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From the Director's Desk ...

Fransaliam Agency for Social Care and Education in India is promoting progress in the society by empowering and enhancing lives through promotional programs like child rights advocacy, community development, livelihood management, skill training, women empowerment, environmental protection, health care, community based rehabilitation of persons with disabilities etc.



The second quarter of the year 2019 bears testimony to the varieties of activities implemented by FAsCE India for its beneficiaries in various thrust areas: once again it became a solace for the needy by extending a helping hand to build a house, worked for the promotion of child rights at various levels, opened four more supplementary education centers for the children with the motto "a child labour free neighbourhood through education and community participation", began two adult literacy centers, staged street theatres on Preventing Sexual and Gender Based Violence against women and girls and on various social issues related with children; enhanced women empowerment through various awareness and capacity building programmes; advocated the protection of environment through awareness programmes and through distributing and planting 1000 more trees; and joined the rest of the world in celebrating the World Health Day, World Environment Day and World Day Against Child Labour etc. These are just a few of the many areas of involvement of FAsCE India. Through its timely and appropriate interventions, FAsCE India is touching more lives, especially of the vulnerable sections of the society.

Placing before you this issue of the FAsCE India Newsletter, may I humbly request you to join hands with our continuing efforts for transforming people, communities and society at large by reaching out to the poor and the marginalized sections of the society through your generous collaboration and valuable support. God bless you!

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SOLACE IN TIMES OF NEED

FAsCE India in collaboration with Fr Stephen Maryikulam (Sr.), Parish Priest of Christ the Bearer of Good News Cathedral, facilitated the reconstruction of the house of Ms Emiliana Nogkyrih and family at Bhetapara, Hatigaon, Guwahati. The house of Ms Emiliana was in a dilapidated condition and the family is very poor to make a house of their own. The newly reconstructed House was blessed by Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, Provincial of MSFS Northeast India Province, on June 09, 2019, in the presence of Fr Stephen Maryikulam and Fr Saji George, Director of FAsCE India, and family members.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Street Theatre on Gender Based Violence and its Prevention: With the objective to promote gender equality and to prevent violence against women and girls through community awareness, street theatre on Domestic Violence and Gender Inequality was organised. To reach out to larger audience, the FAsCE India team, selected the weekly market day at Panikhaiti as the venue, on April 8, 2019. More than 300 onlookers gathered to witness the play.



Geetamandir: On April 10, 2019, a second play was staged at Geetamandir on the same theme. Around 150 community members, both men and women, witnessed the play. The people of Geetamandir were highly appreciative of the play as it was very relevant and thematically very rich.



The street theatres used to have an interactive conclusion where the audience was engaged in discussion about the play which they watched, as well as about the acts of violence that regularly take place in the domestic settings and communities. Interacting with the artist in Panikhaiti marketplace, a gentleman observed that: "It is not that men are always in privileged situations; they are also victims of violence against women when they are the father or brother of a woman. Therefore, it is important for men to prevent violence against women for their own sake". The street plays were scripted and successfully staged in collaboration with the MSW interns from Tata Institute of Social Science, Guwahati campus.

Participatory Rural Appraisal in Chandrapur: Under the project "Women Empowerment and Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement through Self Help Groups" at Gobardhan Grant Village in Chandrapur, Kamrup District, Assam", a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was conducted on April 4-5, 2019 by Ms Chaya Kalita, Women Coordinator of FAsCE India along with the team of five MSW interns from Tata Institute of Social Science, Guwahati campus. The Women Coordinator, introduced and explained the process by saying "the PRA is conducted for the empowerment of the locals to participate in the issues identification and evaluation process, to carry out developmental activities". The villagers took colours, sticks and stones to draw the Social and Resource Maps on the ground, facilitated by the interns. They drew the village maps on the ground and in chart papers with pencils and sketch pens. The Seasonal Map and Timeline were drawn and written in chart papers by the interns with the guidance of the villagers. The problem tree was drawn on the ground making use of pieces of chart papers and colours and the villagers were asked to identify the causes, problems and solutions. During the process they pinpointed their most significant issue, that is of 'water' by roots meaning the causes and leaves being problems while the fruit being the solutions and the trunk being the core issue that is water.



SHG Clusters as Vigilance Committee against Gender Based Violence: In continuation of the pilot phase of "Preventing Sexual and Gender Based Violence against Women and Girls in Assam", the Cluster Formation activity was completed in Narengi. The eleventh and twelfth clusters were formed at Shivnagar area, in Geetamandir, on May 11, 2019, and at Gaonbura Path in Patharquary on May 14, 2019.



Manikbond: The formation of clusters in Manikbond, Karimganj District of Assam, was organised on April 29, 2019, in Pipla Punjee, under Balipipla Gaon Panchayat. 30 SHG members from 6 SHG participated in the programme. Among the 6 SHGs four were clubbed to form one cluster. Mr James Halam, Program Coordinator, Seva Kendra, Manikbond, explained to the participants the process and the purpose of the SHG Clusters. The clusters are formed to equip the SHGs as Vigilance Committees to create Community Warning System with tools and information required to prevent and take action, in case of violence against women and girls.



Training on Pickle Making at Somonpara: Income generating activities are gaining momentum in the second phase of the project "Formation and Strengthening of 40 Self Help Groups for improved Livelihood at Somonpara, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya". On April 29, 2019, the project staff conducted pickle making training for members of Marak, Alphonsa and Abisa SHGs of Dabellagre and Sandagre village. Through demonstration and hands-on practical method, the SHG members were trained to prepare jackfruit, mango, chilly and tamarind pickle.



Formation of 10 new Self Help Groups at Gobardhan: On May 23, 2019, FAsCE India facilitated the formation of 10 more new Self Help Groups at Gobardhan village, in Chandrapur. A brief inaugural function was organised to mark the occasion which was attended by the invited guests: Shri. Bishnu Das, Panchayat President of Gobardhan village and Fr Saji George MSFS, Executive Director of FAsCE India. In his address to new SHG members, Mr Bishnu Das spoke on unity among the group members which would lead to development in their community and the advantage of being in such group. It will enable them to know about and avail of various government schemes for their groups. Fr Saji George, speaking on the occasion, reiterating on unity, opined that unity is strength and encouraged the members to retain their interest and enthusiasm by working together, learning together, growing together and taking up various income generating activities as groups to become sustainable in their lives. He also emphasized the importance of book-keeping, maintaining proper registers and appreciated the efforts of FAsCE India Staff.



Strengthening of SHGs through Livelihood Support: In a programme held on June 16, 2019, at Mermier Hall, Narengi, 15 deserving Self Help Groups of FAsCE India received Livelihood Support for enhancing their livelihood activities. The programme organised by FAsCE India for its Self Help Groups began with prayer dance by children of Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, followed by welcome and felicitation of the dignitaries. Mr Anupam Dutta, Senior Faculty of State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



The Chief Guest, speaking on the occasion, enlightened the members of SHG about its strengths for achieving economic and social development of the members and their communities. He motivated the members by citing examples of some Indian states like Telegana, Jharkhand and Rajasthan where SHGs have brought positive changes and development in their community through various livelihood activities which gave economic empowerment and self-confidence in participating and taking active role in the social and panchayat/gram sabha activities and functioning. Important information of Government schemes and departments for SHGs and procedures for availing their entitlements were shared in detail. Mr Dutta also gave time to the participants to clarify their queries. Fr Saji George observed that FAsCE India is working for women empowerment as facilitator and by providing hand-holding support and that distributing livelihood support to its SHGs is to motivate them to further their income generating activities for the sustainability of the groups. Vibrant cultural presentations by the children of FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, added colour to the distribution ceremony of livelihood support programme.



Capacity Building Programmes for Cluster Mentors: A capacity building programme was conducted for the 50 mentors from 12 SHG Clusters of Narengi at Mermier Hall on June 16, 2019 under the ongoing project "Preventing Sexual and Gender Based Violence against Women and Girls in Assam". The training programme began with the registration and distribution of training kit to the participants and it was followed by words of welcome and introduction by Ms Chaya Kalita. The resource person, Mr Anupam Dutta, Senior Faculty, State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development was felicitated with phulam gamocha during the inaugural function. During the training session, the resource person imparted the knowledge to promote access to rights and welfare entitlements serving as a key point of contact for girls and women. He equipped them with skills, tools and information required to prevent and take action in case of violence against women. The interactive session prompted the participants to share their experiences and the group activities and role plays enlightened them to apply their learning in real life situations. At the concluding session, the Executive Director of FAsCE India appreciated Mr Anupam Dutta for sharing his expertise and equipping the mentors with adequate information and skills to prevent gender based violence in their domestic settings and community. He also urged the mentors to actively participate in awareness raising and community mobilization to prevent gender violence and to promote gender equality.



Training on Jackfruit Processing: Four SHG leaders, one Community Resource Person, along with the Women Coordinator of FAsCE India, participated in the training on Jackfruit processing, organized by NEDSSS, on June 21-22, 2019, at Social Forum, Kharghuli, Guwahati. Mr Shaji George from People's Service Society, Kerala, animated the various sessions. The resource person demonstrated the item preparation in a step-by-step method to the participants. The recipes and ingredients were also given to the participants. The participants were divided into groups and each group was assigned different items for practical hands-on experiment. On the last day of the training, each group made presentation of its products. The participants were given training to make various items out of jackfruit: Jack Wondernut Cake, Jackfruit Laddu, Jack Halwa, Jackfruit Jelly, Jackfruit Momo, Jackfruit Cutlet, Jackfruit Ice cream, Jackfruit Toffee, Jackfruit Chips etc.



INAUGURATION OF ADULT LITERACY CENTRES

Garobasti, Gobardhan Village: The spread of literacy has emerged as a major factor in economic and social development. In fact, the linkages between education, health and nutrition are mutual and complementary. These linkages result in synergies which can transform vicious cycle of poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition and diseases into virtuous cycles of learning and health, equity and sustainable development. In keeping with the aspects of literacy and to spread the value of education, an Adult Literacy Centre was inaugurated on May 15, 2019, at Garobasti, Gobardhan village, in Chandrapur. Mr Binod Kaman, Community Organizer of Guwahati Municipal Corporation, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The centre was inaugurated by cutting of the ribbon by the Chief Guest, followed by the lighting of candles and invoking the blessings of Almighty by Mr Lipton, teacher of the Adult Literacy Centre. In his speech, the Chief Guest lauded FAsCE India for the initiative taken for providing literacy programme for the upliftment of women. He extolled the women for their keen interest to learn, to read and write and urged them to make most out of this opportunity. He also remarked "being literate will provide you with self-confidence and enable you to become independent at personal, social and economic spheres of life". 40 women from the Garobasti enrolled for the literacy classes on the inaugural day.



Niz Gobardhan Village: On June 25, 2019, a second Adult Literacy Centre was inaugurated at Government L P School, Niz Gobardhan village, in Chandrapur. In a programme held at the premises of Government L P School, Mr Monashar Saikia, Headmaster, Government L P School, Niz Gobardhan, inaugurated the centre, in the presence FAsCE India staff, newly enrolled members and villagers. There were 43 participants. During the inaugural ceremony, the women who enrolled themselves for the adult literacy class received study materials from Fr Saji George, who then highlighted the importance of education and the objectives of adult literacy centres.



MONITORING VISIT

Somonpara: On April 25-26, 2019 Ms Regina Sereng, Programme Coordinator, visited the project centre at Somonpara, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya for monitoring the project activities. On the first day the project, staff had a brief meeting at the FAsCE India local office regarding project documentation. On the second day, in-depth study of the project concept, implementation of timeline activities, action plan and staff job description were taken up for discussion. In the latter half of the meeting, the Project Coordinator and the field animators apprised about the activities undertaken during the review period and shared assessment report of SHGs. Fr John Kelamkuzhakal MSFS, Local Project Director and Sr Anupa Francis Asst. Coordinator provided useful insights to the discourse.



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Telam: Fr Saji George visited the Telam Supplementary Education centre at Dekapam, along with Fr Jose Mundoly, Superior of SFS Community at Telam on 25 April, 2019. A felicitation programme was organized under the leadership of Mr Bijoy Doley, Project Coordinator at Telam, in which many village leaders and SHG members were invited. Children put up a programme. The FAsCE India Director, in his address, highlighted the importance of supplementary education centres and the purpose of starting such centres in Telam. He also appreciated the children for their keen interest in studies and creativity in extracurricular activities and interacted with the SHG members. Fr Jose Mundoly encouraged the children to make use of the opportunity given to them by FAsCE India. Telam has two Supplementary Education Centres at Dekepam villages with 80 children.



Garobasti, Gobardhan Village: Visiting the newly opened Adult Literacy centre at Garobasti, in Chandrapur on June 10, 2019, the Director of FAsCE India interacted with the women and distributed text books for their literacy classes.



SFS Hostel, Umwahlang: Fr Saji George along with Fr Anto Thomas, visited the one year old SFS Hostel at Umwhalang and took stock of the situation. He also interacted with Hostel students. The hostel has 43 inmates and a full time warden.



PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS THROUGH EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION

Inauguration of Four Supplementary Education Centres at Somonpara: A formal inauguration of FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centres was held on May 08, 2019, on the premises of SFS School, Somonpara.

The purpose of this initiative is to foster enabling educational environment and remedial intervention for the school-going children by providing free tuitions and co-curricular activities for motivation and all-round development. The inauguration programme organised was attended by Mr Manorajan R. Marak, Block Development Officer of Gambagre, as the Chief Guest, Nokmas (Village Headman), Village Leaders, parents, teachers and students of neighbourhood schools.



Ms Gamsil Marak, Project Coordinator, felicitated and welcomed the Chief Guest and the Guests of Honour with Garo traditional necklace and bouquets of flowers. Fr John Kelamkuzhakal MSFS, Local Project Director, in his opening speech, highlighted the purpose of the supplementary education centre and announced the opening of four Supplementary Education Centres in Somonpara, Boldamgre, Dabellagre and Gambagre. He also stated that these centres will render free tuition to around 250 to 300 school going children. The Chief Guest inaugurated the Supplementary Education Centres by lighting the

candle. In his speech, the Chief Guest, extolling this initiative, encouraged the students and parents to avail of the opportunity which would help in attaining academic excellence. The programme concluded with cultural programme by the students and vote of thanks by Sr Anupa Francis.



Skit on Social Issues at Supplementary Education Centre: A very informative skit was staged on the topic 'Sensitization on a Different Perspective of Life', on April 11, 2019, at the premises of SFS School, Narengi. This was a follow up of 'Act it out on Situations' programme by the MSW Interns from Tata Institute of Social Sciences for the children of Supplementary Education Centres. Parents were invited for the sensitization programme they joined their children and teachers of the centre for the programme. The social issues concerning children, parents and teachers were highlighted through the skit. The topics were on normalisation of menstruation, eve-teasing, aim of life, household clashes and gender bias. These topics were relevant for parents to understand their impact on the children. Skit was well presented with music and narration for making it interesting and meaningful to spread information and awareness for its different groups of audiences.



World Day Against Child Labour: On June 12, 2019, FAsCE India observed the World Day against Child Labour, at SFS School campus, Narengi, with the children of FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi. FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre aims to create "A Child Labour Free Neighbourhood through Education and Community Participation". To commemorate this day in a befitting manner, an



Animation Programme on the theme "Children shouldn't work in fields but on dreams!" was organised. 140 children participated in the animation programme. The programme began with an inaugural ceremony with words of welcome and felicitation of the Chief Guest, Mr Ranjan Baruah, CEO and Founder of North East Youth Foundation. The two hour long programme was interactive animation session which highlighted the significance of the day and emphasized childhood as a time to aspire, dream and

pursue education. During the session, the Chief Guest also focussed on the prevailing situation of child labour in our society and worldwide. Encouraging the children, Fr Saji George said, "you need to dream and aspire to live your dream by putting sincere efforts in your studies, obedience to your parents and leading a good life!" The programme came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Miss Neesha Khatun, a student of class VII, and distribution of light refreshments.



PROMOTION OF HEALTH

Balipipla: Medical Health Camps were organised by Seva Kendra, Manikbond, in collaboration with Mobile Medical Unit, Karimganj, under the aegis of National Health Mission, Govt. of Assam. The medical team for the camp consisted of a doctor from Govt. Health Department, six laboratory technicians, staffs of St Joseph's Dispensary and staffs of Seva Kendra Manikbond. The first medical health camp was on May 10, 2019, at Balipipla High School, Karimganj. 237 patients from Balipipla Goan Panchayat and school children were diagnosed with various sickness and diseases with the help of the medical team.



Mohonpala: The second camp was held on May 22, 2019, at Mohonpala LP School Patiala. 276 patients from Isabheel and Jherjheri Gaon Panchayats, under Lowairpoa Block and School going students benefitted from the medical health camp. Free medicines were distributed to the beneficiaries, as per the physician's prescription. Many villagers thanked the organisers for conducting the medical health camp at their doorstep. Fr Clean Arengh MSFS, Director, Seva Kendra, Manikbond, appreciating the collaborative efforts and contribution of the medical team and staffs of St Joseph's Dispensary, expressed his gratitude to them and to the people of Balipipla, Isabheel and Jhejheri villages for their cooperation and participation in Medical Health Camp successful.



World Health Day: Each year FAsCE India observes World Health Day with an aim to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for promotion of health for its beneficiaries. This year the day was observed in FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centres of Ekrahari and Narengi. At both the centres, the programme began with yoga session followed by animation session on Cleanliness and Hygiene. The resource team were the MSW interns from Tata Institute of Social Sciences. At the end of the programme antiseptic soaps were distributed to all the children.



SKILL & CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

Skill Training on Detergent Making at Central Jail: FAsCE India, in collaboration with the Prison Ministry of Northeast India, conducted skill training programmes on detergent and hand-wash making for the inmates of Guwahati Central Jail, Lokra, on May 4 and 11, 2019. The training programme began with prayer led by Sr Letitia UFC, in the presence of Mr Animish Roy, Assistant Jailor. During the training and demonstration sessions Mr Ranjit Ch. Baishya, Jail Superintendent and Mr Ranjit Buragohain, Jailor were present. The FAsCE India team carried out the process of detergent and hand-wash making, each component of preparing the two products were demonstrated mentioning the quantity and procedure. It was very heartening to see the participants taking keen interest in learning by noting down the components, ratio and procedures. On the first training day 32 women and on second training 51 men participated. After the completion of the training, the finished products - detergent powder and hand wash were presented to Jail Superintendent, Jailor and Assistant Jailor and to the participants. At the conclusion of the training programme Mr Ranjit Buragohain, Jailor, expressing his gratitude mentioned about initiating soap making unit, as this would engage the inmates in fruitful pursuit and foster a chance for their economic rehabilitation.



Counselling Programme for Unemployed Youth in Manikbond: On June 4, 2019, Bosco Tech Silchar, in collaboration with Seva Kendra, Manikbond, conducted a one day Counselling Programme for the dropout students and unemployed youths of Manikbond. The programme was held in the conference hall of Seva Kendra Manikbond. 15 candidates, accompanied by their parents and guardians, participated in the programme. During the programme, the resource person from Bosco Tech, Silchar, gave counselling sessions on career guidance. Eight candidates were selected for diploma course training at Boscotech, Silchar. Among them three candidates opted for Electrical and Repairing of Home Appliances training course while five of them opted for Diploma in Modern Office Management and Diploma in Hardware and Marketing.

PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

World Environment Day: Protection of environment is one of the focus areas of intervention of FAsCE India. Since its inception, efforts have been made to promote protection of our natural environment, the health and well-being of our citizens through awareness in environmental issues. Every year, World Environment Day is observed in all the communities of FAsCE India centres across the region. With the theme "Air Pollution" this year World Environment Day was observed in six centres:



Amsing Jorabat: The day was observed in the community with a formal inaugural programme organised by FAsCE India, in collaboration with the Self Help Groups. The occasion was graced by Fr Mathew Puthumuna MSFS, Chief Guest, Mr Dhubharam Engleng, Village Headman, two Community Resource Persons from Amsing Jorabat and Narengi centres. There were more than 100 SHG members and community members who took part in the programme. The Chief Guest and the invited guests were accorded warm welcome and were felicitated with Assamese Phulom Gamochas by the SHG members. To mark the occasion, the Chief Guest and the Village Headman, in a symbolic gesture, planted sapling near the venue and it was followed by the distribution of saplings to all the participants.



"We won't have a society if we destroy the environment." - Margaret Mead

Chandrapur: More than 100 community members and SHG members came together, along with the President of Village Organisation and Anganwadi workers, for the celebration of the World Environment Day at Gobardhan village, Chandrapur. Fr Saji George graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of the protection of environment and urged his listeners to plant more trees, to protect and nurture the environment. He also pinpointed the adverse effect of deforestation, global warming and degradation of environment.



Ekrabari & Bongaon: The two centres came together, with children of Supplementary Education Centres and community members, to observe the day at Ekrabari. Fr Simon Thaikho MSFS was the Chief Guest. Senior village leaders, President of Centre Management Committee, villagers, parents and children from Bongaon and Ekrabari centres were also present on the occasion. Fr Simon Thaikho highlighted the significance of the day and spoke about the need of protecting the environment and planting of trees. Saplings were distributed to the participants. Colourful dances by the children made the day a memorable one.



Narengi: The day was observed with children and teachers of Supplementary Education Centre. Sr Josna MPV, Vice Principal of SFS Hr. School, Narengi graced the occasion as the special guest. Senior children of Supplementary Education Centre led the event with a prayer and words of welcome which was followed by short speech by special guest on the occasion. Fr Saji George took the opportunity to encourage the young students to draw attention to their duties and responsibilities towards nature and environment to protect and nurture. He also briefly threw light on global warming, pollution, environmental degradation, drought, climate change etc. Children responding to one of the solution of the environmental issues said: "when one tree is cut down hundred trees need to be planted"! A plant sapling was planted in the school premises by Sr Josna MPV. Plant saplings were distributed to children and they were advised that while they took the sapling to plant, they also had to ensure to nurture the plant by watering and taking care of it.



Manikbond: Seva Kendra, Manikbond, too observed the World Environment Day on June 05, 2019 with SHG leaders and with the students from coaching centres. In the morning hours the team visited Kachurpar nearby Kontekcherra market and public awareness on Environment was held. The team leader spoke about the importance of planting trees, protection of wild animals/birds, streamlets and rivulets. The students planted saplings of Mangoes, Jackfruits, Neem, Kala Jam etc around the village. Seeing the plantation done by the students of coaching centres, the villagers were inspired to initiate the same. Fr Clean Arengh MSFS, Director, Seva Kendra, Manikbond and Fr Mathew MSFS, Principal St Joseph's School Manikbond, also attended the program at the plantation site for encouraging the youths and students for planting more trees to have a better environment to live in.



Somonpara: FAsCE India local staff, SHGs, students and teachers of Supplementary Education Centre observed World Environment Day with an awareness programme and planting of saplings. It was observed in all the three cluster centres of Dabellagre, Saka Boldamgre and Somonpara. Addressing the gathering, Miss Gamsil Marak emphasized on keeping the environment green by planting more trees so that pollution can be prevented. Green pledge was taken by all the participants to keep the environment green and clean. After the inaugural program saplings were distributed to participants.



FIELD EXPERIENCE BY THE MSW STUDENTS

Five second year students of Master of Social Work, Diganta Karmakar, Manta Wangsu, Arpita Sarma, Aveepsa Gogoi and Priyanka Bhattacharjee, from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, were placed at FAsCE India for a month-long block placement from March 16, 2019 to April 16, 2019. During their internship, the students were engaged in variety of activities, with the Self Help Groups and activities related with domestic violence issues and women empowerment programmes. Organized PRA at Gobardhan Village, Chandrapur. They were also engaged at FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centers in conducting varies curricular and co-curricular activities.

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A Blend of Knowledge and Practice: "The Internship with FAsCE India has been a perfect combination of work, fun, learning, discipline and team work. The month was filled with various activities and events which gave us an exposure to different kinds of experiences in the field. The theoretical knowledge was practiced in the field with great attention to detail. Moreover working with FAsCE India has made me a more disciplined person, as the work of the organization is well structured and organized".

Diganta Karmakar



Remarkable and Eventful Journey: "FAsCE India has given me a platform to explore diverse range of activities and experiences from, to develop my knowledge, skills and outlook towards the social work profession. In fact, the quality and kind of work assigned to me at FAsCE India, during the course of my one month internship, was very standardized and learning- oriented. I'll remain grateful to the team of FAsCE India for providing me opportunities to reach the unreached communities." **Manta Wangsu**

Learning Oriented Experience: "The month long internship in FAsCE India was a learning oriented experience which helped me to get exposure to different thrust areas. The interactions and workshops with SHGs helped me in understanding the problems of people and how they can be tackled with the right approach. The activities with the students of supplementary center were a learning experience for me as well, for I was able to witness their talents and learn how activities can be done to enable children to understand better and faster." **Arpita Sarma**



Enriching Experience: "The one month of internship with FAsCE India was a period of learning and enriching experience for me. The work I got to do and the experience I have will definitely help me to grow as a better social worker in the future. I will remember FAsCE India in any success I earn in my Life." **Aveepsa Gogoi**

Learning Experience: "The one month in FAsCE India was a learning experience. It gave exposure to the class room learning. The activities done within that period certainly helped me to grow as an individual and to understand the real hardships people go through in their everyday life. As a team we could overcome any problem we faced. It was a fulfilled month with lot of learning every day" *Priyanka Bhattacharjee.*



A NEW VEHICLE FOR SATEEK

The Centre at Sateek was in dire need of a vehicle for its transportation purposes. It was materialized on April 9, 2019 when FAsCE India in collaboration with MSFS Northeast India Province purchased a new vehicle (Bolero ZLX, Power+) for the centre. The vehicle aims at the social, educational and pastoral purposes of the centre. The new means of transportation was blessed by Rev. Fr Lijeesh Mathew Kaduthanathu, Superior of SFS Community at Sateek, on 10 April 2019



Hearty Welcome



Fr Sunny Panthanazhyvadakkethil
New Associate Director of FAsCE India
Silapathar

Best Wishes



Fr Anto Thomas
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