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From Director's Desk.....

Dear Friends

The future has a way of arriving unannounced. Michael Altshuler says. "The bad news is time flies; the good news is you're the pilot" Having piloted another quarter we have a lot to share with you. We had number of activities during this quarter One of the most important events of this quarter is our Annual General Body meeting held in August. It was the time of recalling, reporting, evaluating and planning.

The active participator of the members and theis interaction have given us a new impetus. Number of activities on care of Environment were organized. As part of it nearly 17 Herbal gardens are set up at different Schools beside cleaning and plantation drive at different Schools and farmers clubs.

Nearly 400 children at our non-formal education centers at Ganganagar area and Damdamia have been provided study materials to assist them in studies besides providing nutrition for the children.

We also organized a interface meeting of our farmers with the NABARD officials, Which has resulted in making concrete action plan for future.

I wish to thank all our collaborators. and Donors stake holders for the generous support.

*Fr. Jeevan Kennady, SVD
Director, JUST*

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Independence Day Celebration



Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor on 15th August, 2019 in all the 10 JUST Coaching Centers in Ganganagar area in Dhalai District with the students and parents to mark the 73rd India's freedom from the British rule. On this special occasion, the teachers welcomed the students and the parents and flags were hoisted followed by National Anthem in all the 10 centers. The teachers address of the students and the parents and reminded them of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and urged the students to be patriotic. The students also enjoyed some games and sports such as quiz, art, drawing, skipping and football competition. Prizes were distributed to the winners and top performers in each category. At the end sweets were distributed to everyone and the program was concluded.

By Mr. Lilmohan Reang

Distribution of Teaching Learning Materials



Educational materials such as pen, pencil, rubber and sharpener were distributed to 350 children studying at JUST Coaching Centers in Ganganagar and 130 children were distributed at Damdamia, Nepali Basti and Adharni Tea garden under SMILE Education Project. The Project Coordinators distributed the free educational kits to the children and advised them to make the best use of the opportunities provided by JUST to achieve great success in life. The educational kits, which are distributed are not only useful for the children in their learning process, but also help in boosting their self-esteem and keep them motivated to go to school throughout the year.

By Mr. Lilmohan Reang

Training on peace, human rights and leadership skills



JUST organized training on peace, human rights and leadership skills at Depacherra on 25th August 2019. There were 52 participants who attended the training. The resource person Mr. Bikash Debbarma shared on peace, legal rights and human rights with the participants. The resource person spoke on 30 basic human rights and also shared some details and meaning of Human Rights and how peace is important in our society. He also spoke on legal rights, education rights, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe (prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989.

By Mr. Cyril R. Darlong

Training on Different Government Schemes



A series of Trainings on different Government schemes available for the SHGs were conducted by JUST in the month of August, 2019 under Ganganagar R.D block in Dhalai District. Mr. Lilmohan Reang was the facilitator of the training. He explained the various schemes available for the SHGs such as Tripura State Support Project on SHGs (TSSPS). It is a state plan scheme being implemented in Tripura since 2009-10 and there is a provision for providing soft loan maximum of rupees 25,000 at the rate of 4 percent interest and equal amount from Tripura State Co-operative Bank. Financing of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) is another scheme where the members who are engaged in similar economic activities and are willing to jointly undertake to repay the loans taken by the group from the Banks can avail the loan. NABARD Financial Services Ltd. (NABFINS): NABFINS also extends loans to SHGs through its own trained Business & Development Correspondents. Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDPs) is another scheme from NABARD where SHG's need based skill development programmes are being supported for matured SHGs which already have access to finance from Banks.

By Mr. Lilmohan Reang

Observation of Teacher's Day



Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th of September, the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan one of the most learned Presidents of India, who was also a teacher with great joy and fervour in all the 10 JUST Coaching Centers of Ganganagar R.D. Block. On this day the senior students played the role of their teachers and paid gratitude to their teachers. Some students also presented flowers and pens to their teachers as a token of respect. Honouring the teachers the students presented some songs and rhymes for them. The students also played some games and sports, quiz and drawing competition and prizes were distributed to the winners soon after the games concluded.

By Mr. Lilmohan Reang

Enterprise Development



In the month of August 2019 to September 2019 under SFOORTI project JUST had organized Training on 'Enterprise Development' for SHGs in Seven Federations. The purpose of the training was to develop the business (IGA) from Micro level to Macro level. Through the trainings SHGs will be able to provide goods and services in the market, with the anticipated outcome of earnings profit. During the Training Project Coordinator Nelson Debbarma and Chief Coordinator Sr. Mary David FS, had explained Enterprise concepts, explaining them (SHG) that it is a company specialized in enterprise architecture and business processes management which organizes and manages to develop the most suitable solutions for their clients or customers through a holistic approach, which tends to redefine, streamline and increase efficiency of the business processes. It is a process that organizes and offers some goods and services in the market, usually carries out some commercial activity from small scale of business to large medium of business, which creates new job positions, and gains some profits. Nearly 100 SHGs are trained in the field level at seven federations.

By Mr. Nelson Debbarma

Promotion & Awareness on Indigenous Seeds



Awareness program on Promotion and awareness on indigenous seeds were conducted on different dates in the month of August 2019 in 15 different target villages. The facilitator explained to the farmers why indigenous seeds are important. He suggested to the farmers to take up organic farming and should not use hybrid seeds. He shared to them that hybrid seeds need more input cost and it destroys the fertility of the soil. He also said that hybrid seeds have low germination rate and are typically sterile. He concluded saying that the organic fruits and vegetables have high demand in the market than hybrids.

By Mr. Robert Lushai

Medication Support to MIPwDs



JUST provided transportation & medication supports to 5 MI PwDs Anjana Ghosh, Subrata Ghosh, Ambia Khatun, Bipul Debbarma, Ranjit Debbarma to avail medication regularly. Before JUST intervention they didn't know how to receive medication freely and where. Through Baseline survey JUST identified them in 2014. After that JUST CBR worker motivated their families for regular medication. JUST CBR worker also created a rapport with the Doctors. Then JUST CBR worker them to go to Narshinghar Psychiatric Hospital and DDRC West Tripura regularly. JUST also provide transportation support. As a result Anjana Ghosh and Amia Khatun now stable.

By Mr. Prasanta Chowdhury

Training on livestock management



Training on Livestock Management was conducted at JUST training hall on 24th September 2019. Mr. Biswajit Debbarma, the animal expert was the Resource Person. There were 60 farmers who attended the training program. The Resource Person shared different ways of treating different animals. He also told them some important medicines for different sickness of different animals like Brotone syrup for cremie, piles, liver problem for pigs; Ibermactin for pig and also other cattle's skin disease, etc. The program was very interactive and the program ended with a meal.

By Mr. Robert Lushai

International peace day celebration



The peace staff organized Seminars, Debates Competitions, Cleanliness Drives, Plantation Drive, Essay Competition on Peace and Peace Rally with the target schools during International Peace Day Celebration in September 2019. During the International Peace Day the peace club members make a pledged promote peace in their respective places and to accept the different communities of the state possessing various Cultures, Religion, Community to live in peace and harmony.

By Mr. Cyril R. Darlong

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JUST conducted EDN (Earth Day Network) Programs



The EDN (Earth Day Network) programs were conducted by JUST on 11th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th September 2019 in 17 Schools under 7 District of Tripura. Setting up of herbal gardens were done in 16 Schools, cleanliness drives were conducted in 5 Schools and plantation and Cleanliness drive was conducted with Youth Club members. First an awareness talks was given by JUST staff and Volunteers present for the School Children, Parents, Teachers and others on bio-degradable and non bio-degradable waste items and also a talk on the importance of environment protection in which they told the participants to plant more trees and avoid such things which are harmful for the environment. They told them to be aware of what we are doing and act now to save our environment. They told to the students to set target to plant how many trees they can plant every month. They also told them to create awareness among their friends to plant more trees and to avoid using plastics. After the awareness talk clean up drives were conducted in which all the participants did cleaning of the School road and the campus. About 480 medicinal plants and 50 fruit saplings were planted during the programs as a whole in the month of September 2019. During the Peace rally awareness on the environment protection was also given with their placards.

By Mr. Robert Lushai

Monthly meeting and strengthening of peace clubs



The peace staff conducted "Herbal Plantation" during the monthly meeting and strengthening of peace clubs with the target schools on September 2019. The peace staff shared about herbal medicine and its origins from ancient cultures, how it involves the medicinal use of plants to treat disease and enhance general health and wellbeing. They also shared the benefits of Herbal Medicine and purpose of few Herbal Plants such as, Black Tulsi Chirota and Aloe vera. The peace staff appreciates and encourages the peace club students in planting plants and shared the values of it.

By Mr. Cyril R. Darlong