

Project Update: April 2014

1. Kindly find attached herewith the 'scientific publication' as an outcome of the work we did under RSG. This is a book chapter and hence in the pdf format. The State Forest Department has included it in its official circular to its all working circles.
2. Secondly, it's heartening to note that the 'Seeds which we (RSG) had sown way back have now become trees' in literal sense. The attached file gives you an idea about it. From a couple of farmers in the first initial phase to a few hundred in the last 5 years till the Booster, the inputs have been provided towards raising captive plantations of economically important endangered medicinal plant species. State Forest Department appreciated the efforts, promoted it and this is the only plantation of *Nothapodytes nimmoniana* (cancer cure plant) we have in the State. Medicinal Plant Board included it in the 'priority species' list and it is now benefitting farmers at large. Another focal species, *Saraca asoca*, has attained reproductive stage in-situ. Looking at the success, now many farmers are now willing to join hands in scale-up of the programme. It is one of the most satisfying moments to witness this transition.

