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From the Director's Desk

Fransalians Agency for Social Care and Education in India (FAsCE India), is an initiative of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales of Guwahati Province. It has years of experience in social service to serve the poor and the marginalized in its various capacities.

Today, its area of work has increased extensively with the assistance of many more new donors, well wishers and partners. FAsCE India continues to influence the lives of many more people by bringing hope and joy to children, youth, men and women and the marginalized sections of the society through Promotion of Child Rights, Vocational Skill, Empowerment of Women through Self Help Groups, Community Based Rehabilitation etc.

I consider it as my great privilege to assume the office of the Executive Director of FAsCE India to commit myself to FAsCE India and to its various challenging undertakings. I thank Rev. Fr Sabukuttan Francis, the Provincial Superior of the MSFS, Guwahati Province and his administration for trusting me while giving this great responsibility.

I am indeed indebted to Rev. Fr Saji George Puthiyakulangara, the outgoing Director and the new general councilor in charge of formation, for his incredible contributions to FAsCE India during his tenure and his selfless service in his various capacities as the Executive Director. Being the Executive Director, he has taken FAsCE India to new heights and he has explored new paths to bring progress and growth with his organization skills, able leadership, hard work and commitment. As I thank Fr Saji George for all his services, may I take this opportunity to wish him all the best and God's abundant blessings as he assumes his office as the general councilor in charge of formation.

I thank all our benefactors, well wishers, friends and stakeholders for their support, encouragement and prayers and FAsCE India look forward to their continued collaboration and cooperation.

May I humbly request you all to support me and FAsCE India with your valuable prayers. Let us join our hands together to make the world a better place to live. May the Risen Christ continue to fill us with his lasting joy and happiness during this Easter season and may the world become a place of God for all especially for the poor, the marginalized and for weaker section of the society.

Prayers and Best Wishes,

Fr Antony Kattathara MSFS
Executive Director, FAsCE India



A SWEET HOME

"Home is where we should feel secure and comfortable". The dream of a secure and comfortable home of Mr. Jafranus Munda was fulfilled when FAsCE India and MSFS Guwahati Province sponsored the construction of a house at Taltola, Narengi. Mr. Jafranus Munda, who works as cowboy in MSFS, Narengi used to live in makeshift hut along with his family. Seeing this pathetic living condition, FAsCE India decided to support the family to have decent shelter. On 12th March, 2022, Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, Superior General, MSFS in the presence of Fr Sabu Francis, Provincial, MSFS, Fr Jose Thekkel, Superior, Fr Saji George, General Secretary for Formation, inmates of MSFS Provincialate Community, Narengi and Venerini Sisters blessed and inaugurated the new house of Mr. Jafranus Munda. The new house consisted of 2 bedroom, 1 kitchen and 1 toilet. The family members expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the generosity and humanitarian service of FAsCE India.



PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

Inauguration of Supplementary Education Centre at Gobardhan: The project envisions an all-round development of the underprivileged children. Under the thrust area of Child Rights and Empowerment of Children, a new Supplementary Education Centre was inaugurated at Gobardhan Village, Chandrapur on 26th February 2022. The new centre will provide non-formal classes and conduct co-curricular activities. The occasion was graced by Fr Saji George, General Secretary for Formation, Fr Antony Kattathara, Executive Director, FAsCE India and Fr Maniyar Aruputham Arokia Swamy, Principal, Don Bosco School, Chandrapur. Fr Saji addressed the participants and emphasised the importance of tuition class. He mentioned that the



students from the community should make use of this facility to the maximum. Fr Arokia Swamy in his speech reiterated that the students are very fortunate for having supplementary classes as there were no such facilities during his school days. The programme ended successfully with some light refreshments for all the participants.



Life Skill Programme at Supplementary Education Centre: To equip the children with social and life skills, FAsCE India introduced Life Skill Programme at supplementary education centre. Mrs Mousumi Saikia Kalita, an entrepreneur, trained the student to cook fast food items and other snacks. It is an essential life skill to be independent and confident. This skill will also help the children to engage in fund raising activities for community or voluntary works. Another activity carried out by the resource person is colour personality test. In this activity, the students were asked to choose their favourite colour. Based on their colour choice, the student's personality traits were interpreted. This exercise is helpful in self-reflection and self-disclosure.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PREVENTION OF COVID-19

An awareness programme on Prevention of Covid-19 was organized by FAsCE India in collaboration with Regional Research Institute of Homeopathy under Central Council of Research in Homeopathy, Ministry of AYUSH on 16th February 2022 at Ekrabari and Hathisila. The objective of the programme was to spread awareness on preventive methods especially the non-vaccinated individuals. During the occasion, Arsenic Album-30, Homeopathic Immunity Booster and leaflets were distributed to the participants to boost their immune system and combat Covid-19. More than 300 people participated in the programme and various preventive measures were discussed.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

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Formation of 10 new SHGs at Geetamandir: 10 new SHGs were formed in Geetamandir and orientation was given on 21st February 2022. Fr Saji George, General Secretary for Formation and FAsCE India team was part of the major event. Fr Saji George spoke on the importance of forming SHGs and highlighted the benefits of becoming SHG member. The SHGs were advised to follow the Panchasutra: five principles of SHG, sincerely in order to be a successful group. One of the key principle is maintaining books of records, a factor responsible for success or failure of SHGs. The SHGs were also encouraged to form more groups in order to help each other and receive financial assistance from the Government. The newly formed groups were excited and at the same time there were lots of doubt on their face. FAsCE India team informed and assured the group that they will be provided with training and handholding from time to time. The SHGs were instructed to register themselves in Government programs like NULM to get maximum benefit from welfare schemes.



Strengthening of 25 SHGs at Gobardhan, Chandrapur : A one day capacity building and strengthening programme was conducted on 29th March 2022 at Gobardhan Grant village. The objective of the programme was to build the capacity of SHGs and improve their skills. Team building activities were conducted to strengthen the members and groups. Miss Chaya Kalita, Programme Coordinator, FAsCE India took a daylong session to explain the concepts and functioning of SHGs. Various topics on Organizational Management and Financial Management were discussed in the training programme. At the end of the programme, there was Question & Answer and feedback session. The programme coordinator assured the groups with all necessary help from the organization.



Workshop on Women Issues at Geeta Mandir : To create awareness among women, "Workshop on Women Issues" was organized on 31st March, 2022 at Geeta Mandir. Mrs. Mousmi Saikia Kalita, resource person spoke on fundamental rights of women at length and encouraged women to be alert and proactive. The resource person discussed about gender discrimination and gender equality which is a burning issue worldwide. Fortunately, positive changes are taking place in India. The policy makers are focusing in gender centric decisions in all programs and policies. The event was a grand success and more than 200 women and children participated in the workshop.



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS

Republic Day Celebration : Republic Day was celebrated at various places on 26th January 2022 to commemorate the day the Constitution of India came into effect. Students, local leaders and communities participated in the event.

Amsing Jorabat: To mark the event, Indian national flag was hoisted at Anganwadi Centres and L.P. School. Local leaders, village head, panchayat members and SHG members participated in the event and paid homage to the freedom fighters by singing the National Anthem. The staff of FAsCE India spoke on the importance of Republic Day and the duties of the citizens.

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Ekrabari: The Republic Day was observed in FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre, Ekrabari by the students and community leaders. The National Flag was hoisted on the occasion and more than 100 people participated in the event. The students along with the other participants sang National Anthem to observe the historic day.



Geetamandir: The SHG members along with community member organized Republic Day on 26th January 2022 at Geetamandir. The students from Narengi Supplementary Education Centre performed patriotic dances and entertained the participants. Fr Antony Kattathara, Executive Director, FAsCE India attended the programme and highlighted on the importance of the day. The director mentioned that the Constitution of India came into effect on this day and celebrating this event is a reminder to all the citizens to respect and honour the Indian Constitution. Around 80 SHG members and community members attended the programme.



Bongaon: The Supplementary Education Centre of Bongaon organised similar event and hoisted the National Flag. It was participated by community members and village leaders from the locality. The teacher of the centre addressed the participants and spoke about the significance of Republic Day.



Gobardhan: The SHGs of Gobardhan Village celebrated Republic Day along with the panchayat and community members. To mark the event, National Flag was hoisted followed by singing of National Anthem. The community leaders gave a meaningful speech and urged everyone to be a responsible and informed citizen.



World Cancer Day

To spread awareness on prevention of cancer, World Cancer Day was observed on 4th February 2022 at Bishnujyoti Hindi High School and KTR Memorial M.E. Amsing, Jorabat. The children of FAsCE India Supplementary Centre, Narengi enacted street play themed "Close the Care Gap". More than 200 communities including children, SHG members, teachers and village leaders participated in the event.



World Social Work Day

The FAsCE India team organized a cleanliness drive on the occasion of World Social Work Day on 15th March 2022 at Ekrabari area. Keeping in mind the World Social Work Day theme "Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind", the children from the FAsCE Supplementary Education centre, Narengi and Ekrabari participated in the event to convey a meaningful message to the community and surroundings. The participation of every citizen in bringing about social changes by safeguarding the environment is the need of the hour. The cleanliness drive was carried out in the Supplementary Education Centre, Ekrabari and Ekrabari main road.



National Girl Child Day & International Day of Education

On 24th January, 2022, the project office had two events together to mark the significance of the National Girl Child Day and International Day of Education in its Supplementary Education Centres. The National Girl Child Day is celebrated in India every year on this day to spread awareness about inequalities faced by girls in the country; promote awareness about the rights of girl children and increase awareness on female education, health and nutrition.

The International Day of Education was marked with a particular focus on spreading the importance of education and lifelong opportunities for better life. The teachers animated the session through various games and activities to help them learn the importance of the day in a befitting manner.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

FAsCE India celebrated International Women's day on 8th March 2022 as a mark of respect and appreciation to all the women. The event was organized with special focus on the theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" at Gobardhan Chandrapur, Manikbond and Narengi.

Chandrapur: The programme began with a prayer and welcome address by Miss Chaya Kalita, Programme Coordinator, FAsCE India. The occasion was graced by Rev. Fr Stephen J, General Secretary, Social Apostolate & Innovative Ministries as chief guest, Rev Fr Saji George, General Secretary for Formation and Fr Antony Kattathara, Executive Director, FAsCE India. The chief guest spoke on the importance of celebrating International Women's Day





and role of women in the society. He highlighted the need to empower women and bring gender equality in India. The SHG members participated in games and cultural dances adding more colour to the occasion and prizes were distributed to the best performers. Around 200 women turned up on the occasion and took active part in the event. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by the Mrs. Leena Marak, Community Organizer.

Manikbond: Kanaklata Annual Day cum International Women's Day was held on 8th March 2022 at Seva Kendra, Manikbond. Mr. Krishnendu Paul, MLA was invited as chief guest to celebrate and honour the contribution of women in the society. Smt. Neihat Haolai, Block Development Officer and Mr. Bijoy Dey, Block Project Manager, Lowairpoa was also present as guest of honour. Other special guest were Mrs. Saheli Dey, ZPC, Lowairpoa, Mr. Benjamin, Program Manager, World Vision, Fr Clean Areng, Fr Matthew, Sisters from St. Joseph Dispensary and Bambina Convent and ASRLM staff. SHG stalls were set up for exhibition of SHG products. 6 Village Organization received Cluster Level Federation fund in the form of Community Investment Fund for an amount of Rs. 3 lakh. Women from various Village Organization presented cultural dances to add more colour to the event. More than 500 women participated on the occasion.



Narengi: The International Women's Day was organized on 20th March 2022 at Narengi. The highlight of the day was the exhibition of variety of products by SHGs. The idea behind the exhibition was to promote the SHG products and improve market linkages. More than 20 SHGs participated in the event showcasing their products. Dance competitions were held among the SHGs and prizes were distributed to the best performers. To motivate and encourage the SHGs, awards were given to the best SHGs. Rev. Fr Sabu Francis, Provincial, MSFS, Guwahati Province was present on the occasion as chief guest. He appreciated the vibrant activities of SHGs and encouraged them to engage in productive livelihood options. The guest of honour, Mr. Rinku Haloi, Block Project Manager (BPM), ASRLM, Chandrapur Block also addressed the participants and spoke on gender equality for sustainable future. He emphasised on increased participation of



women in every spheres of life to bring about a balanced society. The BPM appreciated FAsCE India for organising the programme meaningfully.



EVALUATION AND MONITORING VISIT

Review Meeting at Manikbond

Fr Antony Kattathara, Executive Director, FAsCE India, Fr Saji George, General Secretary for Formation, and Miss Chaya Kalita, Program Coordinator visited Manikbond for review meeting on 3rd and 4th March 2022. The progress of SHGs and Supplementary Education Centres were discussed during the meeting. The SHG leaders shared their problems and sought help from the organization.



Interaction with SHGs

FAsCE India head office team paid a visit to SHGs of Manikbond and had interaction session. The SHGs shared about their experiences as a group and highlighted their needs for loans to meet the demand of the group members. The team assured the SHG with financial assistance if they function well with consistency. The books of records and other documents were checked and it was found to be well maintained.



Tailoring & Knitting Centre

The tailoring and knitting centre have been functioning well, providing livelihood opportunities to many underprivileged women. Young girls and women are now hopeful to start something on their own after completing the courses. Fr Saji George, General Secretary for Formation and FAsCE India head office team met the trainees and applauded their effort and enthusiasm. The trainees were informed on various career opportunities and scope in the field of tailoring and knitting.



Monitoring Visit to FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres

Sampathar: The staff of FAsCE India paid a visit to Supplementary Education Centre, Sampathar on 12th February 2022 as part of monitoring activity. Due to the poor communication facilities, the people do not have access to education and livelihood programmes. To motivate the children, co-curricular activities were conducted and the children were encouraged to attend the supplementary education programme. Arsenic Album-30, Immunity Booster, was distributed to the villagers to boost their health thereby preventing Covid-19 infection.



Manikbond: During the monitoring visit, FAsCE India team interacted with the teachers and students of the Supplementary Centre at Manikbond. The team visited the centre to assess the status of the supplementary centre and to encourage the children to attend the free classes. The centre was provided with study materials and sports items to enhance the learning experience and boost physical health at the same time.



Ekrabari: To take stock of the overall progress and functioning, the staff of FAsCE India visited FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre, Ekrabari on 10th February 2022. The teacher was advised to maintain proper record of the students. Useful tools like educational charts and display posters were distributed to enhance the classroom learning.



Chandrapur: A monitoring visit to FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre, Chandrapur was carried out by FAsCE India team to review the progress. The students from Narengi Supplementary Education Centre participated and interacted with the children of the centre. Around 50 students attend the centre regularly.



Sualiluka: On 12th February 2022, FAsCE India team visited Sualiluka to evaluate the functioning of the Supplementary Education Centre. The children were encouraged and motivated to come and learn in the centre regularly.

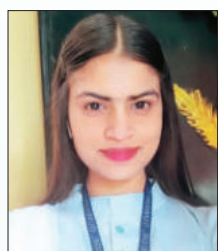


VOLUNTARY SERVICE AT FAsCE SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION CENTRE

Platform for life: I am pursuing BA Political Science, IInd Semester in Narengi Anchalik College and I reside in Patharquary. My association with FAsCE Supplementary Education started when I was studying in Class-VIII in the year 2016. I came to know about Supplementary Education Centre in Narengi through my friends and I have been coming to the centre till date. I learnt a lot of things which was not taught in my school. I was taught to be disciplined and sincere in my duties. The teacher in the centre helped me in identifying my hidden talents and in the process I developed confidence to speak on stage. The organization provided me with study materials and other resources whenever I needed.



Now I am working as a teacher in the Supplementary Education Centre to give back to the organization and society. I am also engaged as volunteer in my locality and motivate other children to attend the supplementary classes. In future, I want to become lawyer and ensure justice to the underprivileged. I am indebted to FAsCE India for the constant help and the platform for personal growth. - *Nurnahar Siddika, BA, 2nd Sem., Narengi Anchalik College*



Every activity is a learning experience at FAsCE India: I am having a great experience teaching at Supplementary Education Centre because I get to learn a lot. I always had a passion to teach and when I got the opportunity, I gave my best. The voluntary service has helped me in exploring self-identity and setting my future goals. In the class I teach the children about discipline, time management and good manners. It is interesting to teach in a play method and I learn a lot about the psychology of children. I believe that if the students are happy at the end of the day, I am happy too because I have done something positive. If they are not happy, I feel I have missed out something and need to work on my skills. I thank

FAsCE India for this wonderful experience. - *Hafija Khatun, HS 1st Year, Narengi Anchalik College*

Breaking out of comfort zone: My association with FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre started in 2016 when I was studying in IVth standard. I was a very shy student when I started attending classes. I did not socialise with others in the centre. But all those changed because of the nurture and care given in the centre. I have learnt to face public and give speech on stage. It has been 2 months since I started helping in the FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre. I feel great when I see positive changes in the children because of my contribution. At the same, I learn lots of things from them. I give more attention to the weaker students. I want to keep associating with FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre since I get to learn something extra which is not taught in school. I have learnt about social issues, social work and volunteerism. I want to become teacher and share my knowledge to the younger generations. Thank you FAsCE India - *Apsana Khatun, Class - X, Satgaon High School*



INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME AT FAsCE INDIA



Four students from Tata Institute of Social Science, Guwahati: Violet Duttson, Sulakhana Pandit, Jyoti Singh and Ashapurna Borpuzari, MSW 1st Semester were placed in FAsCE India for a month long internship from 13th December 2021 to 7th January, 2022. During the internship, the students made field visits and worked with SHGs in various locations of FAsCE India. They organised awareness program on relevant social issues in Supplementary Education Centres. The groups were also given opportunity to conduct baseline survey in new project areas of FAsCE India.

PROMOTING PROGRESS THROUGH MOBILITY

FAsCE India believes in timely execution of planned activities to achieve the organization's goals. For this purpose, FAsCE India facilitated purchase of new vehicle for St. Francis De Sales, Sindupathar. Fr Varghese Chakalamuriyil blessed the vehicle in the presence of the centre inmates.



Another vehicle was purchased for Holy Redeemer Renewal Centre, Mawkhlam for smooth implementation of various activities. The new vehicle was blessed by Fr Joby Kurikilamkattu, Local Superior. This crucial step was taken to meet the immediate requirement of the centre.



RELIEF SERVICE AT HATIGAON

Many families are still struggling to come out the economic hardship faced due to the pandemic worldwide. To provide some relief to poor households, survival kit was distributed to differently-abled in Hatigaon area on 11th February 2022.



FAREWELL TO FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FASCE INDIA

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A farewell programme for Fr Saji George, former Executive Director was organized by the FAsCE Supplementary Centre and FAsCE Self Help Group along with the staff members of FAsCE India head office. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, Superior General, MSFS, Fr Sabu Francis, Provincial, MSFS, Guwahati Province, Fr Antony Katathara, Executive Director of FAsCE India, Provincialate Community, Venereni Sisters and media persons were present on the occasion. The function started with a prayer dance performed by the students. The SHG members and children performed colourful dances to express their gratitude to the former Executive Director. Although Fr Saji George has spent only 6 years with FAsCE India, he has won the hearts of the FAsCE community and beneficiaries. Fr Saji George in his farewell message said that he was fortunate to be associated with the organization touching the lives of poor, women, children, youth and differently-abled. It was a life changing experience as he got an opportunity to provide relief to economically challenged families during the outbreak of Covid-19. Fr Saji George added that it was God's plan to give him the strength and spirit to work for the marginalised. Fr Sabu Francis who was present on the occasion highly appreciated the former Executive Director. Fr Saji George was the gem of FAsCE India and an irreplaceable asset for the community. Fr Sabu Francis thanked the former Executive Director for uplifting everyone's morale especially during the difficult times.




PHOTO GALLERY



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Many Many thanks dear
FR (DR) SAJI GEORGE MSFS
the outgoing Director of FAsCE India
Prayer and best wishes from
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