

Jana Unnayan Samiti Tripura (JUST) is a social development wing of Agartala Diocese.

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Director's message.....



We have said good bye to 2011 and have began the New Year 2012 with new ideas, full of joys and hardships too. We thank God for successfully completing the first quarter of this year.

During this quarter we were able to accomplish Caritas Diocesan Level Golden jubilee where 500 beneficiaries besides the distinguished guests were present for the celebration. It was a joyous movement for each one of us who witnessed this event and also it was chance for us to count the blessing that we received in past 50 golden years. Secondly we as an organization were able to join our hands with Smile foundation Education program and successfully launched a new project for coaching students from Bengali medium school of SC community who otherwise usually do drop out from formal school after class 8. There are three teachers who guide and create interest in the student for education. The center was officially inaugurated on 1st March

2012 in the presence of ADM Mr. Robin-dra Reang, Most Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro, Mr. Subhragshu, Mr. Partho Roy, Smile foundation representatives, village Pradhan Mrs. Laxmi Sarkar, Ex - Minister Mr. Prakash Das and principals from different influential schools from the city were present for the day. And thirdly 8th March was celebrated as women's day in all the districts of Tripura. We could feel the pulse of women as they were very vibrantly celebrating the day with full of joy and happiness and they were actively involved in all the activities. I am happy to see women leaders taking lead, coming forward, becoming strong, bold and able to fight in some extent for their rights and also able to knock the doors of the officials for different schemes. During this quarter we also were able to have two days workshop on peace project formulation with the help of Mr. Hagan and Dr. Richard.

I am very grateful for many donor agencies that are coming forward to collaborate with us so that we could extend our helping hand to many more needy people of Tripura. A word of thanks to all the visitors who visited us during this period for their love and appreciation.



Fr. Robert Mathias CSC

Director, JUST

Upcoming Events April - June 2012

- Miking programme.
- Community Message Dissemination.
- Training on Nutrition at Kathalcherra.
- Training on Natural Family Planning at Ambassa.
- Training on Adolescent Rights at Kumarghat.
- Drawing competition.
- Mother's Meeting.
- Rubber distribution.
- School Cleaning.
- Peace Rally.
- Awareness Program.
- Morality Program.
- Peace animation Program.
- Media Workshop.
- Sports Competition

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Training on Panchayati Raj

Training on Panchayati Raj was Organized at St Alphonsa Catholic church Belbari champknager. On 12-2-2012. came from different villages and attended the seminar. The main resource persons were Sr. Susheela and Ms Gita Debarma. The resource persons highlighted on the theme and Tripura Panchayati Raj, women representative in Panchayati Raj, Panchayatit Raj Power, roles and



Responsibilities . The seminar was very much inspiring and enriching. Women participants like the seminar very much. There were 60 participants who benefited from the seminar.

-Sr. Susheela Xess

Miking

On 13th March 2012; Miking was organized at Chawmanu Block in Panchiya Para. The Field Supervisor Sr. Simon and Cluster Coordinator Mr. Chandrajoy Reang was the main announcer. Dr. Anut Debbarma the District Project Officer was also present.



During the miking the topics covered are on malaria diagnosis, treatment, prevention of malaria, use of LLIN, use of RDT and ACTs. While miking was done the Field Supervisor took class on Health and hygiene and worm infestation. Around 40-45 people attended the class on health. Another miking session was also done at Longthrai Valley while returning from Panchiya para.

-Dr. Anut Debbarma

MEDICAL CAMP

JUST organized a free medical camp at Rohini para on 27th March



2012, Dhalai at 10:30 am. The Health Coordinator Sr. Mary David took a session on Natural Family Planning. Dr. Anut DB was the resource person of the medical camp. 77 people attended the free medical camp. Most of the people were suffering from waterborne diseases, diarrhoea, fever, malnutrition, musculoskeletal disorders, and few with malaria. Medicines were given free of cost and blood testing were done free of cost. People appreciated their gratitude towards the doctors and the camp ended at 2:30 pm.

-Dr. Anut Debbarma

Women's day celebration



Women's day was celebrated at all the 4 targeted districts of Tripura of IHDP project, where 275 women participated in the celebration. The director Fr. Robert Mathias, CSC, Mr. Vincent Debbarma the coordinator of the JUST and the other block level dignitaries, vice chairman Mr. Probin Chirman and Mr. Gregory Marak witnessed this function. The women themselves organized the program by contributing rice and money. All the chief guests appreciated the SHGs for their hard work and taking initiatives to develop themselves

and becoming conscious about their rights and implementing the different schemes in order to sustain themselves. The capability, unity and leadership of women were seen through this program. The women also shared their experiences and hardships that they went through to improve economic condition and to bring up dignity, unity among the women and men. Women also added joy to this function by performing colourful cultural program. Thus the women are able to lead and to take ahead themselves by organizing such type of programs. Women enjoyed the day to the full and at the end delicious food was served to all.

-Sr. Bastian D'silva

INAUGURATION OF THE SMILE FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROGRAM



On 1st March 2012, an Inauguration of **SMILE FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROGRAM** was held at Damdamia, Lembuchera at 11:30am. The Inaugural function began with a prayer dance by Fatima Grihini girls. Followed by Lighting of Lamp by the chief guest Mr. Rabindra Reang A.D.M. Then Fr. Robert Mathias CSC the Director of JUST welcomed the chief guest, guest of honor, Ex-Minister Mr. Prakash Das, Rev. Bishop Lumen, Mr. Partho Roy Regional head east smile foundation, Mr. Subhragshu senior program Manager, all the invited guest and guardians. The above dignitaries gave their own message on this occasion. Then Mr. Rabindra

Reang the Additional District magistrate delivered his message on the occasion by his words of encouragement to the gathering. The program could not have been colourful if Fatima Grihini girls would not take part in performing the cultural Program. Big thanks to the Fatima Sisters and their girls. At the end of the Program Mr. Partho Roy handed over the Cheque to the Director of JUST. Lastly, Mr. Tonick gave the vote of thanks by thanking all the people for their contribution and support in order to make this program a successful one.

-Mr. Deepan Gurung

IDEA review meeting regional level

On 13th and 14th March 2012 Mr. Vincent Debbarma and Uttara Debnath attended IDEA review meeting at Social Forum. The Review meeting was conducted by Caritas India. The Resource persons present in the meeting were Fr. Varghese, Mr. Jonas Lakra, and Mr. Sebastian. It was a two days program where all the IDEA coordinators of different parts of North Eastern States came and presented their Quarterly reports. Each state representative was given time to present the report after which questions were put forward to be clarified for clear understanding for all. Feed backs were given by the resource persons as well as from the participants. On the second day, we started with the remaining report presentations and after which we had a little demonstration on HR, Finance and Gender Policies. We had common sharing and discussions on different

topics Like documentation system, preparation of tools for collecting proper and accurate results of the project activities etc. We were also given a task for preparing quarterly results and the activity plan for the next 6 months. Mr. Jonas Lakra gave a new format of Reporting for all the participants. There were some suggestions from the participant's side for conducting training programs for the IDEA coordinators. The review meeting ended at about 4.00 pm with a tea break. Overall the review meeting was successful and learned many new things.

-Mr Vincent Debbarma

Training on Livestock rearing



Livestock rearing was organized on 21st to 23rd March 2012 for the target beneficiaries at JUST Training Hall for

3 days. During the program 12 participants participated in the program. Mr. Tonic Jengchang, Shella Rani Debbarma, Sr. Bastian D'silva and Mr Deepan Gurung were the resource persons of the program. The training aimed at imparting knowledge on different processes and techniques of livestock rearing. It covered topics on basic of rearing pigs, goats and precautions to be taken during emergencies. The session also covered life insurance policy for the domestic animals under National Insurance Policy. There was practical demonstration on rubber plantation and its ingredient required were explained to the participants. The basic knowledge about rubber plantation and management was the overall objective of the training for one and half days. After the training the participants expressed their state of being fortunate to be part of the project beneficiary in getting to learn the techniques and methods of managing the livestock rearing and rubber sapling plantation.

-Mr. Deepan Gurung



Success story

Milon cluster, North Tripura was facing the water crisis and they had ample of times meetings in order to solve the problem but water problem never got solved. On 20/12/11 cluster members organized a meeting and discussed the water problem in detail and decided to submit the application to the panchayat Chairman in the panchayat office. The very next day some of the cluster members as it was decided they went to the panchayat office and submitted the application. The chairman after receiving it he promised them that he would solve their problem within three months. Two month had passed nothing was done so to do the follow up of application the Milon cluster members approached the panchayat office on 22/2/12 and enquired when the water problem will be solved. He than once

again promised them that he would try his level best and give them the water facility. The Milon cluster succeeded in getting the hand pump installed on 04/03/12 at West Masalipara near Mr. Sunil Marak's house. Now the water problem has been solved and they believe in their strength and unity and feel very proud in getting things done. They are also very grateful to panchayat secretary and chairman for helping them.

-Mr. Molin Deb

Mock Drill on Earth quack and Flood Preparedness and Cyclone



On 31st January 2012, a day was spent in CMDRR Field Office Kumarghat with 44 TFG members from the 15 villages of Kumarghat Block. Resource persons from Teliamura Mr. Hari Sankar Debnath along with Mr. Prasanta Chowdhury

Asst. Coordinator of CMDRR demonstated the whole Mock drill process. The main mock drills shown were on Earthquack, Cyclone and Flood Preparedness. TFG members having witnessed the process of all mock drills, now they are capable of facing the disaster related topic mentioned above.

-Mr.James Halam

Orientation for TFGs at village level & Capacity building training



Three Programs on Orientation for TFGs and Capacity building training for the TFGs cluster wise on First Aid Rescue, early Warning was conducted in three different Panchayats, viz. Sonaimuri GP, Taruninagar GP and Krishnanagar GP. The staff themselves conducted the program with powerpoints presentations and movie shows which helped the TFG members to understand the topic in more precise.

-Mr.James Halam

Awareness program

On 18th March 2012 an awareness program was conducted by Sumon Roy at Madhyapara Village. There were 25 youths who participated in the program. The main theme of the program was based on "Uses of Drugs, Cigarette and Alcohol and Tabocco". In this program age group between 20 to 25 were present as participants. The animator Sumon Roy spoke about the effects of it .He emphasized not to use all these things, which can lead us to death. Since our life is so precious so it is our duty to neglect these disease as it is very dangerous to our life. Various examples were shared on these. He insisted not to learn and try or adopt all these bad behaviors to their life. As we know that Cancer is one of the deadly disease of today which is caused by uses of all these. Even today, medical science is not able to fine a medicine for this disease. He also said that our health is wealth.

-Mr.Biswajit Debbarma

Visitors

- Kamal Das (IGSSS)
- Catherine (NEDSF)
- Hagen Bndt (Germany)
- Dr. Richard (Madras)

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