**International Women’s Day** (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also marks a call to action for accelerating women’s equality. To commemorate the women’s rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights and violence against women, five Village organizations (VOs) took the initiative to celebrate Women’s Day in Deosiri playground of Chirang district on 9th March 2021. It was an encouraging to have 580 participants from Deosiri and Dadgiri area registering themselves for the event including 56 men who came forward to support the women in their journey of empowerment. The day started with flag-hoisting and was followed by games and sports, cultural program, speeches from dignitaries and ended with distribution of prizes.

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290 families devastated by CoViD-induced lockdowns, who were supported for organic vegetable-farming and mushroom cultivation harvested their first crop and started savings by selling them.

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE ASSOCIATION:**
Ultimate Frisbee Association started its first branch in Chirang district. Dignitaries from Traditional Games Association of Chirang also joined hands with Ultimate Frisbee Association to use sports as a way of connecting with young minds.

**CHILD FRIEN DLY SCHOOL INITIATIVE:**
As part of its Child Friendly School initiatives, a Standard Operating Procedure has been discussed with department of Education and as its first effort, Building as Learning Aid was started in 5 schools of district Chirang.

**PEACE AT HOME:**
“It took five years to finally have peace at home” says Misanti, a domestic violence survivor from Chirang. Misanti was beaten up almost everyday by her alcoholic husband for the last 10 years and her 10 year old son was a mute spectator until she gained courage to approach her fellow villagers who had come together to form a Domestic Violence Response Group with the help of the ant. After continuous intervention of the villagers for five years, now she can sleep peacefully at night and does not have the fear of getting beaten up. Misanti is one of the 500+ women in Chirang who have approached the legal services and community-based redressal mechanisms for bringing peace to their homes.
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