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SNEHPAD

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Vision

To establish a peaceful, lively and dynamic society where every individual will enjoy the goodness of socio-economic equality and prosperity, in turn, which will encourage them to be a part of development.

Mission

To organize and empower the rural poor and to provide them need based inputs so that they can explore their inherent potential for utilizing the same in bringing prosperity and social justice.

Objective

To make each & every poor and deprived rural individual of the area of operation efficient and self sufficient, so that they become able to lead a respectable, prosper and purposeful life which will encourage the system to consider them as resource for further development.

From The Secretary's Table

Integrated rural development has been the objective of Society for North East Handmade Paper Development, i.e. SNEHPAD since its inception. True rural development needs selfless support in every aspect of life which includes livelihood, health, education as well as culture. Keeping this in view, SNEHPAD always tries to establish convergence with different schemes of different agencies to fulfillment of the above objective. In the year SNEHPAD continues a healthy relationship with organizations like CSIR-NEIST, SIRD, NABARD, EDII, KVIC etc. so that the targeted poor people can be served in a right way.

During the year 2017-18 SNEHPAD focused on training and sensitization of Gram Panchayat Members, Social Organisations of Gram Panchayat area, rural youths and women, leading rural people so that they can involve themselves in various rural development activities in association with Gram Panchayats through the flagship programmes of Rural Development Department like MGNREGA, Grants received under 14th Finance Commission, National Social Assistance Programme and other schemes and programmes of line departments. For this SNEHPAD organized 112 numbers of Daylong Training Programmes almost in all Gram Panchayats of Jorhat, Golaghat and Majuli District and tried to make all the stakeholders active to be a part of ongoing rural development activities.

Livelihood Promotion is always the subject of great importance for SNEHPAD. In the year 2017-18, SNEHPAD organized various livelihood promotional activities. Again the focus was rural women. Weaving is one of the prime activities of rural women in their day to day life. SNEHPAD is trying to turn this activity to a income generating activity. Under CSIR- NEIST Project, SNEHPAD covered 120 selected women weavers for 3 months intensive training on advanced Handloom Weaving and organized then into Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) and linked them up with NABARD- IDBI Credit Linkage Scheme for starting their Handloom Units in a commercial way. SNEHPAD was successful in this initiative. Again, SNEHPAD organized 2 numbers of Micro Enterprise Development Programmes in Assam and Meghalaya and trained 100 women aspirants on different activities to become micro entrepreneurs. EDII supported SNEHPAD in this regard. Both were successful programmes.

Under its Cluster Development Programme, SNEHPAD extended its sincere effort to support the Pottery Cluster of Salmora Village, Majuli in collaboration with KVIC. Under this initiative, initially 20 women potter of the cluster had been selected for Skill Development Training. Under this Cluster Development Scheme each trainee potter would get one Electric Potter Wheel which will increase production up to 5 times. One Refiner and one Potter Bhatti would also be provided in the cluster with a view to mechanize the production system

In the year SNEHPAD organized Yoga Training Camps, Sensitization workshop for Farmers and various environment related programmes. SNEHPAD also continuing its raw material and marketing support to about 500 weavers of Jorhat District for commercial production and income generation of poor weavers.

At all the Year 2017-18 was very fruitful and effective year for the organization.

Prakash Thakur



The Managing Committee

Sr No	Name	Designation	Occupation/ Home Address
1	Dr. Gakul Sarmah	Chairman	Retired Veterinary Officer Milonpur, Lohpohia, Jorhat – 06
2	Dr. Anjumoni Saikia	Vice Chairman	Professor, T N S College Atila Gaon, P.O.– Jorhat, Jorhat – 01, Assam
3	Sri Jiban Ch. Gohain	Vice Chairman	Retired Banker Lokhimi Nagar, P.O.– RRL, Jorhat – 06
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Acknowledgement

Our Activities

SNEHPAD takes this opportunity to acknowledge the support received by the following Government Agencies for their financial support during the year 2017-18. Without this support SNEHPAD could not think for such uninterrupted service to the needy people.

- 1. CSIR- NEIST*
- 2. Khadi & Village Industries Commission*
- 3. NABARD*
- 4. State Institute of Rural Development*
- 5. Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)*

We are grateful for the cooperation and technical support of the following organizations in implementing various developmental and welfare schemes during the year 2017-18

- 1. Assam Agricultural University*
- 2. State Forest Department*
- 3. Lions Eye Hospital*
- 4. Art of Living Foundation*

We are also thankful to all our Well-wishers, Members, Staff, Field Coordinators, Farmers Clubs, SHGs, JLGs and Individuals who were closely or partly associated with our activities throughout the year. Without their help and cooperation, the organization would not perform its activities successfully

Hope all the above Organizations, Agencies, Social Groups and Individuals will support and co operate our organization in coming days also for the greater interest of needy and poor sections of the society

As a voluntary organization responsible for socio- economic development of the vulnerable sections of the society, Society for North East Handmade Paper Development works

hard for fulfillment of it's objectives. Its core objective is to upgrade the needy and poor people by supporting them in a holistic way so that they can feel confident to fight their battle of life of their own.

In the year 2017-18, SNEHPAD tried to support the target group in various ways as briefed under.

Pottery Cluster Development Programme, Salmora, Majuli District

The Pottery Cluster of Salmora Village, Majuli District is very old pottery cluster. According to the local people, the potters have been practicing this craft for last 500 years. More than 300 families are involved in this Pottery activity which is their prime activity for their livelihood. But surprisingly the potters are very poor and they practice this craft in a very traditional way. The market demand for their products is very good but the need is to mechanize the production process and to give them some value addition ideas.



SNEHPAD started this Pottery Cluster Development Project in collaboration with KVIC and selected 20 numbers of women potters for providing required supports.

Under this initiative a 10 Days intensive Skill Development Training was given to the selected women potters and tried to upgrade the present technology by introducing Energy Efficient Electric Potter Wheels which increases production upto 5 times. In this training the potters were also given the basic idea in design development and value addition. After successful completion of the Skill Development Training each trainee potter would get one Electric Wheel free of cost for starting commercial production. One common Refiner Machine and one Potter Bhatti would

also be provided to the trainee potters under this Cluster Development Programme. In due course, the aspects like marketing would also be looked after by SNEHPAD.

Development of Traditional Handloom Weaving under CSIR- NEIST Project

In Assam almost every Assamese rural family practice Handloom Weaving in a traditional way. The Assamese women are born weavers and they use to weave their own clothes like Mekhela Chadar, Gamocha etc in their traditional looms. In present times the products woven by rural weavers have a great demand in urban market. Therefore there is a good scope to develop this Handloom Weaving activity as a income generating activity for poor rural women. SNEHPAD, for last 10 years has been involved in Handloom Weaving development activities. In the year 2017-18 also SNEHPAD organized various development programmes on Handloom Weaving in collaboration with CSIR-NEIST.

Skill Development Training

During the year 2017-18 SNEHPAD organized 3 (three) numbers of long term Skill Development Training on Advanced Handloom Weaving using Jacquard Looms in the following places where Handloom Weaving is widely practiced by women

Activity of Skill Training	No. of Trainees	Duration	Location
Advanced Handloom Weaving	40	3 Months	Silikhabari Grant, Titabor, Jorhat
Advanced Handloom Weaving	40	3 Months	Panichokuwa, Jorhat
Advanced Handloom Weaving	40	3 Months	Kakajan Bon Gaon, Jorhat



During the year 2017-18 total 120 selected weavers have been trained. After completion of the 3 months Training Programme, the weavers had been organized into Joints Liability Groups and Self Help Groups linked them up with NABARD-IDBI Bank Credit Scheme for financial support for setting up of their own commercial Handloom units. SNEHPAD is providing raw material and marketing support to the trainee weavers after setting up of Handloom units. It is observed that each trainee weaver is earning at least Rs.6,000/- Per Month after setting up of their Handloom Units. Earlier it was only Rs.1,000/- to Rs.2,000/- only.

Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP)

Entrepreneurship Development among the rural unemployed youths is the need of the hour. Salaried job is becoming very rare and this is not the solution of growing unemployment problem. Development of Entrepreneurship Skills amongst the youths can create a big employment and income generating opportunity and it may also create a business environment for the other unemployed youths seeking for a job.

For the rural youths who do not have much money to invest in business, SNEHPAD provides the concept of Micro Enterprises with a very small investment. During the year 2017-18 SNEHPAD, in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) organized 2 (two) numbers of MEDPs and covered 100 selected youths. In this month long programme officials of Departments and agencies related with entrepreneurship development like DI&CC, KVIB, Banks, Universities, NRLM, Success Entrepreneurs were involved as Resource Persons to provide required inputs to be a good Micro Entrepreneur. During the MEDP practical training on design and product development was also given by experts.



Activity of MEDP	No. of Trainees	Duration	Location
Artistic Textile	50	1 Month	Borbamchugi, Jorhat, Assam
Natural Fibre Product Making	50	1 Month	Mairang, West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya



Training on Gram Panchayat Development Plan

Gram Panchayat has a big role to play for overall development of rural India. In Assam Gram Panchayats are getting a good importance from the Government side and many flagship programmes of State Rural Development Department are being run by Gram Panchayats. Therefore, it becomes a matter of focus to train Gram Panchayat Members as well as other stakeholders of rural development programmes so that the rural development schemes can be implemented effectively and fruitfully. Keeping this in view, State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) organizes field level training programmes on Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) to train all the stakeholders to plan for an integrated development properly involving the people of the villages.

SNEHPAD is also very much concerned about it and working for increasing involvement of common people in development plan made by Gram Panchayats. In the year 2017-18, SNEHPAD organized total 112 numbers of Daylong Training Programme on GPDP in all the Gram Panchayat areas of Jorhat, Golaghat and Majuli District. In the Daylong Training Programme the following topics were covered –

1. Discussion and interaction on Rural Development Flagship Programmes like MGNREGA, Grants of 14th Finance Commission to GPs, NSAP, PMAY etc.
2. Convergence with related departments for effective planning and scheme implementation.
3. Process of Data Collection for fruitful planning. Practical demonstration on PRA.



Glimpse on the Daylong GDP Training

Programmes organized under SIRD

Total No of Training	Total Participants	Target Group	Venue
112	11200	GP Members and Staff, Village VOs, SHGs, Farmer's Clubs, Youths	All 112 GPs of Jorhat, Golaghat and Majuli District

Training on Health and Hygiene under SVM

SNEHPAD is very much concerned about implementation of Swatcha Bharat Mission (SVM) and closely involve in various programmes related to it. This Year SNEHPAD focused on Cleanliness of Human Body by practicing rules of maintaining Health and Hygiene. SNEHPAD organized 4 (Four numbers of 5 Days Training Programme on proper maintenance of Health and Hygiene by practicing Yoga and becoming aware about Art of Living. All these programmes were sponsored by State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD). Trainers from Art of Living Foundation conducted the practical training sessions of the above training programmes



Glimpses on the 5 Days Training on Health & Hygiene under Swatcha Bharat Mission

Venue	No of Participants	Target Group	Topics of Training
Titabor, Jorhat	50	Rural Youths, Women	Yoga, Cleanliness
Kakajan, Jorhat	50	Rural Youths, Women	Yoga, Cleanliness
Mohbandha, Jorhat	50	Rural Youths, Women	Yoga, Cleanliness
Sital Pathar, Golaghat	50	Rural Youths, Women	Yoga, Cleanliness

Observations/ Welfare Activities

In the year 2017-18, SNEHPAD observed important days like its Foundation Day and World Environment Day in a befitting manner

Foundation Day Celebration/ Syed Altaf Hussain Memorial Eye Screening Camp

SNEHPAD observed its Foundation Day by organizing a Free Eye Screening Camp at Madhapur Gram Panchayat Community Hall, Madhapur, Titabor, Jorhat on 18th February 2018. Lions Eye Hospital collaborated the organization in conducting the Camp successfully. The Free Eye Screening Camp was organized in memory of Late Syed Altaf Hussain who was the founder Vice Chairman of SNEHPAD who expired in 2017.

Before commencement of the Eye Screening Sir Prakash Thakur, Secretary of SNEHPAD introduced the organization and explained all about its activities. Total 123 people who were suffering from various eye related disease, tested their eyes free of cost and received medicines. 32 persons were detected with Cataract Problem who were operated free of cost in Lions Eye Hospital, Jorhat in the next day of the camp.



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SNEHPAD observed World Environment Day in collaboration with Silikhabari Yuva Sangha at Silikhabari, Titabor on 5th June 2017 by planting 50 numbers of Fruit Bearing Trees in Silikhabari LP School, Anganvadi Kendra and Silikhabari Ras Mancha. On this occasion a Short Lecture was also organized at Silikhabari Play Ground to make local people aware about maintenance of a Healthy Environment and Cleanliness.

Participation in Seminar/ Workshop/ Training

During the Year 2017-18 SNEHPAD officials and volunteers participated in various Training for Trainers Programme to equip themselves with latest knowledge on the subject on which trainings have been given to the target groups.

SNEHPAD officials participated in the following Training programmes

Name of the Programme	Venue	Organized by

Trainers Training on Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)	State Institute of Rural Development, Guwahati	SIRD
Trainers Training on Micro Entrepreneurship Development	EDII, Bangalore	EDII
Training on Development of Handmade Paper and Fibre Industries	NIRD, Hyderabad	KVIC

Visit of Foreign Delegates



During the Year 207-18 foreign delegates from Denmark and Japan visited various Project Sites of SNEHPAD to study about the culture of rural Assam and its economic traditions. The delegates were very pleased with the development initiatives taken by SNEHPAD and appreciated the organization for the same.

Raw Material and Marketing Support to Weavers/ Artisans

SNEHPAD is continuing providing its helping hand to the rural weavers and artisans who were trained under various schemes of SNEHPAD. The organization is supporting the poor weavers under its "MOHURA" Project. Under this initiative more than 500 weavers were given raw material and marketing support. In the year SNEHPAD sold Handloom Products of an amount of Rs.6,14,635/- from its own marketing outlet.

Gratitude to the Well-wishers

In the year 2017-18, SNEHPAD performed a lots of developmental and welfare activities for the benefit of the needy people. It was a successful year for SNEHPAD as it has benefitted people as per its objective. SNEHPAD is successful due to hard work of its Executive and General Members, Staff and Field Coordinators. Their selfless work has made SNEHPAD a organization of people and for the people. SNEHPAD extends its sincere gratitude to all of them. SNEHPAD also appreciates the support of its well-wishers without which SNEHPAD could not be successful as per expectation. SNEHPAD expects support from all its members, staff, coordinators and well wishers in future course of time also.

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