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From Director's Desk.....

Dear Friends

Imagine there is a bank, which credits your account each morning with Rs 86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every penny, of course!

Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is Time.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow."

Therefore, there is never not enough time or too much time. Time management is decided by us alone and nobody else. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do it.

Yet again the arrival of another New Year has credited enormous time to our accounts.

It is an invitation to all of us to make use of it without any balance each day. May our investment of time in 2017 bring qualitative change in the lives of the people and environment to uphold the worth, respect and dignity of human beings and creation.

Wish you all a very happy and productive New year 2017.

Fr. Jeevan Kennady, SVD
Director, JUST



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Traditional Farming



In October 2016, JUST conducted “Village level consultation meeting on identification and sharing to promote traditional farming systems and practices” at 18 villages under Hezamara R.D Block, West Tripura. 326 farmers of which 121 men and 205 women took part in the meeting and sharing program. The objective of the program was to promote traditional farming systems and practices. The programs began at about 9:30 am. The facilitators discussed regarding different traditional practices that have been lost and also reviving the possible systems and practices. The farmers shared that they were ready to revive the possible systems and practices like working together or helping each other.

Mr. Vincent Debbarma

Training on Good Governance



In the month of November 5 trainings were conducted on good governance with the 5 Women Peace Clubs in Baijalbari, Belbari, Borkathal, Twikarmaw and Burburia. The district coordinator Mr. Nipen Debbarma was the resource person. He said that governance is all about process of management such as influencing in decision making, implementing decision, granting power and verifying performances. He also spoke on National Food Security Act 2013; what and how much of wheat, rice, and millet, maternity benefit will the beneficiaries get by both Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) under this act. And also the government and local bodies have to update name of the beneficiaries and put up the list on the notice board for public inspection as well as for the vigilance committee to check corruption in implementing the scheme.

Mr. Cyril R. Darlong

Launching of FARM Project Phase-II



On 10th November 2016, JUST launched FARM Northeast phase-II at Yesrai Community Hall at Yesrai Bazar under Hezamara R.D Block, West Tripura. The program began at 12 noon. There were about 180 farmers who took part in the program. The Chief Guest of the program was Dr. K.K Barman (Principal Scientist, ICAR), Guest of Honor, Most Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro, CSC, DD of Agartala and the chairman of JUST, Special guest Dr. Pawan Kumar Kaushik (CFLE, Regional Director), Mr. Pradipta (Sr. Manager, NABFINS), Fr. Jeevan Kennady, SVD (Director JUST) and Ms. Rani Debbarma (Vice- Chairman of Madhya Chanpur). The Chief Guest, Guest of Honor and all the special guests encouraged the farmers for what they have been doing and to do better in future. The aims and objectives of FARM Phase-II Project were explained to the farmers. The Coordinator Mr. Vincent Debbarma also made a presentation on the goal, objectives and activities of FARM Phase-I Project. The program ended at about 2:00 pm followed by Lunch.

Mr. Vincent Debbarma

JUST Making the Difference



The free coaching center run by JUST under Ganganagar R.D. Block to provide proper guidance and quality education to the children has brought out some tremendous changes in the life of the children. At the time of enrollment most of the children were not able to read and write and moreover level of health and hygiene were low but now they are able to read and write and performing well in their studies and also maintaining hygiene.

Formation of farmers' club



In November 2016, JUST organized training programs on "Formation and registration of farmers' club in new villages and strengthening of existing farmers' clubs" at 18 villages under Hezamara R.D Block, West Tripura. There were 367 farmers of which 159 men and 208 women took part in the training programs. The objective of the program was to form new farmers clubs at new project villages and strengthening of existing farmers clubs. The participants were sensitized regarding the rules and regulations of farmers clubs given by NABARD for better functioning of the clubs. The farmers were made aware of proper maintenance of Cash book, Minutes book and also Individual pass books of all the groups. They were also explained about maintaining all the documents strictly and that will lead to strengthening of the groups.

Mr. Vincent Debbarma

Training on Conflict Resolution



JUST on 08th November 2016 organized a training program on Conflict Resolution for the college students at Holy Cross College, Jubatara, West Tripura. 70 students took part in the program. The facilitator of the program was Mr. Cyril R. Darlong Coordinator of JUST. The objective of the training was to capacitate the youths and enhance them to address local issues related peace and social justice in the society. The facilitator explained on what is meant by conflict, possible reasons for conflict and how and with whom it can occur. He also explained about the different types of conflicts with the help of different examples. The facilitator also shared on 6 principles of responding to conflicts. There were group activities and discussions during the sessions which helped the students to critically think and understand on resolving conflicts. The training was a fruitful one with many positive feedbacks from the students.

Mr. Cyril R. Darlong

Malaria Awareness in School



One Local School activity on malaria awareness was conducted at Batia Maidan on 22nd October 2016 in Khowai under Intensified Malaria Control Project. It is assumed that in each year 10 schools in a district would have school-based initiatives for creating at least one change agent with special emphasis on Child-to-Child & Child-to-Family communication approach for dissemination of messages fostering knowledge and awareness and responsive behaviour towards malaria signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Activities would be emphasized before transmission season of malaria and during Anti- Malaria Month and World Malaria Day, etc., as locally appropriate.

Dr. Anut Debbarma

Brainstorming Session with Entrepreneurs



Brainstorming Session for Entrepreneurs was organized by JUST on the 24th November, 2016 for the SHGs. The Resource person was Dr. Selim Reza. The training began with the word Cluster. The Resource person shared that forming a cluster is always good because there is a time saving factor in it. In cluster we can get varieties of products. The members can learn from each other. The resource person took an example of a group of birds flying in the sky. They fly in V shape so that they can cut the wind. They are strong when they are together. The most important thing in cluster is that one person can bring things from the market for all so that they can save time, money and strength. Its also easy to visit groups because in cluster one can find all the groups at one place and it is easy for them to monitor.

Mr. Robert Lushai

World Disable Day



On 3rd December 2016, JUST observed World Disabled Day at Teliamura town hall, Teliamura West Tripura District. The program started at about 11:00 am. Sr. Amali (Chief Coordinator) of JUST inaugurated the program. The special invitees present for the program were Mr. Gouri Das (MLA), Mr. Sajal Kumar Chairman of Teliamura Municipal Council and Mr. Amaresh Choudhury, Chairman of Teliamura Panchayet Samiti. Mr. Prasanta Choudhury (Coordinator) of JUST gave a welcome speech in which he took the opportunity to also introduce the invitees in the program. The program was followed by Cultural items like: songs and recitation of poems by the PwDs and CwDs. All the invitees delivered short speeches on the importance of the day and the wonderful initiatives taken by JUST for the development of the PwDs and CwDs.

Mr. Prasanta Choudhury

Field Supervisors Training



The Field Supervisors training of the IMCP-3 under Caritas India Consortium was held on 27 & 28 Dec 2016 at JUST, Agartala. The FSs from JUST & VHAT attended the training program. 22 FSs from VHAT and 16 FSs from JUST attended it. The IMCP Central Team led by Dr. Shampa Nag the PD, and personnel from Finance, MIS and PSCM were the Resource persons. During the two days training, the topics covered are malaria, NFME, Finance, BCC programs and Stock Management.

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JUST Organized Free Health Camp



A Medical Health Camp was organized by JUST at Gulchura Para under Ganganagar R.D Block. Altogether 116 patients got benefitted from the health camp. JUST Ganganagar Project Staff lead by the Project Coordinator Mr. Lilmohan Reang along with Dr. Philip Reang; Medical Officer from Ganganagar PHC examined the patients and distributed free medicines to the patients. The patients were mostly women and children. Most of them had a complaints of fever, Headache, cough, stomachache, skin diseases, Gastric, etc. and the maximum number of patients were Mal-Nourished.

Mr. Lilmohan Reang

Pre-Christmas & Annual Gatherings



JUST celebrated Pre-Christmas & Annual Gathering on 19th December 2016 at JUST premises. The morning session began at about 10:00 am. All the project staff of different projects of JUST took part in the sessions. The Director of JUST Fr. Jeevan Kennady, SVD facilitated the morning sessions. The session was about sharing all the projects run by JUST and what each project is doing. All the staff of each projects was also introduced to all the participants during the session. The Session started with an input session taken by Mr. Mintu Debbarma, Advocate of Tripura High Court, Agartala, on Food Security Act, 2013 and Janani Shishu Surakhsha Karyakram. The second session was taken by Mr. Robert Lushai and Mr. Lilmohan Reang Coordinators of JUST on Mainstreaming Peace Building and was followed by lunch. There were also numbers of games conducted after lunch where everyone took active part and enjoyed. The evening cultural program began at 6:00 pm. JUST celebrated Pre-Christmas & Annual Gathering on 19th December 2016 at JUST premises. The morning session began at about 10:00 am. All the project staff of different projects took part in the sessions. The Director of JUST Fr. Jeevan Kennady, SVD facilitated the morning sessions. The session was about sharing all the projects run by JUST and what each project is doing. All the staff of each project was also introduced to all the participants during the session. The Session started with an input session taken by Mr. Mintu Debbarma, Advocate of Tripura High Court, Agartala, on Food Security Act, 2013 and Janani Shishu Surakhsha Karyakram. The second session was taken by Mr. Robert Lushai and Mr. Lilmohan Reang Coordinators of JUST on Mainstreaming Peace Building and was followed by lunch. There were also number of games conducted after lunch where everyone took active part and enjoyed. The evening cultural program began at 6:00 pm. The chief guest of the program was Most Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro, CSC, DD of Agartala. There were other invited guests present in the program. About 130 people attended the cultural program. The program started by a prayer and carol songs by JUST staff. Fr. Jeevan Kennady director of JUST welcomed the guests and presented a power point presentation on what JUST is doing. All the invitees were welcomed with a special Bomboo sapling in view of promoting green environment. During the programme the best performing field staff were awarded. It was then followed by cultural items of the evening. The program ended with a festive meal

Mr. Robert Lushai

