

**A Report
on
Special Initiative of
BLIND LITERACY PROGRAMME**



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Introduction:

SRC Assam has published a Braille Primer for the Blind non-literates. This Primer has been prepared in collaboration with the Government Braille

The Blind Literacy Centers in 6 SBM districts have been started since August, 2015. As an innovative activity only 7 nos. of centers were started with 20 learners.

Training to the Instructors

For conducting the programme effectively, a two days training programme was organized in collaboration with Guwahati Blind High School on 23rd & 25th July, 2015 at the premises of Guwahati Blind High School. Total 12 nos of Instructors were trained for the purpose.



Inauguration of Centers:

BONGAIGAON: In connection with Blind Literacy programme an inaugural function was held on 4th August, 2015 at Malegarh G.P. Office, Tapattari Block, Bongaigaon. This programme was attended by Ghanashyam Saikia, Programme Associate with Rajen Bhuyan, Accountant of SRC Assam. The other members who have participated in this function were: Abshar Ali, Supervisor, ZLSS, Badhan Sarkar, Block Coordinator Tapattari and V.T. The Blind Literacy classes have been started under Malegarh G.P. in Bongaigaon under the aegis of SRC, Assam.

DARRANG: As a part of Saakshar Bharat Mission, an inaugural function of blind literacy class was organized on 4th August, 2015 at Ojagaon G.P. office, Pub Mangoldoi Block, Darrang. Shri Ranjit Kalita, CEO, Darrang Zilla Parishad formally inaugurated the literacy center. In this connection the objectives and purposes of the programme was explained by Mrs. Anuradha Baruah, Programme Coordinator, SRC Assam.



The inaugural function was conducted by Shri Kaisur Ali, in which number of literacy activists including Shri Banamali Sharma, Project Manager, Zilla Parisad, Darrang were present.

KOKRAJHAR: A similar on blind literacy on 30th July, 2015 was also conducted at MAEC, Magurmari, Kokrajhar. The inaugural programme was chaired by Shri Sahad Ali, Chairman of BPF Magurmari, VCDC.

Shri. Anil Ch. Deory, Project Director, DRDA, Kokrajhar was present in the function. Shri Deory stressed the importance of literacy to the blind people in his lecture.



MORIGAON: SRC Assam in collaboration with Morigaon Zilla Lok Siksha Samiti organized an inaugural meeting of blind literacy centre at Mayong Junior College on 31st July 2015. A. Hoque, Programme Coordinator, SRC Assam highlighted the importance of blind literacy. Ms. Rijumani Malakar Saikia, President of Mayong GP, formally inaugurated the blind literacy center. She said that it was a good

initiative of SRC Assam for the deprive section of the society and appreciated Bichitra Devi, Instructor of blind literacy centre.

DHEMAJI: With a vision to start the blind literacy programme in Dhemaji district, an inaugural function was organized on 4th and 11th August, 2015 at Naharbari panchayat and Simenmukh panchayat. The programme was addressed by the vice president, Shri Nandeshwar Doley of



Naharbari panchayat and Mrs. Suprabha Das, Secretary at ME school, Simenmukh under Simenmukh panchayat.



SONITPUR: In Sonitpur district, an inaugural function was organized on 11st August, 2015 at Gabhorukhanda, Rajgor Panchayat, Kerani Block. The programme was addressed by social activists Janab Ali of Rajgor panchayat. He spoke about the objectives of blind literacy class.

Learners Details

Name of VT (Address with Ph No)	Address of learning centre	Block(Dist)	GP	Sl no	Name of Learner	Sex	Age
1. Debakanta Doley	Nahorbari LP School	Bordoloni (Dhemaji)	Nahorbari	01	Gunaram Doley	M	52
				02	Mikul Doley	M	15
2. Lolit Kr. Hajong	Learners own House	Sissiborgaon (Dhemaji)	Chimenmukh	01	Sukhlal Hajong	M	27
3. Bichitra Devi	Learners own House	Mayong (Morign)	Mayong	01	Gita Rani Biswas	F	20
				02	Mohidul Islam	M	21
4. Karuna Roy	Learners own House	Kokrajhar (Kokrajhar)	Magurmari VCDC	01	Kunja Sutradhor	M	25
				02	Chandra Kanta Roy	M	16
5. Abdul Jalil	Learners own House	Tapattary (Bongaigaon)	Malegarh	01	Manuwar Hussain	M	17
				02	Sohidul Hoque	M	16
				03	Mofida Khatun	F	19
				04	Musaru Ram Das	M	50
6. Taslima Khatun	Kerani Club	Sootia (Sonitpur)	Rajgarh	01	Sahab Uddin	M	40
				02	Khudeja Khatun	F	20
				03	Jushna Khatun	F	23
				04	Sumsuddin Ahmed	M	27
7. Bokful Nessa	Learners own House	Pub Mangaldoi (Darrang)	Ojagaon	01	Aibar Ali	M	24
				02	Khalil Ali	M	45
				03	Khursed Ali	M	40
				04	Gafur Ali	M	25

Refresher Training:

A refresher training was organized on 29th October, 2016 at Guwahati Blind High School. The problems and challenges of centers were discussed in the training. The Instructors clarified their problems during the training period.



Learners Assessment Test:

Out of 20 blind learners 4 learners namely Gunaram Doley & Mikul Doley of Dhemaji, Sahab Uddin & Jushna Khatun of Sonitpur district appeared in the last NIOS assessment test on 20th March, 2016. The remaining 5 learners will appear in the next assessment test to be held on August, 2016. This is significant and encouraging for such a challenging job.



Challenges:

The learning centre of Bongaigaon & Darrang district is not running at present due to inadequate response from the learners. SRC Assam is trying to reorganize the centers.

Conclusion:

The dream of making the Blind people Literate is a very challenging job. The Braille primer, TLM & Teaching Techniques itself is new for us. It was first experience but the necessary effort was made to overcome the challenges effectively. It was the first initiative for Blind Adult Literacy in Assam by SRC Assam.

Glimpses of Activities



