

The National Innovation Foundation–India (NIF) conducted a series of Dissemination and Social Diffusion (DSD) activities across the Mahabubabad, Karimnagar, and Nizamabad districts of Telangana from 23 to 25 June 2026. During these engagements, the team interacted with members of Van Samrakshana Samitis (VSS), Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and local farmers to understand their technological needs and challenges, while also creating awareness about grassroots innovations for livelihood enhancement.

A meeting was held with 50 VSS members at Bayyaram village in Mahabubabad district. This was followed by an interaction with 30 women from Shri Anjani, Venkat Sai, and Jyoti Self-Help Groups in Karimnagar. In Nizamabad district, the team engaged with 50 farmers from forest-fringe villages at Gandhinagar, in coordination with the Forest Department, to identify challenges related to paddy and turmeric cultivation.

Various grassroots innovations were disseminated through presentations and discussions, including the Combi Tillage-cum-Bed Maker, Sanitary Napkin Making Machine, Innovative Leaf/Paper Plate Making Machine, Coconut Shredder with dual outputs (coco fibre and coco peat), Turmeric and Ginger Planter, Multi-Spice Grinder, and Solar-Operated Rice Puffing Machine.

