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From the Director's Desk

Fransalians Agency for Social Care and Education in India (FAsCE India) continues its journey of 'promoting progresses' through various activities conducted for women, children and youth. It always tries to empower and uplift the marginalized and socially weaker section of the society through various projects and undertakings aiming at urban and rural, tribal and non tribal population of the North east India.



Infuse people with knowledge and skills at different levels are the needs of the hour. Realizing this fact FAsCE India has engaged itself more into the capacity building programmes like awareness on mental health, work shop on handcraft, mental and reproductive health and women's issues at various thrust areas in the first quarter of the year 2023. Accordingly various legal and need based training programmes like awareness on good and bad touch, co-curricular were organized for children and teachers. To widen the horizon of thoughts and to expose children to the national and international thoughts and life, computer education is initiated in a few chosen and most needy schools in the rural areas of North-East India.

Thus, FAsCE India has once again proved to be true to its vision: "Creation of a just and equitable, peaceful and prosperous society, rooted in the firm faith and collective conviction in the capacity of persons towards socio-economic development and individual wellbeing of all, particularly the underprivileged"

As I place before you the first issue of the FAsCE India's newsletter of the year, may I humbly request all of you to continue to support our continuing efforts with your vibrant and constant collaborations, valuable contributions and accompanying prayers. Let us join together and continue to empower and capacitate the weaker sections of the society for a better tomorrow. May God continue to give us the strength, courage and conviction to serve the poor, the needy and the marginalized. God Bless You!

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PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



As part of the regular programs, co-curricular activities were conducted on every weekends. The children were trained on making decorative items, envelopes, greeting cards and clay art. From time to time, resource persons from renowned institutes visited and trained the children. Miss Sagarika Sarma and Miss Darima Das, Freelance Trainer has been training the children of FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre to make decorative items. As a result of these activities, the children are able to participate confidently in art and painting competitions organized by various agencies. The talented children have received certificates and awards in the competitions.



NORTHEAST KALA MELA

As part of collaborative activities, the children of FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres participated in painting competition organized by Northeast Kala Mela, Guwahati from January 19 to 22, 2023. The children submitted their colorful paintings to compete with thousands of participants. Later, the organizers awarded certificate of recognition to all the 18 participants of FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres. Among them, two of the children received judges special medal.



AWARENESS ON MENTAL HEALTH

To address the issue of stress, school anxiety and other psychosocial problem among children and youth, FAsCE India organized awareness programme on mental health on February 25, 2023. Mrs. Ponkhie Borah, Founder, Diligent Initiatives interacted with children of FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres. She highlighted the problems and issues faced by young people. The children were told to pay attention to any signs of discomfort and impractical thoughts. Various ways of coping mechanism to deal with stress and tensions were discussed on the occasion.



EXPOSURE VISIT FOR FAsCE SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION CENTRES, CHAPAR

Conducting co-curricular activities is considered as crucial part of education and learning in FAsCE India. As part of this initiatives, FAsCE India organised exposure visit for the children of FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres, Chapar on February 27, 2023. The students visited Botanical Garden, Science Musuem and Planetarium Guwahati. The children had a fun-filled day with outdoor games and activities. The children learnt many things by observing, interacting and listening.



AWARENESS ON GOOD TOUCH AND BAD TOUCH

With the prevalence of frequent cases of child abuse and molestation, it has become essential to make aware every child about their rights and empower them on the knowledge of good touch and bad touch. The students of Assam Don Bosco University, undergoing internship in FAsCE India has been working with the children of FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre. On March 17, 2023, the interns conducted an awareness program for the children at Bongaon. They were taught on ownership of their body, using right terminology, learn to resist, swim suit rule, learn to say NO, etc. These basic skills will help the children to protect themselves from any kind of physical and sexual abuse.



“Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile, when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family.”



EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND CAPACITY BUILDING

TRAINING ON HANDICRAFT

To improve the livelihood activities and skills of SHG members, a training was organized on Handicraft at Geetamandir on January 13, 2023. Miss Sagarika Sarma and Miss Darima Das, the Resource Persons, conducted training sessions for 10 SHGs of FAsCE India. The resource persons introduced the concept of econocraft to the SHG members.

The SHG members were taught to make decorative items and handmade jewellery by using resin clay. The training aimed at enhancing the livelihood skills of SHG members, thereby increasing their income level.



PARTICIPATION IN NULM EVENT

The Assam Government has been promoting local entrepreneurs to increase their livelihood activities in line with the 'Vocal for Local' campaign of Government of India. During the festive season of Bihu, the SHGs of Geetamandir and Forestgate sold home-made *pithas* and other snacks under the banner of NULM. The SHG members started selling their product from January 13, 2023 in Geetamandir area. On various occasions, the SHGs of FAsCE India participated in similar program organized by State and Central Government.



EXPOSURE VISIT TO ASSAM AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY, KAHIKUCHI

Handholding and training is a continuous process to enhance the skills of SHG members. As part of this process, FAsCE India organized exposure visit to Assam Agriculture University on February 7, 2023. Thirty four members from various SHGs participated in the exposure cum learning program. Mr Pranjal Saikia, the mentor took theory class to explain about the various agricultural activities that are being undertaken in the university. He mentioned about various scientific methods of cultivation for domestic and commercial purpose. In the next session, the participants were taken for observation and learning. Plantation methods of dragon fruit, mushroom, turmeric, paddy, litchi, mango etc, were explained and demonstrated. The SHG members were encouraged to take trainings based on their interest and skills.



WORKSHOP ON WOMEN'S MENTAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Ensuring good health of women is one the focus areas of FAsCE India. Keeping this in mind FAsCE India organized a workshop on "Women's Mental and Reproductive Health" on February 09, 2023 at Gobardhan. Mrs. Niroboti Roy, the resource persons spoke on the importance of addressing mental health among women especially during pregnancy. Most of the women are unaware about the seriousness of mental health. The resource person mentioned about good diets to be maintained by pregnant women. The participants were informed about the crucial phase during pregnancy and ways to take care. During the interaction, the women shared their experiences and many queries were raised.



WORKSHOP ON WOMEN'S ISSUES



On March 29, 2023, a workshop was organized on 'Women Issues' at Gobardhan Village. Miss Sagarika Sharma, the resource person, discussed with the women on topics, such as gender violence, gender discrimination, health and entrepreneurship. The resource person conducted activities on mindfulness, anger management and stress management. The participants were able to relate to their day to day experiences and discuss on the topics with the resource person. Some short movies were screened based on the issues discussed. Various games were conducted to energize and refresh the minds of the participants. They participated in yoga exercise at the end of the programme.

PROMOTION OF HEALTH

MEDICAL CAMP AT CHAPAR

Medical camps are organized every year to carry out general health checkup of the community. This year, the health check-up was organized at Chapar on January 29, 2023. More than 310 people attended the medical camp comprising of women, men and children. A medical team of 8 members provided medical treatment and medicines to the sick people. Some of the common diseases diagnosis are high BP, scabies and low hemoglobin. The camp was facilitated by programme coordinator along with the support of teachers, parish priest and village leaders.



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

The national girl child day is celebrated in India every year on January 24. It was initiated in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development 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. FAsCE India celebrated the girl child day in Chapar to create awareness on the importance of the rights of girl child. Mr. Wahid, local coordinator spoke on gender equality, girl child education and child rights. He emphasized, that girl child should be honoured and given equal opportunities in every field. The children performed cultural dances and showcased their talents on the special day.



REPUBLIC DAY

Republic day was observed in FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres on January 26, 2023. On the occasion, National Flag was hoisted in the presence of teachers, students, village head, SHG leaders and community members. The students sang national anthem as a mark of honour and patriotism. The special occasion was celebrated in the centres of Narengi, Bongaon, Ekrabari, Suwaliluka and Sampathar. The youth of Amsing Jorabat organized patriotic celebration and national flag was hoisted by Mr. Debendro Kro., Mr. Dubharen Engleng, the Gram Pradhan spoke on the occasion to bring unity among the various communities. Similar event was organized by SHGs and FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres of Geetamandir, Forest Gate and Gobardhan.



The teachers and students of Chapar observed the special day in their respective centers. The community members and local leaders participated in the celebration, to mark the day when the Constitution of India came into effect. The patriotic dances and skits added colour to the celebration.

WORLD CANCER DAY

WHO has reported that cancer is the leading cause of death worldwide. There were 18.1 million new cases of cancer worldwide in 2020. In India, one in nine people are likely to develop cancer in his/her lifetime. Joining hands with the global cancer community, FAsCE India observed World Cancer Day on February 4, 2023. The program started with a screening of few videos on understanding the different types of cancer. The video clips included ways to prevent and treat cancer. Later, there was an interaction session to assess the understanding and knowledge of the children. Some of the children mentioned that tobacco and gutkha consumption leads to cancer. Miss Preeti, Teacher, explained the root causes of cancer and recommended good habits to live healthy.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This year, the International Women's Day was marked with a theme "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality". A gender-responsive approach to innovation, technology and digital education can increase the awareness of women and girls regarding their rights and civic engagement. Advancements in digital technology offer immense opportunities to address development and humanitarian challenge faced by women. FAsCE India commemorated the day in Narengi and Chandrapur on March 08, 2023. In Narengi, the SHG members from Geetamandir, Forest Gate, Bongaon participated in the event. Mr. Sanjib Kumar Das, the Guest Faculty of IIE as Chief Guest, Dr. Liyi Karso, Research Officer (H) & Scientist-2, RRI (H) as Guest of Honour, Fr Antony Kattathara, Executive Director, FAsCE India, Fr Genes Shangpliang, Superior of Provincialte Community, MSFS Provintialate Community, Narengi and Venerini Sisters were present on the occasion.



Fr Ariokiaswamy, Principal, Don Bosco High School, Chandrapur, graced the celebration as Chief Guest in Gobardhan village. Women from SHGs and community performed colourful dances to Bollywood and



Cultural beats. The best dancers were given prizes to encourage and motivate the women. The Chief Guest in his speech appreciated the amount of work done by women. He reiterated that women need to be recognized and acknowledged for their role in the family, community and society. He said that women deserve all the happiness for their tireless work.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMPUTER AT NONGALBIBRA



To keep up with the pace of advancement in science and technology, St, Thomas School, Nongalbibra requested for computers and printer. Realizing the need of the school, FAsCE India procured and donated 4 computers and 1 printer on February 12, 2023. The students and teachers will be able to use the computers for enhanced teaching and learning. The headmaster, staff and students of the school thanked FAsCE India for the kind gesture.

10 COMPUTERS DONATED BY FEDERAL BANK CSR INITIATIVE



As part of CSR initiative, Federal Bank donated 10 Desktop Personal Computer to FAsCE India on March 30, 2023. The computers were handed over by the officials of Federal Bank to Fr Antony Kattathara MSFS, Executive Director in the presence of Fr Santhosh Chavaranal MSFS, Provincial Bursar. The computers will be used in St. Frtancis De Sales School, Panbari to improve learning resources for the students. It will also help the teachers to enhance their teaching methodologies.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT FAsCE INDIA

Miss Lianvung Leivon, MSW 3rd Semester from Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Manipur was engaged in FAsCE India for her Block Placement. The intern was placed in various project locations from February 1 to 28, 2023. During the Block Placement, the intern made home visits and spent time with children in FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre in Bongaon and Narengi. In Amsing Jorabat, the trainee interacted with the SHG members and discussed about the functioning and management of SHG. The intern was also participated in workshops and training programs in Gobardhan, Narengi, Geeta Mandir and Bongaon.

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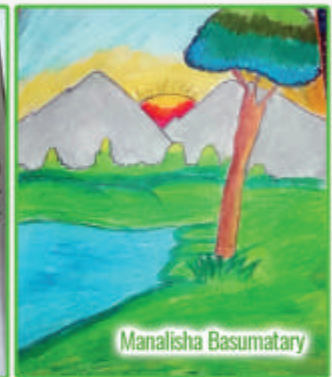
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