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No hurdles to FRA: Bariha

BHUBANESWAR: Speaking at the concluding session of a three-day discussion and sharing of experience-cum-workshop on Forest Rights Act (FRA) here today, Tribal Affairs Minister Bijay Ranjan Singh Bariha promised proper implementation of the Act for the benefit of lakhs of tribals in the State, who have been deprived of all their rights for centuries.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajya Sabha member Pyarimohan Mohapatra promised to facilitate in removing the hurdles for implementation of the Act that are part of recommendations from the deliberations of the event.

Tribal Affairs Secretary Arabindo Behera also pointed out that the Act would override all other State laws that are in conflict with the FRA, hence, can be very much beneficial to the tribal communities.

Among others, Prof. Radhamohan, Information Commissioner Jagadananda, senior activist A.B. Swami and researcher Sanjay Patnaik, academician Prof. K.C. Samal and Conservator of Forests (Kendu Leaf Division) S.K. Sinha spoke.

The event was organised by NGO Vasundhara. 'It also provided orientation to the PTGs, government officials and NGOs', said activist Ghasiram Panda.

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