



Literacy in itself is no education. Literacy is not the end of education or even the begining. By Education I mean an all round drawing out of the best in the child and man body, mind and spirit. - Mahatma Gandhi

Capacity Building Training to the District Adult Education Officers of NE states

A three day training on Capacity Building to the District Adult Education Officers, Nodal Officers and District Coordinators on Saakshar Bharat Component was organized from 23rd to 25th November, 2015 at Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli, Guwahati- 4. The training was organized by the Directorate of Adult Education, Government of India in collaboration with SRC Assam. The participants from Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Assam were taken part in the training. The training was started with an inaugural session by Mrs. Anuradha Baruah, Programme Officer, SRC Assam. Shri Samiran Brahma, the Director, SRC Assam proposed welcome address. In his welcome Address, Shri Brahma briefed about the present scenario of SBM particularly in Assam. Participating in the Inaugural function, Mrs. Sharodi Saikia, the Director, Non Formal and Adult Education and SPD SLMA Assam expressed concern over the communication system with neighbouring states which they either meet in Delhi or in the meeting. Due to lack of communication with these states it barriers in the developmental process slowing down.

The technical session was started with a presentation by Dr. Ramakrishna Sura, Director, DAE, GoI, New Delhi on "Overview of Adult Education Programme in India". During presentation, Dr. Sura outlined the history and background of Adult Education Programme in India till launching Saakshar Bharat Programme. Shri Samiran Brahma in his presentation highlighted the approach of Saakshar Bharat Mission launched since 2009 to till date. The Director gave detail information on objective and present status of SBM. In the training, feedback on the implementation of SBM specially its effectiveness and constraints were taken from the

participants of the respective states. The techniques of training to motivate the learners and volunteers were also an important theme of the training which was presented by Dr. Sura.

The session of the day two was formally initiated by Z.H. Qureshi, Consultant, DAE. The topic of the training



was Continue Education, its Structure & Functions at AEC levels. In addition to that he discussed about the features of financial literacy & importance of vocational training. The role of languages in Basic literacy, remediation, reinforcement and application & upgradation of literacy skills in continuing of literacy were also came up in his presentation. National Level Learner Assessment Test was one of the topics of the training which was shared by Dr. Ramakrishna Sura. Briefing details about the process of learners assessment test, he highlighted the adoption of scientific assessment system and certification on three competency levels. The importance of Legal Literacy Components in Saakshar Bharat was one of the topic of discussion. The said topic was delivered by Shri Anshul Saxena, *Continue to page no 2*

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Project Officer, Deptt of justice, Govt. of India. He discussed about the importance of legal literacy components in Saakshar Bharat, Legal framework like fundamental rights and duties, Directives principles of state policy and legislation. He outlined the importance and facilities of special Laws for women, children SC, ST & Minorities. He informed the participants on various rights, laws, acts and the juvenile justice of child right. The provision of RTI act, free legal aid services, role of NALSA, SLSA & DLSA and Lok Adalats were covered in the presentation. The technical session on the



topic of "Importance of training and its design" this was conducted by Z.H. Qureshi. He spoke about the concept, needs, training design, how to conduct teaching practices in state, district and villages levels. Supplementing other topic "Role of Media and IEC material in Saakshar Bharat Programme" he mentioned specific objectives of literacy, target oriented and its time bound in nature. The last session of the day was conducted by V.K.Sharma, Consultant, DAE. He discussed about course, system and process of Equivalency Programmes.

The third and last day session was started with recaps of the proceedings of the day two. The technical session started with a presentation on Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana conducted by Z.H. Qureshi. He discussed about the strategy for achieving 100% Literacy in Saansad Adarsh Grams in Saakshar Bharat Districts, its objectives and the Alignment of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana with Saakshar Bharat. He also discussed the follow up Action Taken which focused on strategy for Adarsh Grams with the help of Environment Building Activities, Supporting Initiatives of NLMAs, Monitoring and Supervision on SAGY. The session particularly on Financial Literacy was presented by Shri. H. Khongsai

from SBI, Learning Centre, Guwahati. At the beginning, he pointed out Refresher Training for CSPs, its Programme Objectives, Challenges & Issues and Financial Inclusion. The topic of Social Security Schemes of Government, Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) were also equally come up in his presentation. The importance of saving, budgeting & planning and the MUDRA Yojana were the interesting points of discussion in which most of the participants actively took part. The Group Work to prepare action plan in view

to make 100% Literacy in Saansad Adarsh Gram was composed by the respective groups. The group reports was presented by the group leader which found very effective, touching the most specific activities. In the closing function, feedback of the three days training programme was taken from the participants. The three days training programme was ended with the announcement and vote of thanks Proposed by Mrs. Anuradha Baruah, Programme Officer, SRC Assam.

Programme Coverage through Print Media



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Special Initiative of Literacy and Skill Development in Saansad Adarsh Grams

An exchange visit cum motivational programme for the functionaries involved in the SBM programme under Saansad Adarsh Gram for the district of Karbi Anglong and Sonitpur organized on 29- 30th December, 2015 at Tezpur jointly by State Resource Centre Assam, ZLSS Sonitpur and Karbi Anglong. The participants were the District and Block Coordinators, Preraks, Volunteer Teachers and Learners of the Gram Panchayats adopted in Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. The officials present were Sri P. K. Mahanta, ACS, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Sonitpur cum Member Secretary of Zilla Lok Shiksha Samiti, Sonitpur, Sri D. Saikia, Nodal Officer, Zilla Lok Shiksha Samiti, Karbi Anglong and Shri Nirmal Ch. Deka, Programme Officer and Shri Himangshu Saikia, District Resource Person of State Resource Centre Assam. The functionaries from both the districts visited Gram Tarang Employability Training Institute located at Tezpur Mahila Samiti Campus. Shri Munu Pathak, Programme Officer, Gram Tarang Centre elaborated the mandate



of the organization. The norms and criteria of different courses, duration, salary, cost of expenditure and placement in various places was highlighted by the said person. Shri Dhiraj Saikia, Nodal Officer, ZLSS, Karbi Anglong commenting his view said most of the unemployment problems easier to be resolved through Gram Tarang Centre and it would be possible for a new start of their life. With this the meeting started on various discussions that related to Saakshar Bharat Mission and view point of the participants. On 30th December 2015, the participants assembled at Bishnu Rabha Samanay Khetra, Ushapur, in which Shri P. K. Mahanta, CEO, Sonitpur welcomed the participants. Thereafter, interactive session amongst the participants took place which was found very enthusiastic amongst the participants.

Special Initiatives of Literacy & Skill Development in the Adopted Adarsh Gram- Namati



A consultation meeting on special initiatives of Literacy and Skill Development in the adopted Adarsh Gram - Namati under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana was organized by State Resource Centre Assam in collaboration with Zilla Lok Shiksha Samiti, Karbi Anglong on 3rd November, 2015 at Medical IB, Parokhuwa, Karbi- Anglong. At the very outset, Shri Dhiraj Saikia, Nodal Officer, ZLSS, SBM, Namati Development Block welcomed the guests and people in the meeting and then Kamal Bhattacharjee, Dist. Coordinator, ZLSS, Diphu presented the scenario of SBM in Karbi-Anglong. After that Abhoy Sankar, PMRDF

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discussed about the demographic profile of Namati, Adopted Adarsh Gram. He discussed about the various data regarding household issues like health, education, sanitary, percentage of people living under BPL, agriculture, lease land, Animal Husbandry, skilled labour, etc. of the village. The key note address was delivered by Shri S. Brahma, Director, SRC, Assam. In his address he briefed about the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana and its implementation in the Adopted Gram level. He dwelt upon the needs of this scheme and its benefit towards rural people for their personal and social development in general. In regards to implementation of the scheme, SRC Assam was entrusted by the Govt. of India for providing all types of academic and technical resource support. For the benefit of the rural people, the same may be undertaken in Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana Programme. As Govt. of India set the target for making Total literacy in the Gram Panchayat by March, 2016, therefore the process in Namati will be initiated immediately. For implementation of the scheme, Shri Brahma gave the mechanism such as preparation of action plan, constitution of monitoring unit etc. He urged all sections of people to render their cooperation for achieving the target by March, 2016. After that, the role of NABARD in Saansad Adarsh Grams was discussed by Shri P. Bulte, DDM, NABARD. He said that Financial Literacy is all about how to develop and change the financial system of an individual and said that government scheme is only for limited time, it was not successful due to lack of awareness among the people and discussed about the three programs of Financial Literacy: Jan Dhan Yojana, PMSBY and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana. Shri Indreswar Kalita, ACS, Project Director, DRDA, Karbi Anglong cum Member Secretary, Zilla Lok Shiksha Samiti, Karbi Anglong offered gratitude to all the participants for their cooperation in the meeting. He stated that for all developmental process, people's participation is one of the important factors. In Karbi Anglong District,

Saakshar Bharat Programme has been well accelerated by the people for whom the programme has rightly moved towards its goal. He concluded his address putting stress on all round development of the society by implementing the other scheme along with Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana and he invited all other government departments to come forward and work for the development of the people. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri Dhiraj Saikia.

2nd consultation meeting on special initiatives on literacy and skill development in Namati



The 2nd consultation meeting on special initiatives on literacy and skill development in the adopted Gram under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana was organized by Zilla Lok Shiksha Samiti, Karbi Anglong on 11th December, 2015 at Medical IB, Parokhuwa, Karbi Anglong. The meeting was presided over by Sri Dayaram Gogoi, Village head of Lachitnagar village under Namati Constituency. Shri K. Bhattacharjee, District Coordinator (MIS), ZLSS (SBM), Karbi Anglong, Diphu explained the objective of the meeting. The key note address was delivered by Sri Dhiraj Saikia, ASO, DRDA & Nodal Officer, ZLSS (SBM), Karbi Anglong, Diphu, about the Strategy, adaptation and way forward. He also stressed for all round developments of the society through implementation of other scheme along with Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. He also informed the house that an Exposure trip is being organised for motivation of the functionaries in the implementation of SAGY. Sri

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Achyut Bhuyan, District Co-ordinator, ZLSS (SBM), Karbi Anglong, Diphu explained briefly about Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna and its approach with inclusion of Literacy and Skill Development. He expressed how literacy and Skill development are co-related with each other & these are very vital aspect for development of any society. The Village head in his speech requested people under Namati Constituency to come forward with great zeal for eradication of illiteracy so that 100 % literacy could be achieved.

Interpersonal Media Campaign under Saansad Adarsh Gram

SRC Assam organized a Training Program on Interpersonal Media Campaign under Saansad Adarsh Gram at Natunjelom Morong Garh, Dhemaji on 9th December 2015. The welcome address was delivered by Azizul Hoque, Programme Officer, SRC Assam. He



highlighted the various activities of Interpersonal Media Campaign specially financial & legal literacy. Mr. Chandan Hazarika, Branch Manager, Jonai Branch of AGV Bank explained the different schemes like PMSBY, Jan-Dhan Yojna and Atal Pension Yojna. The second topic was Legal Literacy. Mr. Dileswar Tayong, Advocate, Jonai Civil court, discussed about the Domestic Violence and sexual Harassment Act with the participants. Some of the participants took part in the presentation. Total 39 participants were participated in the training. The programme culminated with vote of thanks by Mrinal Baruah, RP, SRC Assam. Mr.Gagan Tayong, Gaonburha, Natunjelom, conducted the training.

Planning Meeting to make 100% literacy in Natunjelom village under Saansad Adarsh Gram held on 8th December, 2015.



A planning meeting was held on 8th Dec, 2015 at Kemijelom GP Office. The members present in the meeting were: PRI functionaries, Preraks & Block Coordinators of SBM. Mr. S. Tayong, President of Kemijelom GP, was chaired in the meeting. Mr. Mahabir Payeng, Block Coordinator, Jonai explained the objectives of the meeting. Shri A. Hoque, Programme Coordinator, SRC Assam spoke about the present status of teaching learning process in Natun Jelam village under SAGY. After details discussion on various related issues, the meeting decided to conduct series of motivational activities in the adopted GP. The meeting also decided to organise a neo-literate Mela with a day long programme in the month of February, 2016. During day long melas, different competitions like games, writing competition among the certified neo- literates will be organised.

Volunteer Teachers Training on Kemijelom

The Volunteer Teachers Training was conducted by SRC Assam in collaboration with Dhemaji Zilla Lok Siksha Samiti to the VTs of Natunjelom village under Saansad Adarsh Gram on 25th October, 2015 at Natunjelom LP School. The Resource Persons: Mr. Maneswar Gogoi, District Coordinator, Dhemaji, Mahabir Payong, Block Coordinator, Jonai and Mrinal

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Baruah, RP of SRC Assam were present in the training. In this training, more emphasis was given on the transaction of the primer. The trainers were actively participated in the training and all their queries & suggestions were taken into consideration towards the successful implementation of the programme. The TLM & Primers were distributed in the training.

Volunteer Teachers Training in the Adopted Adarsh Gram – Namati



The Volunteer Teacher Training in the adopted Gram under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna was organized by Zilla Lok Shiksha Samiti, Karbi Anglong on 20th December, 2015 at Howraghat Pan Engti L.P.School. A total number of 104 Volunteer Teachers under Namati SAGY were received training.

Refresher Training to the VTs under SAGY

A Refresher Training to the VTs in the adopted gram under SAGY was organized by Sonitpur Zilla Shiksha Samiti in collaboration with SRC Assam on 22nd



December, 2015 at the 2 No. Sootea, Panchayat. Mrs. Upasana Ojah, Block Coordinator, ZLSS (SBM), Sonitpur explained the objective of the training. In the refresher training, issues and progress of learning centre thoroughly discussed. In SAGY under Sootea, a total number of 612 non literate have been identified. After that, Shri Nirmal Ch. Deka, Programme Coordinator, SRC Assam, explained briefly about the role and responsibility of the VTs under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana and its approach in Basic Literacy.

Sports Day celebration

The Assam Sports Day was celebrated by SRC Assam & Dhemaji Zilla Lok Siksha Samiti on 17th October, 2015 in the playground of Natunjelom ME School with a daylong agenda. The football match was played among the different clubs in the Kemijelom GP. In connection to that, an awareness meeting on Saansad Adarsh Gram was organised with the villagers. Mr.Gagan Tayong, Gaonburha of Natunjelom Village, presided over the meeting.



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Observation of Gandhi Jayanti

In the honour of the “father of the nation” Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhi Jayanti or the International day of Non-violence (As announced by UN General Assembly on 2007) was observed on 2nd October, 2015. SRC Assam observed the Gandhi Jayanti at Kemijelom GP under Saansad Adarsh Gram on 2nd October.2015. The day started with the Tree Plantation in Kemijelom GP office by Mr. Sankar Tayeng, President, Kemijelom GP, Dhemaji and followed by other distinguished guests & participants. After that, the SBM flag was hoisted by the Goanbhura at Lekojelam community hall. A public meeting was organized on memories of Gandhiji. The welcome address was delivered by M.Baruah, Resource Person of SRC Assam. The meeting was discussed about the significance of Gandhi Jayanti and his dream to literate India. The participants prepared an action plan for 6 months under the activities of Saansad Adarsh Gram of the GP. Total no. of 47 participants was participated in the meeting.



In tune to this day, Sonitpur, 2 no. Sootea, Sansad Adarsh gram also observed the Gandhi jayanti with enthusiasm. The SBM Flag hosting ceremony was organized at panchayat office by Panchayat secretary, Shri Sujit Sapkotai. The secretary of the GP Shri Lokanath Upadhaya discussed on the life of Gandhiji and briefly explained the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. Shri Himangshu Saikia, Resource Person, SRC Assam explained the purpose of the meeting. Local people and administration participate in the programme and helped the organizers for holding the programme successfully.

AIDS and its Awareness as an Important Life Skills

Life skills according to W.H.O are defined as “the abilities for adaptive and positive behaviour that enable individuals to try effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life”. These skills are inevitable in enabling an individual to find hope and opportunities in face of the problematic modern times. Taking into consideration the positive nature of these skills, Life Skills Education must be incorporated as one of the core subject in school. For instance life skills like self awareness, decision making, critical thinking, coping with emotions, coping with stress, will enable individuals standing on the threshold of adolescence to have a holistic outlook with regard to their lives.

Several educations in the light of the above quoted definition of life skills can be taken as a integral component of life skill education. For adolescents and

young people to freely take in forward decisions on matters relating to sexuality, they require a comprehensive sexual education. However the present status of life skill education with an emphasis on the sexuality of adolescents along with their emotional priorities is one which is almost nonexistent. In India, schools having a component of sex education in their syllabi are a minority. Most schools both public and private do not have any form of sex education in their curriculum. Taking cognizance of the null and void status of sex education, the govt. of India developed the Adolescent Education Program (AEP) in collaboration with UNICEF. However, the AEP was banned by 12 states including large states like Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, on the grounds that sex education will be detrimental to the moral and cultural

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Editorial

There are lots of activities have been conducted during this particular quarter like registration of learners under PMSBY, running of blind literacy centre, special literacy drive in Jail for Jail inmates, etc. But in the editorial column, it is tried to highlight particularly step taken towards special initiative on Basic literacy and skill development activities under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). The approach is very particular specially for the functionaries of SBM. Indeed, literacy activists are directly got involved themselves in planning and implementation to make the GP a cent percent literacy. Though the efforts are still under action, the clear picture of the success would be available only after next Assessment test. Keeping into account, SRC Assam is striving to registrar all targeted learners in the next assessment test. As the target learners are small (1884) under SRC Assam, we are optimistic to registrar all the learners. Besides, a conducive environment has been created in the SAGY area with banners, hoarding and many more forms. Indeed, through SAGY, the elected members of the Parliament in Particular and society in General would be more benefitted.

Review Meeting with the SBM Coordinators and Resource Persons on SBM

State Resource Centre Assam organised a Review Meeting with the SBM Coordinators and Resource persons on the Progress of Saaksar Bharat Mission on 15-16th December 2015 at the Tourist Lodge, Sibsagar. At the beginning Shri S. Brahma, Director, SRC Assam explained the aims and objectives of the meeting. Ms. Anuradha Baruah, Programme Coordinator of SRC Assam welcomed all the participants Shri Durlabh Chetia, Vice Chairman of SRC Assam was also present in the review meeting. Mr. Chetia, Vice Chairman, SRC Assam formally inaugurated the two days review meeting.

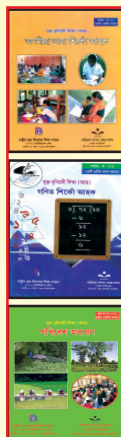
The review meeting started with a pre test amongst the participants. After pre test, district wise progress status was presented by the respective district Coordinators. At the last, of Review Meeting a action calendar was prepared for future activities.



PUBLICATIONS

The following materials have been published during the quarter:

1. **Asomiya Bhasha siko Ahak :**
This book is for Open Basic Education on Language.
2. **Ganit Siko Ahak :**
This book is for Open Basic Education on Mathamtics
3. **Paribesh Adhyayan:**
This book is on Environmental Education for Open Basic Education.



4. **Computer Shiksha :**
This book is on Computer Education for Open Basic Education.
5. **Salinatar Marjyada :**
This book is on the importance of cleanliness and conservation of the environment.
6. **Swacchar babek prayas (Marching ahead for swacch Bharat) :**
This book is on the importance of cleanliness and conservation of the environment.



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heritage that India embodies and will also increase hasty behaviour among the adolescent. Such claims are baseless and the truth is quite in opposition to these claims. In its report entitled "Effects of sex education in young people's sexual behaviour", the W.H.O has shown the sex education does not encourage young people to take hasty decisions in terms of sexual intercourse, but delays the start of such activities.

In a conservative country like India, 42% - 52% of young people feel that they don't have adequate knowledge about sex and don't know how to protect

themselves from HIV or AIDS. Such ignorance has taken its toll. Govt figures show that 2.5 million people in India of which youths constitute a significant part are living with HIV. This is an overwhelming evidence which shows that efficient Sex Education on the modes of transmission of HIV can be a powerful factor in preventing the deadly disease. Right information and skills can help young people living with HIV to get themselves tested and avail medical support to lead healthy lives.

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Programme at Glance for the Period from Oct-Dec, 2015

- ✓ Capacity Building to the Districts Adult Education Officers, Nodal Officers and District Coordinators on Saakshar Bharat Component from 23rd to 25th November, 2015 at Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli, Guwahati-4, Assam.
- ✓ Workshop on Multicrops System in the Agriculture Land & Handicrafts and Powerloom Technology for the weavers on 19th -20th November, 2015 at the Conference Hall, Zilla Parisad, Tezpur, Assam.
- ✓ Special initiative of Basic Literacy for the Inmates in Morigaon District Jail on 17th October, 2015.
- ✓ Refresher Training on Interpersonal Media Campaign on 16th November, 2015 at Conference Hall of Darrang Zilla Parisad, Darrang.
- ✓ Orientation Programme on Interpersonal Media Campaign on 2nd November, 2015 at Diphu Club, KarbiAnglong.
- ✓ Observation of World AIDS Day in MAEC on 1st Dec, 2015.
- ✓ Review Meeting with the SBM Coordinators and Resource Persons on SBM on 15th -16th December, 2015 at Tourist Lodge, Sibsagar.
- ✓ Review Meeting with Instructors of Blind Literacy Classes on 29th October, 2015 at Blind High School, Basistha, Guwahati.

Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

- Special Initiative of literacy and skill development in Sansad Adarsh Grams on 29th -30th December, 2015 at Tezpur.
- Special initiatives of Literacy & Skill Development in the adopted Adarsh Gram – Namati on 3rd November, 2015 at Medical IB, Parokhuwa, KarbiAnglong.
- 2nd consultation meeting on special initiatives on literacy and skill development in Namati on 11th December, 2015 at Medical IB, Parokhuwa, KarbiAnglong.
- A Training Programme on Interpersonal Media Campaign on 9th December, 2015 at Natunjelom Morong Garh, Dhemaji.
- Planning Meeting to make 100% literacy in Natunjelom village held on 8th December, 2015 at Kemijelom GP Office.
- Volunteer Teachers Training on 25th October, 2015 at Natunjelom LP School.
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- Refresher Training to the VTs on 22nd December, 2015 at 2 No. Sootea, Sonitpur.
- Sports Day celebration on 17th October, 2015 in the playground of Natunjelom ME School.
- Observation of Gandhi Jayanti at Kemijelom and 2 No. Sootea.

Workshop on Multicrops System in the Agricultural Land & Handicraft and Powerloom Technology For the weavers

A workshop on Multicrops System in the Agricultural Land & Handicraft and Power loom Technology for the weavers was organised by the State Resource Centre Assam in collaboration with Zilla Lok Shikhsha Samiti, Sonitpur on 19th& 20th November, 2015 at the Conference hall, Zilla Parishad, Tezpur, Assam. Himangshu Saikia, District RP welcomed and



explained the objectives of the workshop. Mr. P.K. Mahanta, CEO, Sonitpur participating in the workshop, initiated in the discussion about various activities of SBM, its objectives, shortcomings and needful solutions to be adopted. He stressed on the need to undertake skill development activities for effective functioning of SBM and Model GPs especially at grass-root level. During the workshop, a sewing machine was donated to Model AEC by Zilla Parisad, Sonitpur to inspire the skill development activities at the grassroots level. Mr. Nirmal Ch. Deka, Prog. Officer, SRC Assam delivered his speech with Power Point presentation on the importance of Model AEC, the role of Preraks, activity and future of its sustainability. After presentation, Empowerment of potential skills for rural people, need based vocational training to the Adult educators and Neo-literates for self- reliance was presented by Ganesh Govinda Kaushik, Programme Manager, Gram Tarang. Shri Nurul Islam, Deputy Handloom Officer, discussed about Modern Weaving, the various schemes involved, the process of various cloth making, commercialisation and marketing of

these products and the current problems faced by the handloom industry in Assam today. He also stressed on the employment generation through the implementation of the various schemes of the government of India and advised for its maximum and full utilisation in order to modernization of the power loom industry. The programme was followed by a field visit to Tezpur Mahila Samiti where all the participants participated actively. A brief demonstration was presented on Sewing machine by an instructor of Gram Tarang. An elderly lady shared her experience, how she weaves clothes in a weaving machine. Mrs. Minoti Saikia, Assistant Director, Department of Agriculture, Sonitpur, initiated discussion on Multi Crops System in the Agricultural Land. She discussed about improper use of agricultural land by the farmers and she spoke about the importance of organic farming, bee keeping and awareness among the people regarding agriculture, horticulture & gardening techniques. In the last session, Shri Nirmal Ch. Deka gave presentation on Social Scheme of financial literacy with a short documentary film covering 3 schemes: Atal Pension Yojana, Insurance and Social Security.

Observation of World AIDS Day in MAEC, Kokrajhar

The World AIDS day was observed at VCDC office, MAEC, Titaguri, Kokrajhar on 1st December, 2015. Shri Lankeshwar Basumatary, Chairman, VCDC, Titaguri was present. The significance of AIDS and need to create awareness amongst was the agenda of the day.



Special initiative of Basic Literacy for the Inmates in Morigaon District Jail

An inaugural cum sensitization programme on Basic Literacy to the jail inmates was organized by Zilla Lok Shiksha Samiti Morigaon on 17th October, 2015. at Community Hall of the District Jail. The aim and objective was explained by Shri Hari Prashad Saikia, District Coordinator of SBM Morigaon. The welcome address given by Shri N.F.H.Hussain, CEO, Morigaon Zilla Parishad. He said that they have identified 80 non literates Jail inmates two Instructors among the jail inmates have been selected to teach the identified non literates. After that Shri S. Brahma, Director, SRC Assam



appreciated for taking up special initiative of Literacy specially for jail inmates. Shri Brahma shared how Jail Administration is being conducting Literacy classes in Tihar Jail. Mr. Brahma said that the second objective of SBM is Basic Education Programme which may be conducted after successful completion of Basic Literacy. Shri D.Baruah, Jailor, in his address, highlighted facilities and access for the Inmates inside the Jail. Shri Lachit Medhi, ZP member, Morigaon also spoke in the function. The jail inmate were also shared their views how people become victim following ignorance and illiteracy.

At the end, the vote of thanks was given by H.P.Saikia, Coordinator, SBM, Morigaon. Around 150 participants from PRI Functionaries, Staff of Morigaon Zilla Parishad, Coordinators, Preraks of SBM, etc. were participated in the meeting. The TLM & Primers were distributed to the learners by the official in the meeting.

After formal meeting, a training programme to the VTs was organized in which Shri Azizul Hoque, Programme Coordinator and Mrs. Sushnata Goswami, Research Officer, SRC Assam acted as Trainers.

Training on Interpersonal Media Campaign

A Refresher training was organized by Darrang Zilla Parishad in collaboration with SRC Assam on Interpersonal Media Campaign was held on 16th Nov, 2015 at the Conference Hall of Darrang Zilla Parishad. Shri Ranjit Kalita, CEO, Darrang Zilla Parishad, Shri Banamali Sharma, Project Manager, Darrang, Nirmal Ch. Deka, Anuradha Baruah, and Mamoni Mazumdar, faculties of SRC Assam were present in the said programme. The objective of the programme was briefed by Mr. Banamali Sharma, Project Manager, Zilla Parisad, Darrang followed by self introduction of the participants. The ice break session started with a theme on Financial Literacy and a self assessment test. Shri Nirmal Ch. Deka Programme Officer, SRC Assam discussed about the Social Security Schemes. He started with the Atal Pension Yojana and briefly discussed the concept and facilities of this scheme. He also highlighted other schemes like PMSBY and PMJJY. After that, discussion on running of AEC & learning centre, conduction of NIOS exam, issues related to the

Preraks, sending of field report, coordination among the Preraks came up in the discussion.

The disaster management was one of the content of the training which was conducted by Jagadish Bhattacharjee, DDMA of Disaster Management Darrang. Before going detail presentation, he had displayed a documentary clipped on during Disaster. The needs of precaution measures before, during and after the disaster were come up in the session.

