। ଏବେ ସୁନ୍ଦିଆର ଟସର ଚାଷୀମାନେ ଅନ୍ୟ ରାଜ୍ୟର ଚାଷୀମାନଙ୍କ ଠାରୁ ଅଧିକ ଟସର କୋଷା ଅମଳ କରି ସ୍ୱାବଲମ୍ବୀ ହେବାସହ ଅନ୍ୟ ଚାଷୀ ମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରେରଣା ପାଲଟିଛନ୍ତି।

वनवासी तसर कीटपालकों की वार्षिक आमसभा आयोजित



दीप प्रज्वलित करतीं विधायक डॉ निक्की हैंब्रम .

प्रतिनिधि, जयपुर

जयपुर थाना क्षेत्र अंतर्गत इनारावरण गांव के को-ऑपरेटिव भवन के समीप मैदान पर शनिवार को वनवासी तसर कीट पालक कोऑपरेटिव समूह के सोजन्य से वार्षिक आमसभा का आयोजन किया गया. जिसमें मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में कटोरिया विधायक डॉ.निक्की हैंब्रम, बौंसी मंडल अध्यक्ष मनमीत साह, कटोरिया पूर्वी के मंडल अध्यक्ष भोला प्रसाद यादव व भाजपा कार्यकर्ता मिथिलेश कुमार सिंह ने संयुक्त रूप से दीप प्रज्वलित कर विधिवत कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ किया. जिसमें कोऑपरेटिव से जुड़े तसर कीटपालक सैकड़ों की संख्या में उपस्थित रहे. वार्षिक आमसभा में कीटपालकों के वार्षिक आय के बारे में बारी-बारी से जानकारी ली गयी. बेहतर खेती करने वाले किसानों को उपहार स्वरूप कीट पालक संबंधित अर्जुन की पेड़ के छंटाई के लिए मशीन प्रदान किया गया. इसके अलावे किसानों को और बेहतर खेती करने को लेकर जागरूक किया गया. इस मौके पर तसर डेवलपमेंट फाउंडेशन देवघर के डायरेक्टर राजेंद्र कुमार खंडई, तसर बीज के क्षेत्रीय कोऑर्डिनेटर अजय कुमार सिंह, कोऑपरेटिव के अध्यक्ष सुनील हैंब्रम, सचिव सुनीता सोरेन, कोषाध्यक्ष सुजाता देवी, सदस्य इनरमा देवी, सलाहकार सदस्य अभिमन्यु सिंह व बुद्धिनाथ हैंब्रम सहित अन्य महिला व पुरुष किसान उपस्थित थे.



केंदुझर की महिलाओं के उत्पाद से प्रभावित हुए केंद्रीय खान मंत्री



केंदुझर, (संवाद सूत्र) : कोणार्क में संपन्न राज्यों के खान मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन के दौरान आयोजित डीएमएफ प्रदर्शनी में भाग लेने वाली केंदुझर की महिलाओं के उत्पादों की सराहना की गई है। यह सम्मेलन 18 से 21 जनवरी तक आयोजित किया गया था, जिसमें जिला खनिज फाउंडेशन (डीएमएफ), केंदुझर द्वारा लगाए गए स्टॉल का केंद्रीय खान मंत्री जी किशन रेड्डी और केंद्र सरकार के खान मंत्रालय के अतिरिक्त सचिव संजय लोहिया ने दौरा कर सराहना की। आंध्र प्रदेश के खान मंत्री कोलू रवींद्र ने भी उक्त स्टॉल पर प्रदर्शित उत्पाद की काफी सराहना की। उल्लेखनीय है कि डीएमएफ केंदुझर जिले में रेशम के उत्पाद को बढ़ावा दे रहा है। अधिकारियों ने केंदुझर के बनदुर्गा टसर समिति और नवापड़िया टसर विकास समिति के वस्त्रों को देखकर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की तथा इन उत्पादों को भगामुंडा टसर सिल्क पार्क के माध्यम से बेचकर आत्मनिर्भर बनने की जानकारी ली। अधिकारियों ने मां मंगला स्वयं सहायता समूह के स्टॉलों का भी दौरा किया तथा रागी से निर्मित खाद्य पदार्थ, पारंपरिक भोजन की विविधता तथा महिलाओं की आत्मनिर्भरता पर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की। केंद्रीय खान मंत्री और खान मंत्रालय के अतिरिक्त सचिव ने महिलाओं की उद्यमशीलता की भूमिका और स्थानीय उत्पादों को राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर लाने में उनके प्रयासों की सराहना की। इस अवसर पर केंदुझर की स्वयं सहायता समूह की महिलाओं ने अपने स्टॉल पर मंत्री एवं अपर सचिव का पारंपरिक ढंग से स्वागत किया।

Financial Statements

For the year2024–25

Tasar Development Foundation

Company Limited by Guarantee and not having Share Capital
3 Community Shopping Center Neeti Bagh New Delhi New Delhi DL 110049 IN
CIN:U17290DL2013NPL259919 Email id:helpdesk@nimbusconsulting.net
Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2025

	Particulars	Note No.	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
I	**EQUITY AND LIABILITIES**			
1	**Shareholder's Funds**			
	(a) Reserves and Surplus	3	1,41,39,554	1,43,86,467
	(b) Capital Asset fund	3A	3,64,007	1,50,778
			1,45,03,561	1,45,37,245
2	**Non Current Liabilities**			
	(a) Other Long Term Liabilities	4	-	-
	(b) Long Term Provision	4A	-	-
			-	-
3	**Current Liabilities**			
	(a) Trade Payables :-			
	(A) total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises; and	5	-	
	(B) total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	5	1,25,063	62,280
	(b) Other Current Liabilities	6	43,83,805	21,91,778
	(c) Short Term Provision		-	-
			45,08,868	22,54,058
	TOTAL		1,90,12,429	1,67,91,303
II	**ASSETS**			
1	**Non Current Assets**			
	(a) Property, Plant and Equipment			
	Property, Plant and Equipment	7	3,64,010	1,50,777
	(b) Long Term Loans and Advances	8		
			3,64,010	1,50,777
2	**Current Assets**			
	(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents	9	1,58,78,619	1,61,99,321
	(b) Short Term Loans and Advances	10	8,99,600	4,41,205
	(c) Other Current Asset		18,70,201	-
	(d) Inventories		-	-
			1,86,48,420	1,66,40,526
	TOTAL		1,90,12,429	1,67,91,303

See accompanying notes forming part of the financial statements 1-24

As per our report of even date attached
For N S B & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN: 023043N

Jiwan Singh Mehta
Partner
M. No. 530567

Place: New Delhi
Date : 15/09/2025

For and on behalf of the Board of
Tasar Development Foundation

MOHD SHAMSHAD ALAM
Director
DIN 09257069

SOUMEN NANDI
Director
DIN 10154911

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended March 31, 2025

Particulars	Note No.	For the year ended March 31, 2025 (Rs.)	For the year ended March 31, 2024 (Rs.)
I INCOME			
(a) Grant / Donation Received	11	2,69,57,597	2,87,57,924
(b) Consultancy and Other Income	12	63,60,934	8,39,499
Total Income		3,33,18,531	2,95,97,423
II EXPENSES			
(a) Grant/Programme Expenses	13	2,37,78,182	1,18,81,597
(b) Change in inventories		-	-
(c) Employee Benefit Expenses	14	77,84,607	66,51,900
(d) Other Expenses	15	20,02,656	9,15,769
(e) Depreciation	7	1,88,417	44,723
Total Expenses		3,37,53,862	1,94,93,988
III Excess of Income over Expenditure Before Tax		- 4,35,331	1,01,03,434
IV Tax Expense			
V Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year		- 4,35,331	1,01,03,434
Appropriation to/(from) of Fund			
Capital Assets Fund		-	
Capital Assets Fund		1,88,417	44,723
Net Surplus/(Deficit) transferred to Balance Sheet		- 2,46,914	1,01,48,157

See accompanying notes forming part of the financial statements 1-24

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Jiwan Singh Mehta
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Sukinda TRCS Awarded 1st Prize

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