

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY  
NAHARLAGUN  
PAPUM PARE DISTRICT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

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**1. BANK LINKAGE PROGRAMME:**

Our Self Help Group-Bank Linkage Programme (SBLP) aims to deliver financial products & services to the section of local population that lacks access to formal banking. This segment, often from the lower income, meets its financial needs through informal sources such as money lenders, traders, family and friends etc.



However, these sources have their own limitations. Under this programme individuals are organized in groups known as Self Help Groups (SHGs) by RDS. The SHGs are also encouraged to take up livelihood activities, for which skill training is provided by us. The members of the SHG are encouraged to save and internally lend the savings to members during times of need. They were also provided knowledge on managing books of accounts. SHGs get linked to banks for opening savings account and for their credit requirements. Banks lend to SHGs after assessing their credit worthiness on parameters such as group discipline, regularity of meetings, savings, rotation of funds, maintenance of books of accounts, group record keeping, repayment of loans etc. Access to finance by the poor and vulnerable groups is a prerequisite for poverty reduction and social cohesion. This has to become an integral part of our efforts to promote inclusive growth. In fact, providing access to finance is a form of empowerment of the vulnerable groups. Financial inclusion denotes delivery of financial services at an affordable cost to the vast sections of the disadvantaged and low-income groups. Through graduated credit, the attempt must be to lift the poor from one level to another so that they come out of poverty.

  
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**2. SANITATION PROGRAMME:**

“Health is Wealth” – the saying goes. Hygienic living leads to a healthy life. The State of Arunachal Pradesh is least developed. People living in remote villages are illiterate and ignorant about hygienic sanitation. They do not follow the health and hygienic norms. As a result they suffer from various ailments and diseases. Keeping this in mind, the Society organizes a camp on the captioned subject and explained the virtue of proper sanitation and hygienic way of living to prevent diseases. Apart from demonstrations through photo slides, posters etc., the speakers covered a wide range of topics on sanitation, health and hygiene.



**3. INFORMATION EDUCATION COMMUNICATION-CUM-MASS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN :**

We are living in an age of Science & Technology. Sitting in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, none can think of a world without these two. By virtue of the advancement made in these two spheres the world has shrieked to a compact global family and men is exploring outer space today. With a view to arousing



interest and awareness among the people in general and young students in



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particular the society organized a camp on the captioned subject at Naharlagun with the help of a few resource personnel. Colored slides were used to show the current and latest developments and achievements made in the field. The program was meant open the wide gate of computer science to rural women. In-house faculty members gave light into the basics of Information Education Communication-cum-Mass Awareness and its applications and various mobile applications while the resource persons gave awareness about cyber crimes. All the sessions were informative and participants were very keen on studying

**4. PIGGERY FARMING TRAINING PROGRAMME:**

Pork is very popular and is in high demand in the state. Pig Farming is



economically profitable provided the same is done in a scientific and proper manner. Thorough knowledge of all aspects is essential to run piggery profitability. With the aim of popularizing pig farming and imparting the required knowledge, the society conducted a 2-day-training camp on piggery. 50 participants from different villages



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attended the camp. They were taught about selection of exotic variety, breeding, feeding, medicine etc.

**5. CRAFTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME:**

The state is rich in the production of crafts & design of different varieties. There is a great demand for quality cane & bamboo products both within and outside the state. Furniture, decorative items, baskets etc. are very popular and a good source of income. The society organized a training camp with a view to motivating and training the local artisans to use their natural skill with innovation so that quality articles are produced. The society also offered their assistance in marketing through reputed outlets.





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**6. SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMME:**

Social Service Programme is all round development of a society, meaning the development of its human resources. An ideal society is that whose people are developed in all respects – educationally, culturally and economically. Our Society organized an awareness Programme in Barapani. It was primarily aimed to arouse health-consciousness among the people coming from the lower strata of Society. We are visited the houses of Barapani of the locality and tried to convince and motivate them to develop some healthy habits and get rid of bed ones to check the communicable diseases. They were given instructions about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in life. They were convinced that if they want to earn more, and lead a healthy life, they must give proper attention to this aspect too.





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**7. STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN & GIRL CHILD:**

Trafficking of women & Girl Child is a modern-day form of slavery that involves the illegal trade of human beings for the purpose of some form of forced exploitation. Rural Development Society defines women & Girl trafficking as any form of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring, or receiving a person by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, or deception. Among the total people trafficked across borders annually 80% are women or girls and 50% are minors. Feeling the seriousness of the issue the organization conducted a workshop on Trafficking of Women & Girl Child Awareness which has become a growing problem. Through this workshop people were made aware of the two most common purposes for human trafficking are sexual exploitation and forced labor. Victims of sex trafficking are forced into one or more forms of sexual exploitation. It is important to note that sex trafficking and prostitution are not synonymous and that prostitution is simply one type of work performed by victims of sex trafficking. Sex trafficking is an umbrella term that may include commercial sex work such as prostitution, but also pornography, exotic dancing, stripping, live sex shows, mail-order brides, military prostitution, and sexual tourism. Although victims of sex trafficking can be of any age and of either sex, the majority are women and adolescent girls which need to stop by all the people of the society.





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**8. AWARENESS CAMP ON CONSERVATION OF FOREST & PRESERVATION OF WILD LIFE & PLANTATION OF ORNAMENTAL/SHADING TREES :**

The plantation of economic Trees has high potential. Besides utilization of uncultivable waste lands, it offers employment as well as good income, if done extensively on commercial basis. Arunachal Pradesh offers good scope for commercial production of economic trees. Keeping this in mind the society organized a seminar on commercialization of economic trees. The seminar was participated by a lot of interested people. The speakers in the seminar highlighted the importance of plantation of different varieties trees on community land for employment and income. Forests are considered resources of a State. It is a part of environment. Arunachal Pradesh is rich in forest resources but random felling of trees for wood based industries and for use as firewood is decaying forests, which is a cause to worry about. It is essential to maintain and preserve forest resource for ecological balance. Keeping this in mind, the Society launched a Social Forestry programme, with the twin objective of arousing awareness among the people and to plant tree saplings. Under the programme, the members of this Society visited a number of villages, arranged meetings, explained the importance of preserving forests and planted saplings of useful trees in each village, people were also advised to obtain the facilities available under Social Forestry Scheme of the government.





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**9. ARTISAN IDENTITY CARD REGISTRATION CAMP-CUM-AWARENESS PROGRAMME :**

An artisan ID card registration camp was organised by office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) Marketing & Service Extension Centre, Government of India, Ministry of Textiles Naharlagun in association with Rural Development Society, Barapani, Naharlagun on Middle School Borum Village at PapumPare District of Arunachal Pradesh to provide the handicraft artisans better access to benefits and also offers tremendous opportunities for sustainable employment particularly in the rural areas.

