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From the Director's Desk ...

Mother Theresa says: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Over the years, Fransalian Agency for Social Care and Education in India (FAsCE India) has been striving to do small things with great love and thereby playing a prominent role in improving the lives of those who need it most through its timely interventions, dynamic activities and people-oriented projects across Northeast India.



The last quarter of the year 2019 bore witness to varieties of activities implemented by FAsCE India for its beneficiaries in various thrust areas: a long-cherished dream became a reality when the newly constructed Community Facilitation Centre of FAsCE India was inaugurated at Silapathar; became a solace for the people who were affected by natural calamities by constructing a house in South India and providing water facility to the people of Bordoibam village in Gogamukh, Assam through the installation of tube wells; enhanced women and youth empowerment through various awareness and capacity building programmes; worked for the promotion of child rights through advocacy and education of many more underprivileged children, advocated the protection of environment; promoted health in the interior villages; expressed unity by observing special days of importance with its beneficiaries etc., are just a few of them to mention here.

As I place this issue of the Newsletter, I thank the Almighty God for His constant love, concern, protection and divine providence on our journey to promoting progress through social transformation and holistic development. May I also take this opportunity to thank Rev. Fr Provincial and his Administration, our benefactors and sponsors, partners and well-wishers, our staff, stakeholders and beneficiaries, collaborators and friends, each and every one of you, for the unconditional support, constant encouragement, patient accompaniment, accompanying prayers and above all for helping us "do small things with great love".

In this New Year 2020, we look forward to your continued support and encouragement, collaboration and cooperation, accompaniment and prayers. Let us join our hands together and march forward to bring light to the lives of the people, especially, the poor, the less fortunate and the marginalized of the society.

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INAUGURATION OF FASCE INDIA COMMUNITY FACILITATION CENTRE

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FAsCE India is the official Social Developmental Initiative of the MSFS in Northeast India. As a Registered Society with the specific purpose of undertaking social developmental activities in the underdeveloped areas of Northeast India, FAsCE 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 and youth empowerment, environmental protection, health care, community based rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, emergency and disaster Management, capacity building programmes for various categories of people, etc. FAsCE India was in dire need of a Community Facilitation Centre in order to conduct its various training and capacity building programmes for its target groups. This dream finally became a reality when the newly constructed Community Facilitation Centre was inaugurated and blessed on November 10, 2019 at Silapathar, Dhemaji Dt., Assam.



Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, President of FAsCE India and Provincial of MSFS Northeast India Province officially inaugurated the building and Most Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur, blessed the centre in the presence of Rev. Fr Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, Regional Superior of MSFS Dibrugarh Region, Fr Saji George, Executive Director of FAsCE India, Fr Sunny Thomas, Associate Director of FAsCE India, Fr Peter Parankimalil, Superior of Silapathar Community, representatives from the Upper Assam and Arunachal Apostolic Communities, invited guests and beneficiaries of FAsCE India. Most Rev. Akasius, in his message acknowledged the service of MSFS in Northeast India in various areas and the initiatives of FAsCE India in community



development. The event was coloured with various cultural dances by members of Silapathar and Likabali communities. This Community Facilitation Centre will be of great help and service for the Self Help Groups, Disabled Peoples Organizations, Children and Youth in Dhemaji District and Arunachal Pradesh as well as to other NGOs. It will empower the target groups and FAsCE India to be recipients and provider of quality services that will result in the overall sustainable development. FAsCE India acknowledges with gratitude the generosity of MSFS Northeast India Province, Silapathar Community, benefactors, and Fr Peter Parankimalil, the person in-charge for the construction.



SOLACE IN TIMES OF NEED

As the continuation of the relief work in Kerala, FAsCE India in collaboration with MSFS Northeast India Province built a second house for the family of Mr George Eattikattil, Nooramthodu, Adivaram, Kozikode district. The house has three bed-rooms, one centre space, a kitchen and a small working area. The house is complete with concrete roof, electrification, plumping and toilet facilities. FAsCE India gratefully acknowledges the valuable contribution of the benefactors who contributed for the same. Special thanks to Fr Joseph Kannamangalath, Rector of Vinaya Bhavan Seminary and Vinaya Bhavan community for the implementation of this humanitarian project.

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INSTALLATION OF TUBE WELLS WITH HAND PUMPS

As part of the flood relief programme of FAsCE India, ten tube wells with hand pumps were installed in Bordoibam village, Gogamukh, Assam. Every year during summer, when there is incessant rain the village gets inundated. During the flood the villagers have no access to clear water as their open wells and old bore wells get filled with muddy water seeping into them. Therefore to make available fresh water even when the land is flooded, accepting the request made by the villagers, FAsCE India installed 10 tube wells with hand pumps with elevated concrete platforms which would stand above the flood level thus preventing muddy water from leaking into the tubes. These bore wells are also a great help for the villagers all through the year as the few bore wells that the tea company had made for them years ago are in dilapidated conditions. The newly installed bore wells were inaugurated on December 3, 2019 by Fr Saji George, Director of FAsCE India in the presence of Fr Sunny Thomas, Associate Director, Fr Tomy Thekkel, Parish Priest, Gogamukh Parish, Fr Rojin, Associate Parish Priest, Fr Anto Thomas, Nagapur Province, Mr. Rajesh Tudu, Sisters, representatives from the villages and Tea garden and villagers. The villagers and the beneficiaries profusely thanked for this great act of generosity and good will by FAsCE India.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Awareness on Human Rights: Human Rights Day is observed on December 10 every year to commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which was adopted and proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948 as the shared standard yard stick to protect human rights across the globe, in order to spread awareness about human rights and its activities. FAsCE India organized an awareness program on December 10, 2019 to celebrate Human Rights Day at Amsing Jorabat for the people of the locality. Around 85 people participated in the program. The resource person, Mr Abinash Narzary from the Legal Cell, highlighted on key issues of human rights, which included, issues of bonded and child labour, prison reforms, right to health, mental healthcare, rights of persons with disability, silicosis, illegal clinical drug trials, pesticides in food items, pricing of drugs, corporate-social responsibility, manual scavenging and sanitation, human rights of women.



Annual VO Meeting at Amsing Jorabat: On October 02, 2019 Village Organisation of Amsing Jorabat had their second Annual Meeting at the community. Around 200 SHG members from 20 women SHGs had attended the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting was presided over by Mrs Deepali Murari, President of Village Organisation. Among the special invitees were Fr Saji George, FAsCE India; Mrs Kalpana Boro, President of Gram Panchayat; Mr. Anundra Bhuyan, B C, NRLM and Mrs Manjula Devi, CRP, Amsing Jorabat. The meeting began with a prayer followed by welcome and felicitation of the special invitees. The VO President, in her introduction gave details about the works carried out by the VO during the review period. During the meeting the SHG books and registers were checked by the CRP and BC from NRLM. In his talk the BC, NRLM laid stress on the income generating activities taken up by the SHGs. Fr Saji George appreciated the collaboration of the NRLM and the institutional support extended to the SHGs. He also, assured of FAsCE India stand by the SHGs as facilitator whenever any help is needed.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Regional Youth Conference at Narengi: A three day Regional Youth Conference under the theme 'Youth Power 2019...It all begins with you!' was organized by Fransalian Youth Mission (FYM) in collaboration with FAsCE India from November 15-17, 2019 at MSFS Provincialate, Guwahati. The Conference was attended by 140 delegates from different centers across Northeast India. Fr John Barman, Director of FYM, welcomed the delegates and the dignitaries during the inaugural session on November 15. In his keynote address, Fr Saji George, highlighted the profile of a Fransalian Youth and invited them to be good and



effective leaders in the society. The primary goal of the conference was to foster cross-cultural exchange and friendship, to develop leadership, team building and entrepreneurial skills among participants and to provide opportunity to network among young peoples. and discuss the challenges the world is facing currently. A group of eminent resource persons: Mr. Allen Brook, Mr Ranjan Baruah (CEO Youth Foundation), Mr. Abhinash Narzary (Advocate), Fr Carlus Barowa, Fr John Barman, Sr Lizy SC, and Mr. Luish Aind IPS, DIG (Special Branch, Guwahati), enlightened the youth on various relevant topics and challenged them to become effective leaders in the society. Group discussions, motivational games and cultural competitions added colour to the great event. The conference ended with an Award Ceremony conferred to young achievers in recognition of their ongoing commitment, dedicated service and fine leadership by Mr. Lusih Aind IPS, DIG, Guwahati.

All Siang Districts Youth Convention at Aalo: FAsCE India in collaboration with the Fransalian Youth Mission and SFS College Aalo organized a three day "All Siang District Fransalian Youth Convention" from December 6-8, 2019 at SFS College, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh. 160 youth from 8 centers participated in the well-organized and meticulously planned convention. The participants were involved in various activities like group discussion, community game etc. The resource persons from various fields, headed by Fr John Barman, Director of Fransalian Youth Mission, exhorted the youth about the importance of being good, educated and effective leaders of the society. Most Rev. John Thomas, Bishop of Itanagar and Chief Guest on the occasion of the Inter Parish Cultural competition on the second day, exhorted the youth on the importance of living a sacramental life especially emphasizing on sacramental married life. FAsCE India expresses its sincere gratitude to Fr John Barman and Fr Vipin George, the Zonal Fransalian Youth Animator, for the tremendous hard work put in to make the program a successful one.



PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

Seminar on Non-Violence: FAsCE India observed Non-Violence Day on October 2, 2019 to mark the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation. On this auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a Seminar on Non-Violence was organized for the children at FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre and for the SHGs at FAsCE India Head Office, Narengi. Mr Ranjan Baruah, the Director of North East Youth Foundation was the resource person. In his talk, the resource person emphasized on the theme 'Non-Violence' depicting the life of the great man who lived on the principles of ahimsa and non-violence. Informative video clips were presented in order to portray as to why Gandhiji chose to follow the path of ahimsa and non-violence. He presented the philosophical and pragmatic ideals of Gandhi. The splendid event became more graceful when the women and children took active participation. Fr Saji George laid importance on non-violence with the thought "Non-Violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction". He also mentioned how Mahatma Gandhi's teaching is still relevant in our lives. The programme was finally concluded with the National Anthem.



Awareness Skit on Mobile Phone: On November 7, 2019, the students from Tata Institute of Social Sciences pursuing their Masters in Social Work, staged a skit on the topic "Misuse of Mobile Phone" in order to create an awareness among the students and parents of Supplementary Education centre, at the premises of SFS School Narengi. In their presentation, the interns highlighted the advantages and disadvantages of the mobile phone. They put up different posters, showing the impact of mobile phone in everyone's life and carried out an interactive session with the children taking their views as well on the skit performed. The skit was presented with narration and picture depiction for making it meaningful and interesting to spread information and awareness for its different groups of audiences. Fr Benoy Illickal, the Chief Guest of the day, emphasized how cell phones become blessing on the one side and on the other side how they create disaster in our lives and society. He advised them to use phones only for positive and useful purposes and not for negative activities.



Children's Day Celebration: Children are God's gift to every parent. They make life more beautiful, bringing a smile to every person's face. They are innocent and fragile, which is why they are celebrated on Children's Day. This day also symbolizes the way childhood should be experienced - with toys, magical story books, school, and friends. On this day we celebrate the rights of every child and the importance of giving

each one a happy childhood. FAsCE India had a splendid celebration of Children's Day at the community level and at the centre level. All the programme had brought out beauty, verity and talents.

Somonpara: On November 14, 2019 children of all the four Supplementary Education Centres came together to celebrate the Children's Day at SFS School Premises, Somonpara. To mark the occasion the children put up variety cultural entertainment programmes. Competitions were held for students and prizes for the winners of dance, song, sports and literary categories were distributed by Fr John Kelamkuzhackal. As an expression of their love and care for the children the teachers of the Supplementary centres, too performed dance and song numbers during the programme.



Hatishila: On November 15, 2019 around 100 children participated in the Children's Day celebration at Hatishila. There were various cultural dances by the students and the interns of TISS. Various games were conducted for the students as well as the SHG members and the prizes were given out for the winners. Fr Anto Thomas, the Chief Guest of the day, addressed the gathering stressing on the important of education of children and their rights.



Amsing Jorabat: Children's day was celebrated on November 16, 2019 at Amsing Jorabat. Over 150 children participated in the event. Fr Anto Thomas, speaking on the occasion, encouraged the students to work hard to set their goals in life and he exhorted the parents to create a conducive atmosphere at home for the children. The village Chief spoke about the need of children's all around development and appreciated of the good work that FAsCE India renders to their community, in terms of education of the children and empowering women. The gathering has witnessed various games and cultural programmes by the students.



Ekrabari and Bongaon: Children's day was celebrated with full fervor at FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centres of Bongaon and Ekrabari on November 30, 2019. Around 150 children participated in the celebration. The programme included cultural dances, songs, speech. There was outstanding competitions, games, cultural and social programmes and prizes were given to the winners. Fr Anto Thomas was the Chief Guest of the day. The fun-filled day concluded with refreshments distributed to the children.



Narengi: On December 1, 2019, FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre of Narengi celebrated children's day. Many mesmerizing performances were staged by the children. The power-packed performances set the stage on fire. To highlight the importance of this day an informative speech was given by Ms Hafija Khatun. A skit on grandparents, performed by the students was very heart touching. The students were overwhelmed with the entire effort. The campus was buzzing with excitement and joy. Rev. Dr Fr Joy Mampally, Former President and Rector of Suvidya College Bangalore, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest, in his message said "Education is the first step to development according to Chachaji. His dream of a better India had to be achieved if only we care for the young through education and education only. We should come forward to it where our opportunities lie. We just needed to go and grab it, it's ours". The programme was attended by 200 children, along with their parents. FAsCE Education Excellence Prize for 2019 was awarded to the students. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms Neesha Khatun followed by National Anthem. The day ended in a beautiful resonance lingering in everybody's minds. The entire programme was applauded by everybody present and will always remain etched in the memory of one and all.



"I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside" - Whitney Houston

PROMOTION OF HEALTH

Safe Drinking Water and Kitchen Facility at Yingkiong: Drinking water was one of the most urgent needs of the centre at Yingkiong, Arunachal Pradesh. In order to address the scarcity of water FAsCE India facilitated the construction of 10000 liter water tank. The dream of having sufficient drinking water became a reality when the water facility is now made access to the school and boarding. The new water tank will provide access to clean and safe drinking water for the school and adequate water supply for cooking, washing and toilet usage for boarding students. It enables the school to store sufficient water ensuring adequate water supply for drinking, washing and sanitation even in the winter months. It will improve the health condition of the children and staff. Along with the water tank a kitchen building with a store room and dining room is also constructed at SFS School premises at Yingkiong.



Medical Camp at Narengi: On October 13, 2019 FAsCE India organized a free medical camp in collaboration with Office of Joint Director, Health Services Kamrup (Metro), Government of Assam, for the flood affected families of Satgaon-Narengi, Guwahati. The objective of this free medical camp was to extend free health care service to the flood affected families of the project area. There were three expert doctors, Pritirekha Das, Pallavi Das, Karishma Das, one pharmacist and three nurses. 393 patients received free health check-up and prescribed medicine for various sicknesses. The medical camp began from 10:30 AM with registration of the patients done by the MSW Interns from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Campus and ended at 02:30 PM. The senior students from FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi also assisted as volunteers during the camp. It was also an exposure for them to get into group work, to use their social skills, to develop their leadership qualities and self confidence and know more about preventive measures against illness. Ms Chaya Kalita took initiative in coordinating and organizing the camp. The timely medical camp helped to arrest the spreading sicknesses and gave sufficient precautions for illness that are contagious.



Medical Camp at Amsing Jorabat: On November 17, 2019 third medical camp was held at Amsing Jorabat in Narengi, Guwahati. The camp was organized in the premises of government school in collaboration with the Government Hindi School authorities and Panikhaiti Primary Health Centre (PHC). The medical team



consisted of three doctors, a pharmacist, and four staff nurses. FAsCE India staff and volunteers assisted in smooth conduct of the medical camp. 232 patients mostly women and children received free health check-up and prescribed medicines. Major health issues of this community were skin infection, ENT problems, gastrointestinal disorder and illness due to weather change. The medical camp began at 10:00 AM with registration and concluded at 02:00 PM.

Free Medical Camp at Somonpara : FAsCE India Somonpara in collaboration with Primary Health Centre (Govt.), Mellim organised a free medical camp for the poor and marginalised people of Mellim areas on November 23, 2019. The objective of the camp was to conduct health awareness to the villagers, provide free medical health check-up and free distribution of prescribed medicines to the sick. The medical team comprised of two doctors Dr Tensil M. Marak and Dr Rubyana Marak and seven nurses. There were 100 beneficiaries benefitted from the free medical health service provided in the camp. The FAsCE India Somonpara staff had organised and facilitated the smooth and successful conduct of this medical camp.



PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

Cleanliness Drive at Somonpara: At Somonpara the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was marked in a befitting manner with a clean drive at Bolori village. Around 250 participants were there from the SHGs, Adult Literacy centres, students from Supplementary Education Centres and SFS School and villagers. The clean drive was organised by the project team led by Fr John Kelamkuzhackal, the Local Project Director. In his inaugural address, Fr John spoke about the significance of the day and invited the participants to partake in the community service and to carry forward the good work through their positive contribution for the betterment of their community. The daylong event was carried out with cleaning of the Bolori market area and its adjacent localities. The participants also repaired the road leading to Bolori market which was completely damaged by rain.



National Seminar on Environment Sustainability at Aalo: One day national seminar was organized by the Centre for Research, Department of Geography, SFS College, Aalo in collaboration with FAsCE India on the topic Environment Sustainability: Issues and Challenges on October 19, 2019. Dr S Saikia, Associate Prof. Dept. of Geography - RGU, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh and Dr Biman Lahkar, Assistant Prof. Centre for studies in Geography, Dibrugarh University, Assam were the key note speaker and chairperson of the seminar respectively. Several professors, lecturers, research scholars, paper presenters, and delegates from various universities and colleges presented papers and participated in the national seminar. There were two technical sessions along with inauguration and concluding sessions. The seminar discussed the following relevant themes: Environmental Sustainability and development concerns, Land use/land cover and biodiversity, Ecosystem management, Disaster risk reduction, water resources management, climate change, globalization etc. All the participants were given certification of participation. It was a well-organized seminar and all the participants appreciated the sincere efforts made by the organizers.



Green FAsCE India: SHGs trained on Jute Bag Making: Following the ban of single-use plastic, the demand for jute and cloth bags has spiked. FAsCE India has been making efforts to encourage SHGs to come up with fine varieties of bags. The concept not only aims at having jute bags as an effective alternative to plastic carry bags but also provides new marketing avenues for the SHGs. A one month training session was conducted for five SHG leaders for making jute/cloth bags, in the month of December, 2019 which can be a substitute for single-use plastic used in packaging. The training was led by a skill development trainer Ms Mousumi Kalita, Director of Kamrupa Sital Pati Bag Manufacturer. The resource person highlighted few measures to control the use of plastic bag by introducing and adopting the use of jute bag and paper bag. She also offered expert tips to women in making jute/cloth bags during the train class. She wanted the women to ensure quality of the final product. Fr Saji George encouraged the women who took part in the training to go back to their villages and train other women. FAsCE India looks forward to build teams to make paper/jute bags that would help women to earn their livelihood.



BLOCK PLACEMENT AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

Five interns, Chakradhar Sinha, Rituparna Borpatra Gohai, Swati Handique, Elbin Akhtar, and Indrani Taye MSW I semester from TATA Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati were at FAsCE India for a month-long block placement. During their internship, the students were engaged in variety of activities organized by the organization.

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Rewarding Experience: I would like to thank FAsCE India for giving me the opportunity of internship. My experiences are really rewarding. In addition to sharpening my writing and editing skill, working with the people in the field has helped me to develop my observation and interviewing skill and gave me a professional experience. I thank the staff of FAsCE India for being cooperative and helpful. Thank You. *Chakradhar Sinha*



An Opportunity to Serve the Underprivileged: The mission of social work profession is focused on helping people who are oppressed and vulnerable. The internship was an experience in which I have learnt how to deal with the underprivileged communities and work for their betterment. It gave me a platform to connect with these people. It helped me to enlighten my understanding of the social work profession as a calling and not a mere responsibility to the society. *Rituparna Borpatra Gohai*

Splendid Experience: Working with FAsCE India was a splendid experience as I was introduced to different aspects of people's lives and the struggles that they face and how that the simplest of things can make a huge difference in someone's life". *Swati Handique*



Great Exposure for Practical Learning: One month of fieldwork at FAsCE India has given me great experience of practical outlook of social work profession. The field visits, interaction with the SHGs, documentation works and various other activities have been a great exposure and learning in my academic curriculum. It helped me in developing my skills and knowledge with the help of the field supervisor. I will always cherish the love from the students of FAsCE India Supplementary Education Centers. FAsCE India is doing tremendous work in the field of empowering women and child development, which encouraged me in lending my hand and work in these fields in the future. It was indeed a great experience and opportunity to be a part of and work with FAsCE India. *Elbin Akhtar*

Enhancement of Skill and Knowledge: The one month internship at FAsCE India has provided me an opportunity which helped me a lot in enhancing my knowledge and skills with a lot of experience, exposure and has introduced me into a concept of practical learning. It taught me how to cooperate and work together effectively as a group with my fellow interns in different thrust areas of FAsCE India which has also helped me significantly in my personal as well as social growth. FAsCE India will always be a stepping stone for my future endeavors. *Indrani Taye*



SPECIAL DAYS OBSERVED

World Blind Walk 2019: World Sight Day (WSD) is an annual day set apart for the awareness to focus the global attention on blindness and vision impairment. It is the most important advocacy and communications event, on the eye health calendar and a great time to engage with the world at large. A blind Walk was organized in Guwahati on October 19, 2019 on the occasion of the World Sight Day. On this occasion FAsCE India joined hands with more than 20 like minded NGOs under the banner of Project Vision to raise awareness among the public and encourage eye donation. In the event over 50 visually challenged people led over 325 blind folded people. The Walk was flagged off from Dighalipukhuri Park, near Cotton University, Panbazar and concluded at Don Bosco School, Panazar with mesmerizing cultural programme by the visually impaired persons.



World Disability Day: Along with the children's day on December 1, 2019 FAsCE India celebrated the World Disability Day, in collaboration with Jyoti Niketan, an institute for visually challenged children. The children from Jyoti Niketan sang a melodious group song and presented a wonderfully choreographed dance, making the audience spellbound with their awesome performances. Fr Saji George MSFS, in his talk, expressed that FAsCE India stands united for the people with disabilities and is happy to promote an understanding of people with disability to encourage support for their dignity, rights and well-being. The success story of Priya Boro, a little girl with disability, touched the hearts of the audience.



Pre-Christmas Celebration at Bongaon: FAsCE India organized a pre-Christmas gathering for the children of Supplementary Education Centres of Bongaon and Ekbarari on December 15, 2019 at Bongaon. The beautiful evening was colourful by the variety entertainment programmes by the students from both villages. Fr Jose Tekkel, the Chief Guest of the day, said that Christmas brings message of love, peace and unity that can transform our lives and the society. He emphasized that the teaching of Christ is universally applicable irrespective of time and culture. Variety dances and a short summary about Christmas by the children

captured the attention of the gathering. Fr Saji George spoke about the little virtues that Christmas is teaching and its application in the life of all. He thanked the children and the animators for organizing the day and wished everyone the blessings of Christmas and bright and prosperous New Year.



Narengi: FAsCE India Head Office celebrated Pre-Christmas on December 23, 2019 with Rev. Fr. George Panthanmackel, President of FAsCE India and Provincial of Northeast Province India Province. During the gathering Fr Provincial blessed the Christmas Crib and shared Christmas message. Fr Saji George thanked all the community and staff members for their commendable service to FAsCE India and wished everyone a joyous season of Christmas and prosperous new year ahead.



OFFICE UPDATES

- * Ms Regina B. Sereng, Programme Coordinator of FAsCE India, attended a day long Training and Orientation Programme of Vitamin Angel held on October 16, 2019 at NECHA, Six Mile, Guwahati.
- * Ms Chaya Kalita, Women's Coordinator of FAsCE India participated in the 3 day training of Facilitators for Children's Parliament by NINEISMINE held from October 24-26, 2019 at NIPCCD, Khanapara, Guwahati.
- * Ms Regina B. Sereng took part in the Juvenile Justice Consultation held on November 15, 2019 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Panbazar, Guwahati.
- * Frs Sunny Thomas, Associate Director of FAsCE India, Anto Thomas, Intern at FAsCE India and Saji George participated in the 3 day MDO Conference and Capacity Building Programme held at the national level from November 6-8, 2019 at Vinayalaya, Bangalore. The conference cum workshop was organized by Dr Thomas Chozhithara MSFS, Director of MDO, Rome for the all those who are engaged in social and developmental works.
- * Fr Saji George participated in the Regional Forum Meeting of Social Apostolate and Innovative Ministries held from November 22-23, 2019 at Stella Maris, Vishakhapatnam. The Regional Forum Meeting was organized by Rev. Fr J. Stephen MSFS, General Secretary for SAIM.

PROMOTING PROGRESS THROUGH MOBILITY

Promoting Progress is the motto of FAsCE India. Free mobility facilitates swifter implementation of the projects. Keeping this in mind FAsCE India facilitated the purchase of new vehicles for its Office at Silapathar through the Associate Director, Fr Sunny Thomas and also a new vehicle for the office and beneficiaries at MSFS Study House, Shillong.

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FAsCE India also facilitated the purchase of Vehicles for SFS Technical Institute, Diphu and HRRC Umroi for the utility and implementation of the various activities of these centres timely, effectively and efficiently. The vehicles were blessed by Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel, President of FAsCE India.



MONITORING VISIT

MIVA Switzerland: Mr Peter Ganther-Argay from MIVA Switzerland along with Judit Argay visited FAsCE in the first week of October. MIVA Switzerland has been instrumental for the purchase of vehicle at FAsCE Head Office. The team also visited some of the project areas of FAsCE India and interacted with people.



Manos Unidas: FAsCE India had the privilege of welcoming Mrs Carmen Angulo and Mr Antonio Casla from Manos Unidas, Spain on October 20, 2019. The visiting team interacted with FAsCE India Team and visited the project area of Gobardhan village at Chandrapur, Assam. During their visit to the village, around 300 people were gathered consisting of 25 SHG groups, adult literacy beneficiaries, teachers of supplementary classes and children. The guests were welcomed traditionally with head gear and gamocha. Fr. Saji George explained the gathering in detail the services that Manos taking up for the substantial development of the weaker sections of the society in various parts of the world. He thanked Manos Unidas for their collaboration with FAsCE India for a change in the lives of villagers. During the interactive sessions many women exclaimed the joy of being part of SHGs and expressed their willingness to undertake varieties of income generating startups for sustainable livelihood.



Hearty Congratulations TO THE NEW PROVINCIALS



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