

The National Innovation Foundation–India (NIF), in collaboration with the Saranda Forest Division and the JSLPS team, Chaibasa, successfully organized a two-day training programme on 9–10 July 2026 for the establishment of a Fully Automatic Biodegradable Sanitary Pad Making Unit at Kiriburu, under the Saranda Forest Division, West Singhbhum, Jharkhand. The initiative, branded as “Nama Judi” (meaning ‘New Companion’), aims to promote menstrual hygiene while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for tribal women in the region.

A total of 35 women from the Kiriburu Livelihood Women Cluster Organisation (Swalambi Sahakari Samiti Limited) participated in the programme. The training covered key aspects including machine operation, maintenance, production processes, packaging, quality control, cost–benefit analysis, and marketing strategies.

The programme utilized a grassroots innovation developed by Mr. Abdul Gaffar Shaikh of AMAFHH Enterprises, Mumbai. The unit is expected to manufacture affordable, eco-friendly biodegradable sanitary pads, which will be distributed through Self-Help Group (SHG) networks, local markets, and institutional channels across the Saranda Forest Division.



