



Highlights of this Newsletter

(Aug 2016 – Oct 2016)

- Kabbadi for Women's Equality
- Meet our Community youth leader (CYL) – Gwjwn Boro
- Community youth leaders' sports tournament
- Annual Meeting of the ant - Mumbai

KABBADI Magic

When married women from our self-help groups first started playing kabbadi 5-6 years ago, there was outrage in the community. But we and our women persisted. This year, the sport club headed by men in Patabari cluster organised a women's kabaddi tournament all on their own. They even provided shorts and jerseys to the women players. This is definitely a first in our villages and we are proud of the change we managed to make.



Community Youth Leaders (CYLs)

Trained youth volunteers run the weekly S4D (Sports for Development) sessions for children in their village. Called CYLs, even as they run the session for other children, it is great to see CYLs grow in confidence and skills. Some are exceptional. Like Gwjwn (pronounced as Guh-Zuhn) in the photo alongside. He dropped out after Class 12 because they could not afford the college fees. But with a passion for making films, he worked really hard and earned some money. Currently, this CYL is making his own film, leading S4D sessions in his village and also helping us mentor and train other CYLs in his area! In September, we also organised a 3-day CYL get-together and sports tournament. It was great to young men and women of various communities come together – to learn, to laugh and to play.



Other Happenings and upcoming events

1. The ant is the "Winner of GuideStar India NGO Transparency Award 2016"
2. IDeA (the NGO support arm of the ant) is exploring partnership with *Start-Up* – to start an incubation centre for social entrepreneurs in the Northeast.
3. Phase 2 - IDeA partners training will be held on our campus in November.

Project Bigyan – Doing Science

One of the science teachers who attended the training as part of our Bigyan project says, “I have been using the teaching methods that I learnt from the trainings and the students are able to understand and learn much better. They are able to do the science practical themselves now.”

The Science Project now extends to 23 government schools and we support with science materials apart from training the teachers. Our team also supports each school once a week.



Annual Meeting – Dream to Fly & Mumbai!

For 90% of the ant team – it was their dream fulfilled – to fly once in their lives! They had been saving up for one year and contributed their bit for the ticket but we could bring the entire team to Mumbai because of the support from Caring friends in Mumbai. The reflections and the discussions were good and we even go to go on a Mumbai Darshan. The highlight of course was the opportunity to meet with our well-wishers and friends in Mumbai who has supported and encouraged our work over the years. Our deepest gratitude to Caring Friends for going out of their way and hosting our visit to Mumbai. The care, warmth and respect we got will linger long with us and encourage us to work better.



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