

A Report on
Exchange Visit to SLMA Manipur
31st March to 2nd April, 2016



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Introduction:

As a part of Exchange Visit to the best SBM performing state of North Eastern States, a team comprises of SRC Assam and DLSS Morigaon visited Manipur from March 31 – 2nd April, 2016. The team was led by S, Brahma, Director, SRC Assam and other members were: A. Hoque, Programme Coordinator, SRC Assam, Shri Himangshu Saikia, Resource Person, SRC Assam and Shri Hari Prasad Saikia, District Coordinator, Morigaon.

Purpose:

- i) The purpose of the visit was to learnt and understands different activities of SBM conducted by SLMA Manipur including management practices of AECs, administrative procedures of SLMA, ownership taken by AEC Management Committee, involvement of State, DP and BP Coordinators, role played by Preraks, running of learning centre etc.
- ii) To understand the strategy adopted by SRC NEHU Shillong in providing continue academic output to SLMA Manipur and also to know the organizational relationship between SLMA Manipur and SRC NEHU Shillong.
- iii) Observation of the best practices adopted/ formulated by SLMA Manipur to achieve objectives of SBM etc.

Features of the visit:

The team arrived at Imphal on 31st March, 2016 at 9.30 am. The team was received at the Imphal Airport by Mr. A. Remeo, Nodal Officer, SLMA, Manipur. Sh Lalthan Puiya, Director, SRC NEHU, Shillong was also accompanied with us as SRC NEHU, Shillong is providing academic support to the SLMA, Manipur. The team of SRC Assam and DLSS has been welcomed at the Conference Room of SLMA Manipur by G. Thaimoi, Assistant Director, DAE, Manipur and A. Romeo Singh, Nodal Officer, and other staff of SLMA Manipur.





During meeting, the Director of SRC Assam briefed about purpose of the visit before the officials of SLMA Manipur. The Director has also shared the ongoing activities and other related issues of SBM in Assam and specially focusing on E- learning centre, Blind literacy centre and running of Basic Education classes. After half an hour discussion with SLMA, Manipur, our team moved towards Senapati District, one of the SBM districts in which Model AEC has been set up by SRC NEHU.

While visit, it has been found that a three days vocational training is going under the aegis of SRC NEHU. The theme of the training was making of Indian Sweet Dish. The participants were the female neo-literates and Volunteers only. The team of SRC Assam and DLSS was held discussion with the instructors & trainee and also interacted with trainee about its importance, benefits etc.

During interaction with trainee, lots of points were raised by our team before trainee and subsequently remarks from trainee found satisfactory. We also held discussion with the Preraks, VTs and SRC RPs in Model AEC of Kangpokpi block of Senapati district.

After visiting the centers, our team went to Utouglok AEC of Saikul block in Senapati district. The team met the learners, VTs and Preraks. During visit, it was seen that the organization of AEC is so attractive. The profile of the village was highlighted nicely and the same is displaying in the wall by the Prerak. The initiative taken by the preraks is very unique in achieving desired goal of the AEC.

Thereafter, we went to Purumkhullen AEC around 5:00 pm. The AEC is running in an Agricultural departmental house. In the AEC, all documents of the AEC are keeping with organized manner. It is also observed that a large number of books have been collected by the Preraks for AEC from Community.

On 1st April, we went to Leishangthem Model AEC of Thoubal district. Shri G. Thaimei, Assistant Director, DAE, Manipur and Dr. Premalata Devi, Research Officer, SRC NEHU, Shillong accompanied with us. The Prerak of the Model AEC received us at MAEC. We met VTs, Learners and functionaries of



SBM at the MAEC. Then we discussed with the beneficiaries on different issues of SBM program at MAEC level.

The Director, SRC Assam shared his experiences with the beneficiaries how SBM beneficiaries can able to get benefit through Income generating programme. He suggested SLMA, Manipur to organize income generating training programme for the SBM beneficiaries in the subsequent period so as to make SBM more attractive and sustainable for longer period.

At 1.00 pm we left to attend an inaugural function on Toy making, Fruit & Vegetable processing & Preservation Training organized by JSS Thoubal under Khekman Makha Leikai AEC, Thoubal block of Thoubal district. About 60 beneficiaries were present in the meeting. Shri Jelshayam Singh, Director, JSS Thoubal welcomed us. S. Brahma, Director, SRC Assam and Sh G. Thaimei, Assistant Director, DAE, Manipur took part in the function. Both of them explained about the need of vocational training and how to improved learners day to day life.

Not last but least, we visited Khangabok Part II AEC, Mayai Leikai Thoubal block of Thoubal district. The Prerak of the AEC was warmly received us at AEC. We felt proud to visit the AEC which was received Literacy Award during the year 2015. The award conferred by Honorable President, Government of India at Vigyan Bhawan on 8th September, 2015. S. Brahma, Director, SRC Assam felicitated Shri Sunil Singh, Prerak, Khangabok Part II AEC with an Assamese Fulam Gamusa. Shri Sunil Singh shared his experiences how he manage AEC at all levels. Shri G. Thaimei, Assistant Director, DAE, Manipur expressed happiness over the performance of Khangabok Part II AEC.



Observation:

1. Most of the AECs are running in a Preraks houses. For setting up of AEC at Preraks house, SLMA does not pay house rent.
2. The establishment of AEC at Preraks house found up to the mark so far sizes, areas and locations are concerned.
3. In every AEC sufficient numbers of reading materials have been supplied including other assets as per need of the AECs. However, for keeping of reading materials, no **BOOK SELF** was seen by our team.
4. In addition of the above, other reading materials including News Letter were supplied by SRC NEHU.

Learning Points:

1. The management practices relevant to the SLMA runs through State Directorate of Adult education. Subsequently, the District Adult Education Officers are working with the capacity of Member Secretary of DLSS in the respective districts. Such a structure is directly controls upon by the Directorate.
2. The Preraks of AEC in Manipur is taking ownership of the programme through setting of AEC at their own houses.
3. Most of AECs have covered their targeted learners through certification from NIOS.

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