

### PUBLIC SUMMARY-2016

- SARA (Society for Afforestation, Research and Allied Works) is highly thankful and grateful for all the stakeholders who have shown their keen interest in our activities. SARA is an FSC® -FM Certified society since 2011 and registered under Karnataka Society act, 1960. The main aim of the society is to provide helping hand to farmer members to strengthen themselves through providing technical expertise and proper guidance for their capacity building.
- Till the year 2016, the operations of SARA have spread over a total area of 49425 acres. During the year 2015-16, we had planted new area of around 111 acres and undertaken 471 acres of Coppice area Thereby, the total plantation area reached up to 49425 (20010.12 hectare). This year SARA has decided to maintain the existing plantations with full concentration looking to the yield potential. The total no of farmer members has arrived 8246 members.

Here is the detailed summary of SARA plantations operations till the current year:

S.No	Section Name	Total No of SARA Members (till year 2016)	Total area under SARA Operations (Acres)	Harvested Qty in MT (till year 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct. 2016)
1	Malgi	601	4343	32462
2	Ramnagar	787	2501	22578
3	Koppal	1132	5987	4450
4	Radhanagari	1193	6218	12557
5	Chandgad	981	5302	15529
6	Chennamana Kittur	780	6303	12884
7	Khanapur (North South)	2541	10844	72373
8	T.Nanaji-Gudur (A.P)	197	5466	53313
9	Kulluwali	34	2461	Yet Not started
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8246</b>	<b>49425</b>	<b>226146</b>

(Note: Harvested quantity in MT is considered from September, 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016)

Harvesting is being undertaken in the plantation of year 2006,2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 already and harvesting for 2011 year is almost on completion against which during the year up to 31/10/16 felling have been done in 22906 acres land and extraction of 226146 MT pulp wood have been made.

- During the year 2015, The SARA Experts has identified 1 conservation areas one in Village of Sitawada in Ram Nagar section. These areas are identified and in future will be maintained and record keeping of all the parameters has been kept at the respective section office By SARA staff.
- During 2015, year under Land and Ecological restoration SARA has devoted water body created to feed local staff need within the dense plantations of Kulluwali section covering the area near to 1 Acre. SARA will conserve and preserve this area.
- From last four years SARA has explored and trying to access new markets to sell its outcome other than WCPM. We had sold some certified wood to a local timber trader on pilot basis. Along with this we are trying to explore opportunities in pole market also.
- Section wise training is imparted to SARA members and staff covering all aspects of plantation management, health & safety issues as described in training calendar by experts. Membership rulebooks have been distributed to all new farmer members.
- Health and safety cases are reported and dealt by respective section Manager. Complaints are also received and resolved by the respective section manager according to intensity and frequency.
- No illegal harvesting and use of any kind of pesticide is reported in plantation area till now.
- Financial summaries including budgets, expenditures and expected revenue gained from plantations are available at SARA main office, Dandeli.
- This year SARA conducted and completed growth monitoring of standing plantations of each year of the all sections to assess the growth and yield of plantation before harvesting and this practise will remain continue till harvesting.
- During 2016 SARA has attended National Conference on Forestry: Current Challenges and Future Prospects held at HFRI (ICFRE), Shimla and presented a research paper on "IMPORTANCE OF FSC CERTIFICATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT, BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTALLY BENEFICIAL: ROLE OF SARA" and got high appreciation.

Annual General meeting was held on 30-08-2016 at Dandeli. All the members from SARA Management committee along with the farmer members were present. Some new resolutions were passed and implemented which are as follows:

1. The annual accounts with auditor's reports for the financial 2015-16 were adopted.

2. The new resolution has been passed in AGM that Sh. Vimal Arora as New Vice-Chairman after resignation of Sh. P.K. Mundra and Sh. S. Venugopal as New Director of the Society after retirement of Sh. Rajendra Kumar Chopra.
3. Under CSR "Corporate Social Responsibility" program, this year SARA has distributed note books and sweets on Children's Day (14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016) in Primary School, Kumbelinaka of Ram Nagar Section. One water purifier and note book distribution in Vidyamandir Village Mathgaon in Radhanagri section under Kolhapur District. In Chandgad section distribution of fruits tree on World Environment day (5<sup>th</sup> June, 2016) in Marathi Vidyamandir of Sripadwadi Village of Chandgad Taluka under Kolhapur District. In Khanapur Section, Fruits tree were planted and one water purifier donated on World Environment Day (5 June, 2016) in Primary School, Kalmani Village of Khanapur Taluka under Belgaum district. In Kittur/Kuluvalli section, repair of check dam done for storage of rain water in pond for local community and wild animals. In Koppal section Note books and stationary items distributed in Government Primary School, Bevur and Hunsiyal, Koppal District on Children's Day (14 November, 2016).
4. This year SARA has also revised its rates for pulpwood of all sections from Rs. 800/MT to Rs. 1200/MT from 2013 fresh plantation onwards and in case of Coppice plantation rate will be Rs. 1200/MT.

All above information is true as per SARA management. Stakeholders and general public can verify the above information at SARA office and section offices.

  
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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016