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**THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF BARIPADA: A CASE STUDY**

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ABSTRACT

Baripada Gram Vikas Samitee (BGVS), guidance from NGO's & Janseva Foundation helped villagers for Community based activities like building toilets , kitchen garden, water recycling, cultivation of cash crops and conservation of forest on 450 hectare land. The conserved forest shows rich vegetation and constructed 03 percolation tanks , 470 small bunds and 70 soil bunds by which village is self sufficient for their water need.

Women contributed much in household income women in Baripada activity participate in inside or outside house work like cooking , childcare , care of animals. In agriculture work like cultivation, dairy maintainance, poultry , bee keeping. They also involved in social activities like FPC(Forest protection commitee) the arogya (Health and Sanitation) committee. Women are actively participating Vanbhangi mohatsav, where women have to cook as many wild edible plants (fruits/tubers/leaves) that are not found in their homes or farms. Marriage are organized collectively to reduce the expenses and useful for social gathering. Women helps the marketing of fruits, vegetables, rice, flowers of mahua etc.

Baripada was rewarded rupees 1 Lakh from forest department IFARD award from Bangkok (Thailand) and recently Government of Maharashtra donated 25 lakh rupees for the development of Baripada.

KEY WORDS : BGVS, FD (Forest Department), Forest conservation , water harvesting , womens , agriculture , social , economical etc.