

## Raigarh Integrated Shellac Association – RISA

Raigarh Integrated Shellac Association is a company registered under section 25 of companies act. It is a not for profit company promoted by self help groups, engaged in lac production with help of Jan Mitam . The registered office of the association is in village baihamuda of Ghrghoda block.

The main objects pursued by the association are:

- To encourage, promote and protect the interests of Members and other persons interested or concerned in promotion of business of Lac, all kind of forest produces and innovative agricultural produce and practices.
- To undertake allied trades like processing, manufacturing, trading, marketing and all kind of activities for promotion of business and welfare of members including lac and other sorts of handicrafts promotion.
- To take up and promote the business and trade of various by products like wax, dyes and all other kinds, related to business of lac, forest produce and agriculture.
- To conduct research in field of lac production, forest produces agriculture and allied activities
- To generate mass awareness about lac cultivation, its uses, its eco-friendly nature and employment potential, and same for other forest produces and innovative agriculture produces.
- To generate mass awareness for protection of trees, environment, soil and all kind of natural resources those are directly or indirectly essential for the businesses taken up by association. Rising or leasing plantations for the purpose of lac cultivation, forest produce collection, fruit production etc.



- To help, assist and support for development of members and other persons interested or concerned in the similar business in financial and moral terms.
- To conduct training and capacity building of people in said businesses, by improving technical skills of concerned, for improving yield, production and quality of products.
- To take all such steps as may be considered expedient for that purpose, including the provision of legal and other professional advice and assistance.

RISA is having one central processing unit for Shellac at baihamuda village. Six smaller units are working in remote villages of Raigarh district.

RISA manages and support lac production by SHGs and famers those are its members. Through a network of Nodal SHGs it manages to purchase 500 Quintals of scrap lac per annum on fair price. Beside more the 700 Qunitals quality brood is purchased and sold among lac growers to ensure sustainability of lac production.

RISA contribute a towards stabilizing the lac market in district, which was volatile before its existence. It has ensure qulity lac production and a fair price for growers, which further higher the morale and livelihood status of poor tribes.

