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The incessant rains in the month of July 2019 created great havoc in the state of Assam. Many houses were destroyed, people lost their belongings, crops and livestock, and many were rendered homeless and landless. Most of the places were submerged and made inaccessible due to floods. Thousands of affected people were shifted to relief camps and to safer grounds. Floods and heavy rainfalls affected over 5 million people. Sharing in the sufferings of thousands who were helpless and homeless, FAsCE India, launched emergency response in the worst flood-hit areas of Dhemaji District and Kamrup (Metro) District of Assam. FAsCE India was able to extend humanitarian help to the people affected by the floods across the State of Assam irrespective of caste, creed and religion.



FAsCE India flood relief support was carried out in two phases. In the first phase immediate flood relief distribution comprising of essential commodities mostly food items and drinking water. And in the second phase medical camp, health awareness and necessary items for maintaining health and hygiene conditions were distributed to the flood affected families for rehabilitation and prevention. Thus, FAsCE India could reach out to a total of 2500 families in their time of need and emergency, 450 Families in the first phase and around 2050 families in the second phase.

The third quarter of 2019 was also blended with other developmental and empowerment programmes for women and children. FAsCE India also contributed in the field of promotion of health through health awareness programmes and medical camps. It extended its helping hand to a person who was in dire need of a house. It also joined the rest of the nation in celebrating, the Independence Day, Teachers Day and National De-Worming Day.

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 out to the flood affected people of Assam 2019. Thank you for your financial support, timely help, encouragement and assistance in various ways. May God bless your generosity and goodwill. Let us be the change we wish to see in the world as Mahatma Gandhi would exhort us!



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EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF TO THE FLOOD AFFECTED FAMILIES

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Jonai, Assam: Monsoon season 2019 was experienced with an unprecedented pattern of rain. Continuous showers for more than a month made the low laying areas of Jonai subdivision to be submerged in water. Most of the villages were affected by overflowing rivers and streams. Many people were taking shelter in different schools since their houses and walls are made of clay. Many daily labourers could not find work to sustain their families. Sensing the need of the hour FAsCE India, Jonai Unit, under the leadership and initiative of Fr Thomas Kochuparathanath, Superior of SFS Community Jonai rose up to the occasion. The team visited the flood affected areas and assessed the situation. Daily essentials were purchased on an emergency manner for the immediate need of the flood affected families. Some local volunteers joined in the relief team. On July 19, 2019 the first flood relief distribution was done in Okland village by and under the guidance of Fr Sunny Thomas, Associate Director of FAsCE India.



Subsequently, flood relief material distribution was organised in Rajakhana 1, Rajakhana 2, Rayang, Dharmapur, Surampuria, Kardongsu, Maidangsree and Jonai on July 22, 2019. Flood affected families from 9 villages received Rice, Daal and Cooking Oil as an interim relief till governmental help reached. Some people whose Thatched roof tops of their house damaged, were given tarpaulins. Okland, Sirampuria, Rajakhana I, Rajakhana II, Dharmapur, Rayang and Maidangsree are the villages where the relief works were undertaken. A total of 140 families benefitted from the relief works. People profusely thanked FAsCE India for this timely help.



Narengi, Guwahati: The relief support provided by FAsCE India to the flood affected families in the area of Satgaon-Narengi, Guwahati, on July 20, 2019 was yet another joust of social care and devotion to service of the poor and needy. This year the Satgaon low level area was worst affected where most of the migrant families reside. They were mainly deprived of shelter and safe drinking water. There was a long queue in the registration counter at SFS Hr. Sec. School, Narengi and the people were most happy to receive the relief kits, containing food items, drinking water, ORS, anti-septic soaps were the immediate need which would be most needed in the live flood situations.



A total of 312 families from Satgaon, Narengi, who have lost their valuables and shelter, received immediate relief by FAsCE India. Rev. Fr George Panthamackel, the President of FAsCE India, the Chief Guest of the Day, Fr Jose Thekkel, Superior of MSFS Provincialate Community, the Guest of honour, and Fr. Praveen Kumbattu, Provincial Secretary and Fr Anto Thomas, Intern at FAsCE India distributed the relief kits to the beneficiaries. In the message, Rev. Fr George Panthamackel said "We all have the common responsibility of helping one another in times of need such as these". He reminded the words of Mahatma Gandhi "There is sufficient for every ones need, but not for every ones greed."

Laipulia Village: On September 4, 2019 flood relief distribution was held at Likabali for the flood affected families of Laipulia village, near Dhemaji. Fr Peter Peuhausuiding distributed the relief materials. This village lie between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh border. 60 families received essential commodities which also included mosquito-nets and bed sheets.



Naogaon Village, Gogamukh: Mosquito nets were distributed in Naogaon as part of the flood relief programme of FAsCE India. Fr Rojin Pullattuvaliyaparambil and Mr Rajesh Tudu carried out the distribution on September 07, 2019, Saturday. Two hundred sixty two families benefitted from the programme. Naogaon is a large area comprising of different small villages of both Santhali and Bodo Tribes. Every rainy season, their houses and paddy fields get flooded with the rainwater flowing from the adjacent Arunachal Hills.



Bordoi Village, Gogamukh: The flood relief materials were distributed in Bordoi village on September 08, 2019 Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm. Each family of the village were given one mosquito net each. The number of families who benefitted from this initiative are 288. Fr Tomy Thekkel, the Parish Priest of Christ King Gogamukh while addressing the people, explained to them about FAsCE India and their social welfare programmes. The distribution was done by Fr Tomy, Fr Rojin and Mr Rajesh Tudu. The people in Bordoi village are tea garden workers and every year during the rainy season they are affected by the flood, their houses and village getting inundated.



Gobardhan Grant, Chandrapur: In the post flood relief distribution held on September 8, 2019 at Gobardhan Grant village, 360 families received the relief kit. The relief kit had bleaching powder, antiseptic soaps, phenyl cleaning liquid and mosquito-net. Short inaugural session marked the relief distribution, Fr Maniyar Aruputham Arokia Swamy, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Chandrapur, Fr Saji George, Executive Director, FAsCE India and senior village leaders were present. Addressing the gathering Fr Saji George spoke about preventing and controlling water borne and vector borne diseases after floods by keeping the surround cleaning and adopting healthy and hygienic behaviour and practices. The FAsCE India staff and volunteers executed the smooth and systematic distribution of the relief kits to all the 360 registered beneficiaries. The usefulness and instruction of use were given to the villagers for purposeful use of the relief materials.



Madhuripathar Village, Silapathar: Under the leadership and initiative of Fr Peter Parankimalil, Superior of SFS Community Silapathar, thirty families in Madhuripathar Village of Dhemaji District received relief materials. Fr Roy M, Principal of Don Bosco School, Silapathar disbursed the relief material including mosquito net and bed sheets to the deserving families.



Milanpur Village, Silapathar: On September 11, 2019, relief materials consisting of mosquito net and bed sheets were distributed at Milanpur village in Silapathar. Fr Roy M, Principal of Don Bosco School, Silapathar, carried out the distribution process. 60 families benefited from the same.



Community Awareness on Prevention of Mosquito Borne Diseases

In Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi community awareness programme was organised on September 19, 2019 on "Prevention of Mosquito Borne Disease" by FAsCE India. Around 200 children from Patharquerry, Satgaon and Narengi attended the awareness programme. Fr John Barman, Director of Fransalian Youth Mission was the invited guest for the programme. Fr Saji George, Fr Anto Thomas, Ms Regina Sereng and Ms Chaya Kalita were also present on the occasion. The awareness programme was animated by the MSW Interns from NEF College. Through graphic presentations and lecture the resource team enlightened the young audience on prevention and controlling of mosquito and various diseases caused by mosquito bite. The invited guest Fr John Barman speaking to the children appreciated the efforts of FAsCE India and encouraged the young audience to put into practices the learning from awareness session. Fr Saji George spoke on importance of health and healthy living. It was followed by distribution of relief kits to the children prior to the distribution children were given instruction on the use of the items provided in the kit. The items were mosquito-net, umbrella, antiseptic soaps, toothpaste and toothbrush.



Medical Camp at Chandrapur: On September 28, 2019 medical camp was organised in Gobardhan Grant village, Chandrapur by FAsCE India in collaboration with Mini PHC, Hatibagara, Chandrapur. This medical camp was organised as the second phase activity of the flood relief. With surge of disease during and after flood, the need for awareness about preventive measures and precautionary steps are of utmost importance.



With a view to facilitate free health care services to the residents of Gobardhan village this medical camp was organised in the right earnest. Expert team of medical practitioners were Dr Pranab Kumar Sharma, Dr Munty Bhattacharya, and Dr Preetirekha Das, assisted by GNM Staff Nurse Aparajita Dewri, Pharmacist Indra Mohan Das, Lab Technician Jayashree Das, Nanda Chakraborty Srivas Barman helpers. During the camp the beneficiaries had



undergone health check-up, screening and treatment. The doctors prescribed medicines for various ailments and to patients. Medicines were freely distributed as per the prescription under the supervision of the pharmacist. 312 beneficiaries availed the free health care services through this medical camp. FASCE India Coordinator Ms Chaya Kalita took initiative in coordinating and organising the camp.

SOLACE IN TIMES OF NEED

FASCE India under the initiative of Fr Saji Kaippallil, Director of HRRC, Tura and in collaboration with Fr Biju Kanicherry, Principal of SFS School, Bahalpur facilitated the house construction of Mr Petrus Tirkey. To have a house of his own was a long dream of Mr Petrus who got married recently. His dream was fulfilled when the newly constructed house was inaugurated by Fr Saji Kaippallil and blessed by Fr Albert Sahayaraj on September 11, 2019.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME

Training on Detergent Making: A one day training session on detergent making was organized for the SHGs of Shivamandir, Guwahati as part of livelihood programme on July 30, 2019. Around 35 SHG members



were present for the training session, which facilitated them to master the production process and basic skill in marketing in detergent making. The women of SHGs were very keen to learn this new skill and was looking forward to materialize, making a way for them to stand on their own in supporting their families. It was an eye opener for the participants that there are alternative ways of making a living such as these. They were enlightened to the possibilities of making and marketing their products when they can easily produce at home.

Workshop on Rosary and Flower Making: FAsCE India organized a one day workshop for the members of SHGs on income generating activities in Gobardhan Village, Chandrapur on August 2, 2019. Fr Barnard Sangma MSFS, an expert in the aforementioned skills trained the participants to acquire the know-how of making rosaries and flowers. There were around 45 participants to learn the trade that would fetch them some income enabling them to stand on their own. The women also were trained to make the traditional garments of various tribes. FAsCE India also helps the trained persons in procuring the raw materials and marketing the products. The SHGs also are planning to take their products to various promotional fairs and festivals as and when it is possible.



Technical Training on Entrepreneurship: An informative and awareness building training programme on Entrepreneurship for cluster SHGs was organised on August 10, 2019 at Amsing Jorabat. This initiative was taken by FAsCE India in collaboration with Amci Di Raoul Follereau. The resource person was Shri Jiten Chandra Kalita, Associate Faculty Member and Administrative Officer in-charge of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati, Assam. In the interactive session the resource-person Shri Jiten C. Kalita initiated by explaining that such Entrepreneurship programme is to improve the financial capabilities of Self Help Groups. The resource person correlated the traditional cottage industries and handicrafts by citing example of gamoch a unique cloth article meaning towel. Gamocha is one of the most easily recognisable cultural symbol of Assam and an integral part of almost all socio-religious ceremonies. And it can be assumed as a great innovation of Assamese weavers. Emphasizing on small business the SHG members were led into discussion on building income generating activities for the group should base upon the following - finding purpose in our work and the mantra of inner peace which play a vital role in individual person's life making them creative and productive. The SHG members also gained information on identifying entrepreneurship opportunities, assessing feasibility of selected micro-enterprise and institutional funding sources and schemes under National Urban Livelihood Mission.



Technical Training on Entrepreneurship : The second informative and awareness building training programme on Entrepreneurship for cluster SHGs was organised on August 31, 2019 at Patharquary. There were around 28 participants the resource-person Ms Niraboti Roy, SHG President and Community Resource Person and assisted by team of MSW Interns was from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati campus. Since, the women participants are already in various income generating activities, they were enlightened about analysing environmental set up relating to small business and selection of product that can be developed by utilizing the available resources. The resource-person also enlightened the participants on how to formulate a proposal for the product, knowing the sources of help and support available for starting a small scale industry and acquiring the necessary managerial skills required to run a start-up enterprise. The programme concluded with a discussion and vote of thanks proposed by SHG member Mrs Rita Injal thanked Ms Chaya Kalita for her leadership and guidance in organising the programme.



Entrepreneurship Training at Manikbond: To have a better economic opportunity for the SHGs, a one day workshop on Mushroom cultivation and Fast Food making for SHG Leaders was organized at Seva Kendra, Manikbond on September 26, 2019 under the project Preventing Sexual and Gender Based Violence against women and girls in Assam, assisted by AIFO, Italy. Three Master Trainers from Tripura, Sri. Manik Debnath, Sri. Biswajit Nath and Smt. Lakhi Kar (Debroy) facilitated the program in the presence of Fr Clean Areng, the Director Seva Kendra Manikbond. At first the resource persons made a demonstration of the mushroom cultivation which was then followed by the practical sessions from the participants. A Plan of Action was drawn for initiation of Mushroom Cultivation Unit in the month of November 2019. There was also practical demonstrations on Fast food making process: like making Chowmin, Pakora etc.



84 SHG leaders benefitted from the training program. SHGs leaders were further requested to choose an activity according to their convenience. Based on the selected activity a follow-up training will be organized again at Seva Kendra. The day long program came to an end with a vote of thanks from Joseph Majhi of Seva Kendra Manikbond.



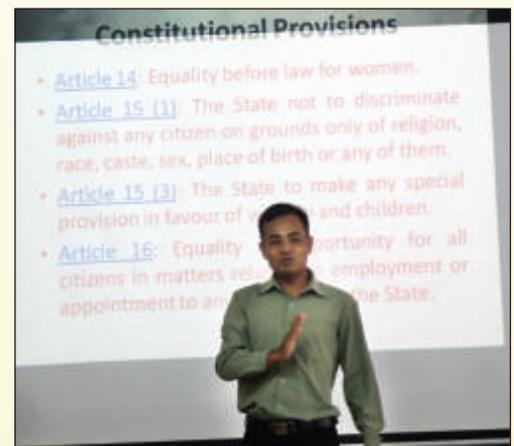
*"Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with great love."*

Formation of Mobile Legal Aid Team: Under the on going project "Prevention of Sexual and Gender Based Violence against Women and Girls in Assam", Mobile Legal Aid Team was formed on September 14, 2019. The four member team were selected from the community they are Ms Maya Sharmah, President of Gram Panchayat, Ms Deepali Murari, Anganwadi Worker, Nirabati Roy, Community Resource Person of Guwahati Municipality Corporation and Ms Soma Kumari Dorji Women Leader of Amsing Jorabat. The formation of MLAT was coordinated and animated by the Project Coordinator Miss Chaya Kalita.

On September 16, 2019 orientation and training on defining roles and tasks of mobile legal aid team members. Mr Abhinash Narzary was the resource-person who imparted training sessions on how to support and take action in promoting and defending the women victim of violence and discrimination. The members were also informed about the Articles, FIR, different courts for appeal, free of legal aid services and provisions for women of ST/SC categories. During the session the participants were led into in-depth group discussions and sharing to enhance the view on the topic and enable critical thinking. Members expressed that the training was overwhelming learning experience equipped them with information and confidence.



Seminar on Women's Rights for Community Stakeholders: On September 26, 2019 seminar on women's rights for community stakeholders was organised at Mermeir Hall in MSFS Provincialate premises, Narengi. The objective of this seminar was to create a network between the community stakeholders and FAsCE India for prevention of gender based violence. The purpose of the seminar was to make the community stakeholders aware of the rights of women and ensure that their rights are not violated. Mr Abhinash Narzary from Legal Cell spoke on the ground realities like divorce, dowry, acid attack etc., and challenges of protection of women's rights. He highlighted the constitutional and fundamental rights of women and stressed on the need to raise awareness among masses and about women's rights and freedom under law. He also emphasized upon the importance of becoming aware about the legal aid and legal services of our country. More than 45 members from different communities participated in the informative seminar.



Public Awareness Program for Stakeholders at Manikbond: To engage with the local population, Panchayat leaders and local Government leaders through information, education, communication through consultative process and advocacy action, one day workshop held on Public Awareness Program with Stakeholders on September 30, 2019 at Seva Kendra, Manikbond. 60 participants from SHGs, Panchayat Ward members, Local influential leaders participated in the program. Ms Sumana Nathan, Advocate cum Social Activist from Karimganj Dist was the resource person for the day. Being an experienced social activist, Ms Sumana facilitated the program in a dynamic way giving opportunity to share views especially issues connected with Gender Based Violence. The resource person then further opened a brainstorming session to get a clear picture of the standard of living of the women in the locality. She enlightened the participants about the promotion of women's equality in the locality and role of men in its promotion.



New Adult Literacy Centres at Somonpara: Education is considered a basic right for all. But in earlier times, our elders were not fortunate enough to receive this valuable gift of education. FAsCE India, Somonpara has made an effort to spread light of education among the elders in the project area. During the month of September two new adult literacy centres were launched in Dopogre on September 9, 2019 and in Jembagre on September 20, 2019. The inauguration was marked by inaugural ceremony with prayer, felicitation ceremony by the staff. Fr John Kelamkuzakal MSFS, Local Director was the Chief Guest, in his address he spoke about the purpose of the centre. Newly appointed teachers for the centre were introduced and learning and writing materials were distributed to the eager students of each respective centre. The village leaders and residents were also present for the inauguration. Dr Radhakrishnan has very well said "A life of joy and happiness is only possible on the basis of knowledge and science." These adult literacy centres will provide basic education to the adults to enable them to live a better live.



Cleanliness Drive by SHG Federation at Somonpara:

Tangbangchi SHG Federation of FAsCE India, Somonpara had organised Cleanliness Drive on September 10, 2019 at Hajongpara market. The programme started at 10:00 AM under the leadership of Federation President and Secretary. SHG members and FAsCE India, Somonpara Staff joined with the community members in the drive. The group started cleaning by cutting roadside bushes, picking up the plastic wastes and sweeping the market area. The Cleanliness Drive concluded with sharing of its objective by the Federation office bearers that is to create awareness among the people and keeping the public places and surrounding clean with an aim of becoming role model for other communities and villages.



PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS THROUGH EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION

Summer Camp at Supplementary Education Centres: Every year during the summer break FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centres at Narengi, Bongaon and Ekrabari organises summer camp for the children. This year Narengi had the summer camp from July 3-6 while Bongaon on July 7 and Ekrabari on July 12.

Narengi: In Narengi the four days of activity filled summer camp included various workshops, game and activities. Children were very enthusiastic in participating without missing a day. The members Midway Life, an NGO had animated the students along with FAsCE INDIA supplementary teachers. On the first day the programme began with short movie followed by a short session on the problem of plastic usage. The animators had arranged the students into groups and given guidance in Still Drama acting & direction, art and craft especially with plastic, and drawing for the small children.



On the last day the summer activities concluded with cultural noon, which was the finale of the four days of summer activities. They demonstrated the unique skills and creativities that they learned in the three days. The cultural evening was followed by the exhibition of the art and craft. Surely it was a unique time of leaning and experiencing for the Supplementary Students. "It was three days of unique opportunity learning new information, new set of skills, overcoming the stage fear, learning to work in groups. We are happy to have such refreshing days during the holidays," said the students.



Bongaon and Ekrabari: In Bongaon and Ekrabari the centre in-charge had meticulously planned activities for children included games, drawing, craft making, singing and dancing.



Session on Theatre for Children: Theatre in education promotes early childhood development. The effect of drama on language, perspective-taking and imagination contribute to academic and all-round development of a child. FAsCE India organised a session on theatre for selected children from high and middle section of FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi on July 26, 2019 at SFS School campus, Narengi.

The resource person was Mr Arup Jyoti Rabha, Director, Education in Theatre, Guwahati. During the session Mr Rabha gave acting tips and skills to the young participants. Through role-plays and group activities the participants were enlightened about different aspects of the performing art as actors. The children participated in the session very actively and gave attentive listening to the teachings of the resource-person. It was a very unique learning experience for the children as it will help them to boost their self confidence, creativity, empathy, team work, vocabulary-linguistic development, listening-concentration, fun and love for art.



Uniform T-Shirts for SFS Boy's Hostel, Umwahlang: On July 26, 2019 the Children of SFS Boy's Hostel at Umwahlang received a uniform T- Shirt from FAsCE India. Ms Sylvia Prieth from Austria, benefactress of SFS Hostel Umwhalang, visiting the centre distributed the uniform T-shirts in the presence of Fr Melvin Parmpukattil, Hostel warden.



Comprehensive Medical Camp for Children: FAsCE India working on its thrust area of promotion of child rights has designed its programme for well-being of children. The supplementary education programme includes health as one of its component. Thus, every year a comprehensive medical camp is being organised for the children of Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi to assess their health conditions. This year, the medical camp was organised on August 08, 2019 for the children of Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi. It was organized at the premises of SFS Higher Secondary School, Narengi. The medical team of specialist doctors in paediatrics, ENT and general medicines headed by Dr. Santanu from Project CHILD (Child Health Intellectual and Lifestyle Development) conducted the medical check-up for the children. During the check-up the health cards were updated and those children diagnosed with chronic illness of skin and malnutrition was referred for further medical care and follow-up. Supplementary Vitamin nutrients and de-worming tablets were administered to children free of cost. The teachers of Supplementary Education Centre and FAsCE India staff and volunteers assisted in organising the medical health camp.



PROMOTION OF HEALTH

Free Medical Camp at Somonpara: A free medical health check-up camp was organised by FAsCE India Somonpara in collaboration with Govt. Primary Health Centre, Darengre on July 19, 2019 at Somonpara. The objective of this camp was to offer medical diagnosis as well as impart information about different diseases



and their treatment. A specialized team of medical practitioners comprising of two doctors Dr Bonse Techi Sangma and Dr Huberth N. Marak assisted by four staff nurses conducted the health examination of all beneficiaries. 300 people from the surrounding villages of Somonpara benefitted from this medical camp, they had free health check-up and those who were diagnosed of illness and disease were prescribed medicines which were freely distributed to them. The FAsCE India, Somonpara team took the initiative under the guidance and leadership of Fr John Kelamkuzakal MSFS, Local Director in organising the medical camp and team of staff assisted in the smooth conduct of the camp.

National De-Worming Day observed: On August 10, 2019, National De-worming Day was observed by FAsCE India in Ekrabari and Amsing Jorabat communities. Since last two years the day is being observed with an objective to de-worm all preschool and school-age children (enrolled and non-enrolled) between the age group of 1-14 years through the platform of schools and Anganwadi centres in order to improve their overall health and nutritional status. Ms



Chaya Kalita assisted by the Anganwadi staff in Amsing Jorabat and Supplementary Centre in Ekrahari administered de-worming tablets to the children. An awareness was given to the children about importance and benefits of de-worming, as well as its prevention related to improved behaviour and practices for hygiene and sanitation in both the centres.

MONITORING VISIT

Monitoring Visits to Somonpara: On August 8, 2019, the FAsCE India Head Office team arrived at Somonpara for monitoring visit to assess project activities of past six months. On August 9, the monitoring team visited the SHGs and their income generating activities in Dabellagre, Sandagre, Chigitchakgre and Gambegre. At 12.00 noon the team had a meeting with Tengsuang Federation in Gambegre. During the meeting the team evaluated the regular activities and the tasks taken up by the Federation was discussed. At 3.00pm a review meeting was held with Ms

Regina Sereng, Programme Coordinator and the Project staff of Somonpara. Rev.Fr John Kelamkuzhackal, the Local Director presided the review meeting with evaluation of the project activities of past six months followed by sharing of field experiences by the staff members. During the discourse the project status, strength, challenges and way forward of the project was discussed. The head office team visited the Supplementary Education Centres at Somonpara and Boldamgre. By late evening the team also visited the adult literacy class at Boldamgre.



Director's Visit and Evaluation at Somonpara: The Executive Director of FAsCE India Fr Saji George MSFS took time to review and visit the on-going project "Formation and Strengthening of 40 Self Help Groups (SHGs) for Improved Livelihood Phase II" at Somonpara, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya. On 30th August 2019, Fr Saji George MSFS had a review meeting with Fr John Kelamkuzakal MSFS, Local Director and project staff at Somonpara. During the meeting the project components and activities of SHGs were discussed and reviewed, in sharing their field experiences the staff mentioned about the challenges faced by them. The meeting concluded with word of appreciation and encouragement by the Director of FAsCE India, he remarked that their work among the poor people to bring them up and for the development of society.

BLOCK PLACEMENT AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

Three interns, Ms Hoidina Prescilla, MSW II from Mar Gregorios College of Arts and Science, specializing in Community Development and Empowerment, Chennai, N. Nahli, MA II (Social Work) from Loyola College, Chennai, specializing in Community Development, and Ms Manisha Kumari Mizar MSW 4th Semester (SCD) from NEF College of Management and Technology, Guwahati were placed at FAsCE India for a month-long block placement. During their internship, the students were engaged in variety of activities organized by the organization.

Enriching and Motivating Moments: "I have encountered many new things and got experience and gained new learning from FAsCE India. The organization has shown the path of working with different people from the grass root level. It has enriched and motivated our mind to work for the society and for a better tomorrow. I would like to thank FAsCE India for accepting me to fulfill my desired needs and also giving an opportunity to be part of the family for new knowledge and learning, during my one month of stay at FAsCE India." *T. Hoidina Prescilla*



Learning by Observing: "The one month of stay at FAsCE India has given me the opportunity to implement the quote "Learning by observing" according to the projects and programme implemented by the organization; This opportunity has enhanced me to do more better things in the future, learning obtained today will nourished for my future endeavor." *N. Nahli*



Theory into Practice: "The one month of block placement at FAsCE India was a learning experience for . It gave me the opportunity to put the theory I have learnt into practice. The activities done within this period has helped me to learn and understand the real hardship that that people goes through in their everyday life. It was a fulfilled month with lot of learning from varieties of activities." *Ms Manisha Kumari Mizar*

SPECIAL DAYS OBSERVED

Independence Day: Supplementary students of FAsCE India, Narangi had the independent day celebration on 15 of August 2019. "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" that was the outcry at the end of the event which aroused the feeling of nationalism and the struggles of freedom fighters. By the colourful depiction of the national heros of our country took us back to the era of freedom fight. The dignitaries, parents and students were stirred in spirit of our nations glorious past struggle to be free.



Colonel Mohan C. Baruah (Retried) was the Chief Guest of the day's program. The students were very keen to listen to him as he shared some of his life lessons from his service to the nation as a dedicated army man. The event was also coloured by the presence of MSFS Provincilate community fathers. Meaningful message was given by the Chief Guest: giving a thought to the students that how they could participate in nation building by rendering their service to nation and service to the society. He urged them to follow their dreams to become what they want to be without fear. This colourful event was just another boost to the students of FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre students of Narengi.

The display of various program were put up by the students, making us thrilled with joys of being Indian. The students were enthusiastic and confident that was visible in the in the standard in which they performed their skills in acting and dancing.



Teachers Day Celebration at Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi: On September 7, 2019, Teachers Day was celebrated at FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi. Students from Bongaon, Ekrabari centers also had joined in the combined celebration. The senior students Apsana, Hafija and Neesha compered the programme. The celebration began with a prayer dance followed by introduction and welcome of Chief Guests Rev. Fr Jose Thekkel, Superior of MSFS, Guest of Honours Fr Saji George, Executive Director FAsCE India, Fr Praveen, Provincial Secretary, Fr Santhosh Provincial Bursar, Fr Mathew Puthumana, Fr Anto Thomas, Sr. Jomcy MPV from Venerini Convent, and all the teachers from the three Supplementary Education Centres were accorded traditional welcome with phulam gamucha.

The colourful cultural programme had Assamese, Hindi, Nepali, Garo, Karbi dance performances by the children of Narengi, Bongaon and Ekrabari centres. The nursery section of Narengi had put up beautiful choreographed number to a rhythmic medley songs. Nurnahar Siddika on behalf of the students delivered speech of gratitude for teachers.



The Chief Guest Rev Fr Jose Thekkel MSFS in his speech spoke on the significance of Teacher's Day, Fr Jose said: "Teachers are the back bone of the students, today's students are tomorrow's citizen". The Chief Guest and the Executive Director of FAsCE felicitated the teachers on the occasion with gifts as a gesture of appreciation for their selfless services that they render to the poor children. Speaking on the occasion, Fr Saji George encouraged the teachers and staffs and thanked them for their services for the marginalised sections. It was also a time of interaction between teachers and student of different centres and mingling of colours and cultures through unique performance of their talents through various dance forms.

Somonpara: The children of supplementary Education Centres at Somonpara honoured their teachers with various programmes and gifts.

