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Director's Message

In the evolving narrative of modern society, women empowerment is no longer a luxury or a slogan, it is a necessity. It is the cornerstone of social progress, economic development, and global peace. Empowering women means enabling half of humanity to reach their fullest potential, which in turn uplifts entire communities and nations.

Historically, women have faced systemic discrimination, exclusion, and marginalization. From limited access to education, healthcare, and property rights to underrepresentation in leadership and politics, the gender gap has persisted across cultures and continents. However, tides are turning. Today, women are asserting their rights and demanding equality in all spheres of life in the home, the workplace, and the public square.

Financially empowered women are more confident and capable of making decisions that affect their lives and their families. In the modern society they are equally qualified for equal pay, access to credit, skill development, and entrepreneurship. Empowerment of women needs to begin from the childhood. It is where FASCE tries hard to educate the children who are less privileged in the region with all spectacular opportunities.

In the second quarter of 2025, the news letter brings before us a quite lot of activities organized for women empowerment such as capacity building programs, training on book keeping and detergent making, bank linkage and marketing techniques etc. They aim to empower women in the socially and to impart good values to the society.



On this occasion, as I place before you this issue of the FASCE India Newsletter, I express my heartfelt and sincere thanks to all those who have helped us to reach where we are today. Thank you for your timely help, encouragement and assistance in various ways. May God bless your generosity and goodwill.

Fr Antony Kattathara MSFS
DIRECTOR, FASCE INDIA

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

Capacity Building on Financial Management for SHG

A one-day training program on Financial Management was successfully organized on April 13, 2025, for the Self-Help Group (SHG) members at Geetamandir. The primary objective of the training was to capacitate and scale up the financial initiatives for the members, enabling them to manage their financial resources effectively. The training session was led by Ms. Alina Baishya, a resource person with expertise in financial management. A total of 150 participants from various SHGs in and around Geetamandir attended the program, demonstrating a strong interest in enhancing their financial management skills.

The training covered essential topics related to financial management, equipping the participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed financial decisions. It is a significant program for the women to improve their financial management practices; which in turn will contribute to the overall sustainability and growth of the SHGs.



Training on Book Keeping

A training on book keeping was conducted on April 26, 2025, at Ghaguwa (Majkuchi) village, with 130 participants from 10 new Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Ms. Jumi Roy, Book Keeper from NRLM, led the training, which combined theoretical inputs with practical exercises. Participants learned to maintain essential SHG records, including minute books, attendance registers, and savings and loan ledgers, cash books, and individual passbooks. The training concluded with an evaluation, where participants expressed a better understanding of SHG book keeping and confidence in maintaining records.



Training on Bakery Making:

The Bakery Making training, held on April 1, 2025, at Forest Gate, saw an enthusiastic participation of 80 Self-Help Group (SHG) members. Led by expert resource person Rita Majumdar, the training provided hands-on experience and in-depth knowledge of baking techniques, recipes, and best practices.

With a focus on livelihood enhancement, the training aimed to equip SHG members with marketable skills, enabling them to start or expand their own bakery businesses and improve their economic stability. The initiative is expected to have a positive impact on the participants' lives, fostering economic empowerment and self-sufficiency.



Training on Bank Linkage and Micro Credit Plan:



FAsCE India successfully conducted a one-day training program on Bank Linkage and Micro Credit Planning for Hatishilla's Self-Help Group (SHG) women on April 10, 2025. The training was designed to empower SHG members with the knowledge and skills necessary to access bank services and develop effective micro credit plans, thereby enhancing their financial management and livelihood opportunities. The training session was led by Ms. Nurnahar Siddika, a resource person with expertise in bank linkage and micro credit planning. A total of 185 participants from Hatishilla's SHGs attended the program, demonstrating a strong interest in improving their financial literacy and management skills.



The training covered key topics, including: bank linkage procedures and requirements, micro credit planning and management, financial literacy and awareness, and strategies for accessing bank services and credit facilities.

Training on Marketing Techniques

On April 29, 2025, 180 SHG members from Hatishilla participated in a day-long training session on Marketing Technique, led by Mr. Rimington Papang. The training covered key topics such as identifying target audiences, creating promotional materials, and utilizing social media platforms. Participants gained valuable insights into marketing strategies and developed skills to enhance their business growth. The interactive session received positive feedback, with participants expressing increased confidence in applying marketing techniques to their businesses.



Refresher Training on Organizational and Financial Management:

On April 21 2025, SHG participated in a refresher training session on Organizational and Financial Management, led by Ms. Sneha Sultana. A total of 205 participants attended the training, which refreshed their knowledge on best practices in organizational operations and financial management, covering key areas such as financial planning, budgeting, and record-keeping. Participants revisited essential concepts, clarifying doubts and reinforcing their existing skills to ensure effective management of their organizations.



Parents-Teachers Meeting:

The PTM was successfully held on May 17, 2025 at our Narengi Supplementary Education Centres. The meeting brought together parents, teachers, and students, providing a platform for constructive discussions about academic progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. Teachers shared valuable feedback and insights, while parents actively engaged, seeking ways to support their child's growth. The PTM strengthened the partnership between home and school, ensuring a collaborative approach to student development.



Capacity Building Program for the Facilitators:

FASCE India organized a Capacity Building Program for its facilitators on June 21, 2025, at the Narengi centre. The program featured two enriching sessions. The first session was led by esteemed resource person Mr. Upen Goswami, headmaster of Amsong High school, focusing on enhancing facilitator skills and knowledge. The second session was taken by Fr Nibin James, Associate Director, FASCE India, who shared valuable insights and perspectives. A total of 60 participants from all centres attended the program, which aimed to empower facilitators to deliver high-quality education and support to students. The training fostered a culture of continuous learning and improvement, ultimately benefiting the students and communities served by FASCE India.



Outing for the Staff:

FASCE India organized a fun-filled outing for its staff on June 22, 2025 with a visit to Assam Zoo. The day was spent exploring the city's vibrant attractions, including the Srimanta Sankardeva Kalashetra. At the zoo, staff members enjoyed viewing the diverse wildlife, including the majestic rhinos. The outing provided a wonderful opportunity for team bonding and relaxation, allowing staff to recharge and refocus. It was a great way to celebrate teamwork and camaraderie within the FASCE India family.



PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

World Day Against Child Labour:

FASCE India observed the World Day Against Child Labour on June 12, 2025 across all our FASCE Supplementary Education Centres. This significant day highlighted the need to protect children from exploitation and ensure their right to education and a childhood. As we mark this occasion, our centres organized various activities, including awareness sessions, poster-making competitions, and interactive discussions on the importance of education and child rights.



These activities aimed to educate and empower our students, while also promoting a collective commitment to eliminating child labour.

MAJOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is typically celebrated on the second Sunday of May in many countries around the world. It is celebrated to recognize and honor mothers for their unconditional love, support, and sacrifice they make for their children and families. Keeping the honor, FASCE India celebrated this year's Mother's Day at Ghoguwā.



During the event, all the mothers were acknowledged and appreciated for their endless sacrifices and support. Elderly women were honored with Assamese Gamosa as a token of appreciation and respect. A short video clip showcasing the importance of a mother's love was screened, followed by a fun-filled game of musical chairs among women participants, with prizes awarded to the winners. The event also featured a series of performances by children, including dances, songs, and poem recitations. The program concluded on a high note, with FASCE India successfully honoring the invaluable contributions of mothers in the community.

World Health Day:

World Health Day was celebrated on April 7, 2025 at FASCE Supplementary education centre, Narengi focusing on the importance of health and well-being. Our event featured health talks, workshops, and activities, attracting 150 participants. The celebration aimed to raise awareness about healthy living and promote positive lifestyle choices. Participants engaged enthusiastically, gaining valuable insights into prioritizing their health. Overall, the event was a success, inspiring individuals to take charge of their well-being.



International Yoga Day:

FASCE India celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2025 across all the FASCE Supplementary Education Centres along with the SHGs. The day was marked with enthusiasm and excitement as students and staff participated in yoga sessions, breathing exercises, and meditation. The event aimed to promote physical and mental well-being, while also highlighting the importance of yoga in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Through this initiative, we encouraged our students and SHG members to adopt yoga as a way of life, fostering holistic development and inner peace.



World Environment Day:

FASCE India celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2025, across all its Supplementary Education Centres and with the SHGs. To mark this occasion, various activities were organized, including tree plantation drives, awareness sessions, and poster-making competitions. In some centres, tree plantation initiatives were undertaken in collaboration with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and community members, promoting collective action for environmental conservation.



These efforts aimed to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our environment and to inspire sustainable practices among students, staff, and the wider community. Through these initiatives, FASCE India reaffirmed its commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement.

PROMOTION OF HEALTH

Awareness on Mental Health:

On May 14, 2025, a mental health awareness session was conducted at FASCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, led by Fr. Nibin James. The session commenced with a thought-provoking video clip on mental health, setting the tone for an engaging discussion.

The session delved into various mental health issues, exploring effective ways to overcome them and strategies for maintaining good mental well-being. Key takeaways included practical tips on self-care, stress management, and fostering a supportive environment.



Awareness Program on Health and Hygiene in collaboration with Saroj Devi Foundation:

FASCE India in collaboration with Saroj Devi Foundation delivered an impactful awareness program on Health and Hygiene at Narengi on June 26, 2025. With Rinku Raj Sharma as the resource person, the event drew a significant turnout of 150 participants. The program covered crucial aspects of health and hygiene, providing attendees with practical insights and tips to adopt healthier habits. This collaborative effort underscored the organizations' shared commitment to enhancing community well-being and fostering a culture of health awareness. By empowering individuals with knowledge, the program aimed to create a ripple effect, contributing to a healthier and more informed community.



DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL BAGS

On April 22, 2025 FASCE India distributed school bags to the children of Amsing Jorabat, Ekrahari and Ghaguwa centres. This initiative aimed to support students' educational journey by providing them with essential school supplies. The distribution of school bags not only helped students stay organized but also encouraged them to attend school regularly and pursue their academic goals with enthusiasm. FASCE India's efforts to provide educational support underscore its commitment to promoting education and empowering young minds.



COMPUTER LAB UPGRADATION

On June 15, 2025, FAsCE India distributed 7 computers to St. Francis De Sales Secondary School in Mawryngkneng, enhancing the school's computer lab facilities for students. Fr. Thomas Marak, the principal, received the donation. This initiative bridges the digital divide, equipping students with essential computer skills. The computers will enrich learning, support educational programs, and foster digital literacy. By empowering students with technology, FAsCE India promotes a more inclusive and competitive environment.



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-JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY



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