



JUST Newsletter

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From Director's Desk.....

Dear Friends

The June quarter had been a quarter of disaster in Tripura. First came the tornado in Khowai and West Districts and brought down the houses and trees rendering the people homeless. Before we could complete the relief work among the storm hit people, came the disastrous flood caused by incessant rains in the North, Unnakoti and Gomati Districts driving the people to the relief camps.

Thanks to our Chairman Most. Rev. Lumen Monteiro and Caritas India for the swift response in supporting us to carry out the relief work at the time when it was needed the most.

Besides the relief response we also carried out other planned activities like Teacher's training, study materials distribution to the children at non-formal education centers, kisan mela to encourage the farmers, dialogue for peace and conflict resolution, trainings to revive the eroding customs and cultures.

A special appreciation to all our staff who inspite of being involved in relief work were able to complete other planned activities in time. Thanks to our Donors for the continued support to our change making effort.



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Fr. Jeevan Kennady, SVD
Director, JUST

Learning Materials to Children



In the month of April 2018 JUST distributed school stationary materials such as exercise copy, pen, pencil, rubber and sharpener to the needy children of all the coaching centers under Ganganagar R.D. Block as most of the families are very poor and cannot afford to spend on the basic things needed for their child's education. 400 poor children received the materials distributed by JUST and they were very enthusiastic after receiving the materials.

By Mr. Lilmohan Reang

Revival of Traditional Customs and Culture



An awareness program to revive the traditional customs and cultures was conducted in the month of April 2018 for 265 farmers. Mr. Amit kumar Debbarma was the Facilitator. He reminded the farmers regarding the cultural habits like Hukbar, Food Habits and Dressing patterns Hukbar. The Facilitator shared about traditional way of practicing Jhum, how people used to go for finding suitable plot for cultivation and how signs were marked for marking the plot. He said that Jhum Cultivation is a Cultural Practice so it is important to preserve this and likewise food habits like Gudok, Awandru, Chakhui, bermabwtwi and many other are importance in preserving our traditional food habits rather than losing them. He also shared that traditional dress like Chamwthui Bar, Risa, Rangbwtang and many other traditional dresses of all the different sub tribes. He explained that Traditional Dress is an identity of any tribe for every community. So, it is important to preserve these practices.

By Mr. Robert Lushai

Teacher's Training



Teacher's Training was organized by JUST at JUST Training Hall, Durjoynagar Agartala for the JUST coaching teachers from 20th to 21st April, 2018. Mrs Jeena Hrangkhawl and Mrs. Shrabani Chatterjee from Monfort School, Dukli were the trainers for the training. The Training was very effective and successful, as all the trainees have gained lots of new teaching skills in this training. They were taught what is Primary Education & Aims of Primary Education, Meaning of Balwadi and key issues in organizing Balwadi School. They were also taught how to motivate or care for a child and the all round development of the child. They were also made to play some games & Sports which will help them a lot for utilizing in the School.

By Mr. Lilmohan Reang

Kisan Mela



JUST organized Kisan Mela on 16th April 2018 with the Farmer's Clubs at Borkathal Boys Hostel ground under Hezamara R.D Block. The Chief Guest was Honorable MLA Shri. Brisuketu Debbarma, Guest of Honour Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro DD. Chairman of JUST and Special Guest Dr. Pawan K. Kaushik Regional Manager, CFLE was welcomed by Fr. Jeevan Kennady Director of JUST, Agartala. There were 250 participants during the Kisan Mela from different Farmer's Clubs of JUST Agartala. The Farmers had put up 20 stalls where they showcased their organic products. It was a good opportunity for the Farmers to sell their produce as well as to get connected to whole sale business men.

By Mr. Robert Lushai

District level dialogue for peace, conflict resolution and human rights



JUST organized a District level dialogue on peace, conflict resolution and human rights at Kumarghat and Twikarmaw on 12th and 30th May 2018. The resource persons were Fr. Ivan, Fr. Abraham and Mr. Anthony Debbarma and shared on the topic of peace building, conflict resolution and human rights with the participants. In the second session the resource persons spoke on 30 basic human rights and also shared some details and meaning of Human Rights. Human rights are the rights inherent to all the human beings, whatever be their nationality, place of residence, sex, race, colour, religion, language, culture etc. Through the dialogue process the participants are encouraged to be active peace promoters in their respective area.

By Mr. Cyril R. Darlong

Networking for Peace Building in Tripura



JUST organized a State level networking meeting with NGOs, CBOs, FBOs and opinion leaders for peace building in Tripura at JUST hall, Agartala on 25th May 2018. The welcome address was given by Fr. Jeevan Kennady Director of JUST. The meeting was inaugurated by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro Bishop of Agartala, chairman of JUST. There were more than 30 members from different Organizations took part in it. There were 3 external observers for the meeting, who gave feedback after the presentation. The 3 external observers were Mr. Jaydip Chakraborty Junior Editor of Tripura Times, Prof. Dr. Sr. Marina B.S Holy Cross College Agartala and Prof. Vincent from Loyola College Chennai. The participating NGOs have decided to extend networking with more NGOs by a coordinating group to be jointly involved for peace building in Tripura.

By Mr. Cyril R. Darlong

Training on DO No Harm with peace club members



The peace staff conducted training on "Do No Harm" with the target schools. The peace staff explained the principle of 'Do No harm' that it is a holistic perspective that is focused on mutual benefits not a win-lose situation. 'Do no Harm' reminds us to think before rushing even to do well, considering also the negative consequence of our actions even if it be doing what we think is appropriate. The peace club members were also enlightened with two different stories the story of a cocoon and a boy and Person of Goodwill. The training has motivated the Peace Club members to behave such a way that their thinking and action may not harm others verbally or physically.

By Mr. Cyril R. Darlong

Emergency Relief Work



Tripura faced native's furry since May 2018. JUST extended its helping hand to support the affected families in time. Nearly 800 families have been supported by JUST in Khowai, West Tripura, Dhalai, Gomati and Unakoti Districts. As per the situation reports and spot assessment, People were in need of cash, cloth and utensils. As per the need, JUST distributed cash worth Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000 per family partially and fully damaged respectively in Khowai and West Tripura Districts. Besides the cash, cloth items mosquito nets, blankets, cooking and other utensils were distributed in Dhalai, Unakoti and Gomati Districts.

By Mr. Robert Lushai

World Environment Day



On 5th June 2018 JUST celebrated World Environment day at Radhanagar English Medium School under Hezamara R.D Block, West Tripura. The theme was "Beat Plastic Pollution". Miss Larrisa Debbarma was the Resource Person. There were 36 Farmers who participated in the program. Awareness was given by the resource person on the theme Plastic Pollution. The Resource person explained about the ill effects of using plastics, how it affects the environment, solution to plastic pollution and how to organize and hold a successful end pollution campaign in our society. She gave different examples to motivate and also to make the people to understand on plastic pollution. Some of the points given for the solution to plastic pollution were shop friendly, get rid of bottled water, forget to go containers, educate business, get involved with the government on any level and recycle everything. To mark the celebration 20 Saplings of Agar, 20 saplings of Chandan, 20 saplings of Mangium and 180 Herbal plants were planted in the School campus as well as at Mr. Sukuram Debbarma and Mrs. Anima Debbarma's land.

By Mr. Robert Lushai

JUST Gives Hope to Miss Anjana



Miss Anjana Ghosh aged 28 hails from Pakpuibari under Treliamara R.D Block. She is a person with mental illness since 1999. JUST CBR workers identified her during field visit in the year 2014. As her mother is old could not look after Miss Anjana. Hence, JUST took initiative to connect her with Psychiatric hospital at Narshinghar, Agartala. After three years of regular medical care by JUST CBR team, she has improved a lot and slowly becoming self dependent. The aged mother is excited to see her daughter improving. She thanked JUST for giving hope to her daughter.

By Prasanta Chowdhury

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Annual Sports



Annual Sport was organized in the month of June in all the 10 JUST Coaching Centers of Ganganagar R.D. Block. In each centre the students were divided into boys and girls and further divided into different age groups like senior and junior and different Sports like running race, long jump, blind hit, scoring goal, pass the ball, etc are made to compete among the students. All the students participated in the competition with full enthusiasm and enjoyed the sports well. The winners were given prizes. The prizes were distributed to the winners by the coordinator and the village leaders and elders. Many guardians and the villagers also came out to watch and encourage their children competing in the games. The guardians are also very happy to have such kind of activities and most of them said that this kind of competition are being organized first time in their village as well as for their children.

By Mr. Lilmohan Reang

15th SHG DAY CELEBRATION



15th SHG Day Anniversary of Ura Kami Naikolnai Resource Center at Bagbari was celebrated on 6th June 2018. It began by thanking God and invoking his blessing on all the women. The Field Supervisor Mrs. Kabita Debbarma welcomed the Chief Guest Mr. Manik Chakma BDO of Hezamara R.D Block and Guest of Honors Mr. Sunil Debbarma (Block Chairman), Fr. Jeevan Kenady, Director of JUST and Sr. Mary, Chief Coordinator of JUST. The women very confidently put up a skit showing the challenges and the changes in their own life which has empowered them to develop themselves. The BDO was very happy to see the empowered women of these villages. He has promised to make a new tar road to the village and also to give 6 tailoring machines within six month. The women were very happy as they had the opportunity to express themselves. Around 85 women were present for the celebration.

By Mr. Nelson Debbarma