

The Jharkhand Watershed Project

The Jharkhand Watershed Project, also known as the Jharkhand Tribal Empowerment & Livelihoods Project (JTLEP), is an initiative aimed at improving the livelihoods of tribal communities in Jharkhand, India, by enhancing their agricultural productivity and promoting sustainable land and water management practices.

Key Features of the Project:

1. **Watershed Management:*** The project focuses on the development and management of watersheds, which involves the conservation and efficient use of water resources, soil conservation, and the improvement of degraded lands. This helps in increasing agricultural productivity and reducing the vulnerability of the communities to droughts and other climate-related challenges.
2. **Livelihood Support:*** It provides support for enhancing livelihoods through various activities like promoting agriculture, horticulture, livestock rearing, and non-timber forest products. The project also supports the formation of self-help groups (SHGs) and farmer producer organizations (FPOs) to enable better market access and financial inclusion.
3. **Capacity Building:*** The project emphasizes the capacity building of local communities, particularly women and tribal populations, by providing training and skill development programs. This helps in building local institutions and enhancing the decision-making power of the communities.
4. **Institutional Support:*** The project works closely with local government bodies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of watershed management practices and to create a supportive environment for sustainable development.
5. **Sustainable Development Goals:*** The project aligns with various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as no poverty, zero hunger, clean water and sanitation, and climate action, aiming to create a more resilient and sustainable environment for the tribal communities.





Impact:

The Jharkhand Watershed Project has contributed significantly to improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities in Jharkhand. It has led to increased agricultural productivity, improved water availability, and enhanced income levels for the beneficiaries.



The project is a part of the broader efforts by the Government of Jharkhand and other partners to address the challenges faced by tribal communities in the state and to promote inclusive growth and sustainable development.

