

JUST Newsletter

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Jana Unnayan Samiti Tripura (JUST) is a social development wing of Agartala Diocese.

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Director's message.....



Someone said it is better to teach a person fishing than give him fish, JUST has taken a novel venture to promote Rubber plantation as a source of sustainable livelihood for the poor.

After accompanying the poor through the Misereor supported SHG promotion for more than a decade, JUST has identified 100 beneficiaries with a plan of assisting them with a free of cost 100 Rubber saplings with a condition that the family which is part of our SHG program is ready to contribute through labour like fencing, digging pits and carrying the plants to the spot and planting. For the year 2011, JUST already initiated this program for 30 SHG families under Jampuijola R D block, and in a process of identification of beneficiaries for another 70.

JUST as an organization plans to accompany them with training and by providing manure for the beneficiaries.

Can we not dream when these poor families of a time would be able to send their children to good school and have their own source of income to manage their families.?



Fr. Robert Mathias

Fr. Robert Mathias CSC
Director, JUST

I think it's always a good move to listen to that inner voice, if it doesn't lead to a crime.

Lisa Kudrow, Vasser

Upcoming Events Between Oct - Dec 2011:

- > 9th CDC Meeting.
- > TAC Meeting on Health.
- > Construction of Balwardi School
- > BCC Workshop.
- > Community Message Dissemination.
- > Driving Training for IDP youth.
- > IHDP end term evaluation.
- > Staff level consultation with IDP leaders.
- > Training on leadership IDP leaders.
- > Training on Accounting and Record keeping.
- > Training for SHG representatives on organic farming.

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Annual General Body Meeting



Jana Unnayan Samiti Tripura organized the Annual General Body meeting on 30th August 2011 at JUST premises. 38 members were present in the meeting. Most Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro chaired the AGB meeting. Fr. Robert Mathias CSC the Director of JUST presented the reports of different activities and interventions carried out during the year 2009 - 2010. The Annual Reports for the year [1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010] were presented by all the coordinators. The statement of Annual Account was presented by Fr. George Jacob CSC the treasurer of JUST. Then there was election for a new governing body member. Most Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro proposed the name of Mr. R. Sundar the General Manager NABARD as the new governing body member where by the assembly elected the same.

-Mr. Kollol Datta

Medical Camp



A day long medical camp on 14th July 2011 at Naisingpara was organized by JUST. Dr. Anut Debbarma was the. Mr. Daniel

project manger coordinated the program. The patients suffering from different health concerns benefitted from the camp. During the camp, it was observed that majority of the patients have come with water-borne related diseases like malaria, diarrhea, dysentery, cough and cold. The devastating fire incident which occurred three months ago still continues to increase the waterborne diseases to a very high rate. The camp inhabitants are seen suffering from scabies, ring worm and boil. The lactating and nursing mothers are found anemic. Children are affected with worm infestation and malnutrition. Though not much of quality consultation has been afforded but such camps for this helpless community during this rainy season were felt urgency.

-Mr. Daniel Debbarma

Training of CHV/ASHA



5 batches of trainings were held at JUST Training hall, Agartala during the quarter. The training was organized by Caritas India and JUST in partnership with the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) Govt of India. The training is a part of the GFATM Round 9 IMCP-II project. The main objective of the training was to impart the knowledge on Malaria.

Dr. Gautam Debnath (District Malaria Officer, West) was the main Master Trainer for the training programme. The other master trainers were the DMO of Dhalai, MO, MTS and Lab Tech. There were 25 participants in each training batch. It was conducted for two days as residential program. Under this programme the main topics covered were Malaria situation globally and in the North East, Epidemiology, life cycle of mosquito, Clinical features, signs and symptoms of malaria, investigations, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. The other main topics covered were RDT (Rapid Diagnostic Test), BSC (Blood Slide Collection), the use of ACT (Artemisinin Combination Therapy) and the use of LLIN (Long Lasting Insecticidal Net). Besides malaria the input sessions were provided on IEC/BCC, which was one of the main objectives of the IMCP-II project.

-Dr. Anut Debbarma

Follow up training program of Jaltara water testing



A follow up program of Jaltara water testing was organized on 13th July 2011 at JUST field office, for the RIDE-B project staff. 4 mobilizers attended this training program at Lakhimpur, Assam. Practical demonstration was presented before Mr. Daniel Debbarma, the project manager

of RIDE-B project. The water sample was collected from the government's newly installed water supply in Naisingpara relief camp after the 18th March 2011 fire incident. The objective of this follow up program was to verify the knowledge of the trainees on water testing to be able to conduct correct water testing for safe drinking water to the relief camp inhabitants.

Mr. Daniel Debbarma

TOT on Human Right Education



Training of the teachers on Human Right Education was Conducted by the Regional Human Right Coordinators, NDSSS Guwahati, in collaboration with the JUST on 27th August 2011. The one day training program was participated by eight teachers from various Catholic schools. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sri K.K Roy, Principal of Tripura Govt. Law College and Chairman of Institute of Human Right Education in Tripura. Other dignitaries present for the programme were Fr. Robert Mathias CSC, Tapan Modak Coordinator of IHRE Tripura, Rita Kajur and Gargee Patwari Coordinator's of Human Right in North East. The Chief guest in his message spoke on what is Human Right and how

Human Rights were violated by citing case. The trainees mostly focused on Right of children to Free and compulsory Education Act 2009, CRC (convention on the Right of the Child) 1989 and also to evaluate the teachers and institutions who have introduced Human Rights Education in the schools as per the circulated Book by IHRE. The methodology of the training was participatory, interactive and through demonstration. The Training came to an end with an evaluation at 5 p.m.

-Mr. Birendra Jamatia

Environmental Seminar



An Environmental Seminar was organized for 62 peace club members of Notre Dame Holy Cross School, Moharpara on 15th August 2011. This programme cultivated the knowledge regarding positive response towards creating eco-friendly nature with the environment. The children understood the factors that degrade the originality of nature and had already caused greater level of global warming and climate change that indeed affect all living beings. The students were enlightened and they showed willingness to contribute to the growth of nature. After the programme, we also planted some flower plants and tree saplings in the peace club garden at the school.

Mr. Asam Jamatia

Capacity building on Planning and monitoring



To impart the knowledge of better implementation with regard to Planning and Monitoring of the project, a three days training was organized. The training was organized for the IHDP field staff from 4th to 6th July 2011 at JUST training hall. Mr. S.K. Darlong was the resource person of the program. 17 staffs attended the program. Topics like process to effective planning for SHGs, clusters & federations related activities and methods of monitoring were explained.

-Sr. Bastian D'Silva

Foundation laid at Baijalbari Resource center



Baijalbari Suari Resource Center has laid foundation on 27th July 2011 at Baijalbari. Fr. Paul SDB blessed the foundation pillar. The aim of this infrastructure is to create a platform for common discussions, conduct trainings programs and meetings. It will also serve the purpose as a store house of the finished products like handloom weaving products

and other possible products. 10 SHGs under one cluster have taken this initiative of constructing their own infrastructure. 20 resource center leaders were present during the great occasion. Fr. Paul encouraged them to go ahead in life and to stand on their own feet to improve their economic conditions.

-Sr. Bastian D'Silva

Training on Documentation



Training on Documentation was organized at JUST from 6th to 9th September 2011. Sr. Bastian D'silva and Mr. Daniel Debbarma were the resource persons of the program. 20 participants attended the training program. The aim of the training program was to enable the participants to understand the concept of documentation, its need and importance. The inputs of the program were based on event report, case study and progress report. The facilitators taught the purpose and need of documentation, pre-requisites and the qualifying factors of event report and case study.

-Sr. Bastian D'Silva

Training on Panchayati Raj Institution



Training on Panchayati Raj Institution was organized at JUST from 19th to 21st September 2011. Mr. T.C Francis Uchoi was the resource person of the program. There were altogether 24 participants present in the program. The facilitator emphasized on the basic

concept, role of PRI in developing the rural areas and also the role of common citizen of the localities. The input session of the programmes were based on the brief explanation of 3 tier Panchayati Raj systems- Panchayat Samiti, Zilla Parishads and Gram Sabha, NREGA & SGSY etc.

-Sr. Susheela Xess

Orientation of TFGs and Cluster wise training on First Aid and Rescue



As the project is a community managed project, staff had a series of meetings with Kumarghat BDO and person in charge of the Disaster Management from the block and the influential people. Thus, BDO gave the dates and venue to all the Panchayat Secretaries for the training. During this reporting period, 4 Cluster wise TFGs' Orientation cum training on First Aid and Rescue were conducted in different GPs with full enthusiasm. Lectures and demonstration on First Aid and Rescue were very new to them and were highly recommended to organize in every village too. Now the existing TFGs in the GPs are capacitated with skilled Team to perform their role during disaster to reduce risk of lives. They are now self sufficient and having a feeling of self reliance.

-Mr. James Halam

Certificate Distribution



On 17th September 2011 a certificate distribution ceremony for the Komortat trainers was organized by Jana Unnayan Samiti Tripura. The distribution was held at Udabdas Para under West Tripura district. Fr. Robert Mathias CSC was the chief guest of the program and Mr.R.Sundar, NABARD General Manager, was the guest of honour. Fr. Robert thanked FVTRS for providing such opportunities to the dropout girls for building up their career. Mr. R. Sundar promised the trainers to provide more opportunities in future.

-Mr. Deepan Gurung

Visitors

- * Fr. Stephen, Jowai
- * Mr. Thangsha Sebastian, NEDSSS Guwahati
- * Dr. Goutam, DMO (West Tripura)
- * Pinki Debbarma, M&E MIS Officer
- * Dr. B.K. Baidya (West Tripura)
- * Ms. Gargee Potwari & Rita, NEDSSS Guwahati
- * Fr. Santhosh Rodrigues (Mangalore)
- * Fr. Ronald P. D'saza (Mangalore)
- * Fr. Vijay V. Lobo (Mangalore)
- * Fr. Philip (Mangalore)
- * Dr. Bency Joseph & Ms. Rody Gangte (Caritas India, Delhi)
- * Joseph Vadakel (Goa)
- * Sr. Ventura Fernandes Regional Superior F.S.

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