

SEEDBALL FESTIVAL

Community members, inspired by a visit to Bichhiya in Madhya Pradesh, transformed the initiative of making seed balls into a festive celebration, garnering active participation, especially from women and children. This innovative approach not only heightened awareness about the significance of forest restoration but also showcased a commitment to conservation. A noteworthy community decision refrained from grazing livestock on the seeded land for a year, reflecting evolving social norms. Simultaneously, SHG members played a pivotal role in the meticulous preparation of seed balls, adopting a technique involving a drying process and careful seed encapsulation to ensure successful germination and prevent premature spoilage.

Drawing on the cost-effective method observed in Bichhiya, the community encapsulated local seeds, including Mahua, Jamun, Sal, Karanj, Amla, Imli, Tendu, Kusum, Bhelwa, Beheda, Amla, Neem, Khamhar, Arjuna, fostering a future source of NTFP for the community. This community intervention aligns with Samerth's efforts to address forest depletion and loss of species diversity. The emphasis on native or local varieties of seeds ensures a conducive atmosphere for germination and growth, contributing to Climate Change Mitigation and adaptation. The seed ball technique becomes a proactive step towards assisted regeneration and community involvement in forest restoration. The further plantation with in the landscape and also to create livelihood opportunity for local community. Apart of Forestry Department, Kabripathra Nursery is one of the single nursery patch running through Jay Baba Dev Mahila Samuh (SHG)

Based on our learning experiences from the past year and in collaboration with the PRADAN team, the CHiRP team acquired knowledge about seed ball preparation. Through community capacity-building efforts, we successfully broadcasted 9782 seed balls across an 11.24-hectare patch.



4 Returns Reflection

Natural Return: Adopting the practice of methodology to regenerate mixed plants at forest land and common land patches will create a healthy biodiversity.

Social Capital: The community comes together to follow the process of making seedballs and broadcasting with a celebration of the festival.

