



Annual Meeting

From the Brahmaputra plains, crossing the Teesta River, the ants climbed the hill tops of Sikkim to celebrate the 19th anniversary of a shared vision - "A peaceful world where there is love, respect and dignity for all". Together the ants revisited their 19 years trail, came back with greater bonds of togetherness as music, dance, colours and ever wider smiles reverberated. Rejuvenated and focused for the miles ahead....



District Level Science Mela

Project LEAP has organised District level science Mela on 30th November 2019. Highlight of the event was the active participation of the Students and teachers.

Inspector of Schools, Chirang Mr. JS Brahma inaugurated the event. The Mela was the finale of the Science Exhibitions held in the intervention schools which began from August.

The best models from the school-level science fairs competed in the District Science Mela. Surprisingly, Bharati ME School - (that got a modest building from Caring Friends last year - a venture school that hasnt received provincialisation by the government despite 40 years of existence, won the first prize for their 'Low Cost Water Fountain Model'.

"Thanking you for all your support in the previous year and wishing you a Happy New Year"



Second Assam Youth Workshop

BY PROJECT DOLPHIN

The 2nd Assam Youth Workshop was held in Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati on the 29th and 30th of November. The event supported by the TDH and BMZ, Germany and organised by the ant along with NERSWN, sStep and SATRA saw 21 participants from 4 districts of Assam namely Chirang, Kokrajhar, Morigaon and Udalguri. Including staff there was 28 participants.

The first day comprised of sessions on Climate Change and LGBTIQ conducted by Dr Simanta Kalita and Ms Banamallika Chaudary respectively. On the second day, the youth from the respective regions updated the group regarding their activities and created an action plan for the coming months. The workshop provided a space to question, share ideas and learn from one another.





16 Days campaign

BY PROJECT AVAHAN

With a District Level Seminar on 'Preventing Domestic Violence', the ant also took part in the 16 Days Campaign to eliminate violence against women & girls on 25th November. Shri. Gautam Talukdar, Deputy Commissioner of Chirang inaugurated the event with his speech on the role of the district administration in supporting survivors of violence & preventive measure. Distinguished speakers from Women's Wing (BPF), students' organisations and religious institutions, besides Panchayat members and community leaders also attended the programme. Recognising DV as an issue, sharing responsibilities & collaborative efforts to make a woman's home a safer place was at the core of the discussions. Later the team was also involved in a dialogue with Anchalik committees of All Bodoland Minority Students' Union in Nangalbanga and Udalguri regions regarding the increased number of domestic violence cases and the possible role of the Student organisation in rectifying them. The team extended its support to IDeA partners to organise the campaign in different parts of Assam.

- #One Billion Rising India
- #16DaysCampaign
- #EndViolenceAgainstWomen

Global Health Leaders Meet

Jenny was invited as a speaker on a panel on "Conflict and its impact on Women's Health" at the Women Leaders in Global Health 2019 Conference in Rwanda (Africa) from 9-10 November 2019.

She shared learnings from the Conflict and Health study in Deosiri.

It was an excitingly inspiring experience for Jenny to be around 1200 powerful women leaders from 81 countries across the world and especially meet young upcoming women who are passionate about making the world better, healthier and happier.

IDeA Future Ready Training Series

The fourth and the last module of the training series i.e. on M&E and documentation of Future Ready Organizations ended in November 2019. The training series was jointly organized by IDeA the ant and Bosco Institute-The Hub Jorhat and supported by Childaid Network, Germany. The training was held at Don Bosco Institute Kharguli from 18th to 21st of November 2019. Thirty-one participants (M-19, F-12) covering 17 organizations from the states of Meghalaya, Manipur, Assam, and Nagaland participated in the four-day residential workshop. The participants were mostly project managers, but some were heads of the organizations too. Participants learnt entire M&E chain of results, different approaches to M&E, different tools and practices, data gathering - both qualitative and quantitative - including PRA tools, Most Significant Change stories, capturing photographs for change, etc.

Feedback from participants:

"Preparing the M&E assignment for own organization itself was very reflective. It helped me re look at our own existing system."-BIDS

"Variety makes it more interesting. The day had very interesting sessions, for e.g. photography using mobile phone and you tube tutorial links for learning mobile photography, alternative of PPT -the Prezi, and media visibility, the tips for wow report writing, etc. "-The Hub Jorhat









ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENTS

In a space of 3 months Colouring the Rainbow team has organised 4 tournaments of which one was a purely girls' tournament. The first tournament held on the 2nd and 3rd of October saw 39 teams participating from 6 areas. The second tournament was on Nov 2nd and 3rd was also held in 6 areas but with 36 teams. The winners of these tournaments participated in the central tournament which was held near the ant campus from November 30th to December 1st.

A total of 10 teams participated in the tournament, and were hosted at the ant. Daugasar from Patabari emerged as winners of the tournament there by qualifying for the National Championship



PROJECT FLY

Project Fly - Spreading Ultimate Frisbee and reaching out to youths from different communities through different organizations working in other parts of the state of Assam and North East is a new initiative under IDeA, the ant. The project Fly was formally launched in the month of November with the 1st master training of the coaches -in -training (CITs), in the ant Campus at Undangsri Dera, Rowmari. Seven NGOs and 27 Coaches in Training (CITs) covering 5 districts of Assam and 2 from Dimapur (Nagaland) were selected for the project Fly. The participant CITs participated in the training with great enthusiasm and zest.

Based on a need based identification process,

blankets, trunks, cots and tarpaulins were distributed to over 50 poor people in Chirang and Udalguri districts. A sum of rupees 130000/- was spent on the purchase of these materials. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sai Smriti Trust for the donation.



