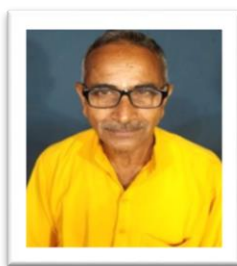


Environ-Icon: Sj. Ramesh Chandra Mishra– A Profile
Recipient of the NATIONAL AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, 2022



Sj. Ramesh Chandra Mishra has dedicated his life towards the betterment of the society and actively involved in different social activities from the very beginning of his service career. He started his career as a teacher and moved to bank job. **After his retirement from banking service, he has taken a great step towards making the earth greener. He has prepared, nurtured, distributed and monitored more than 8 Lakh saplings in his nurseries till date selflessly by spending his pension money for this noble cause.**

He is actively involved in many activities to support and uplift the downtrodden people of backward areas in the field of education, environment and health care, etc. in backward areas. After his retirement from UCO Bank in 2015, he started dedicating all his time towards creating a revolution in making a **greener earth by producing saplings in an exclusive nursery and distributing them free of cost to different sections of the society.** During his service period, he bought saplings from Govt. nurseries and planted in different places, but it could not fulfill his objectives. The output was very slow. The need of a streamlined and more productive approach to his goal gave birth to his first nursery named **“GAYATRI NURSERY”** to fulfill the mission of **“Brukhya Ganga Abhiyaan”** at Janghira, his native village under Harichandanpur block of Keonjhar District, Odisha in the year 2015. **He started spending his pension money to make this dream true by distributing saplings to different institutions, students, farmers, youth and general public without charging a single penny for it.** Along with free distribution, **he started a widespread awareness campaign to make people understand the need of plantation. The growing demand and awareness among people for plantation paved the way for a second nursery in Toranipokhari Village of Keonjhar district** which is managed by his friend Mr. Ratnakar Mahanta but with active supervision of Sj. Mishra. Apart from this, educating the masses on plantation, taking care of these plants towards their survival is also done by the help of Gayatri Pariwar. **Many farmers have turned their barren land into green forests under his guidance and have started earning their livelihood (livelihood empowerment) from these plantation projects. This is a great example for future generations towards protection of environment along with creation of source of income for their livelihood.**

He also takes active part in making places clean and planting trees to make it greener along with a young and dynamic team of Gayatri Pariwar, Keonjhar and CEHESH TRUST OF INDIA. Such noble work has been recognized by Govt. of Odisha awarding **PRAKRUTI BANDHU** in the year 2017 and in the same year Gayatri Pariwar Keonjhar was awarded **PRAKRUTI MITRA** under his leadership. In addition to this honour, he is also felicitated by many organizations for his outstanding contribution to the society.

Considering indomitable energy, incisive planning, wholehearted commitment and selfless service for preparing, distributing, nurturing and monitoring of eight lakh saplings in rural and urban areas: livelihood empowerment of rural people through greenery of their barren lands with systematic plantation projects, **Sj. Ramesh Chandra Mishra, Environ-Icon** is conferred with **“NATIONAL AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, 2022”** on recommendation of the jury constituted of eminent environmentalists and intellectuals under the aegis of the CEHESH TRUST OF INDIA. May success be with him, always. Wishing him Good luck!

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On behalf of the CEHESH TRUST OF INDIA