

the ant

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M O N T H L Y NEWSLETTER



A young girl addressing the audience at State Level
Child Rights Convention organised by IDeA-the ant
Captured by Dipanjali from Community Media Unit



Photo by: Utpal Basumatary, MITA

Special Camp for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorder

Shishu Sarothi and MITA conducted a two-day special camp on 3rd and 4th April, 2023 at the ant campus, Rowmari for children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Parents were counselled and educated on intervention techniques for their children's development.



Photo by: Dipanjali Khakhlary, CMU

Ultimate Disk Training for Adolescent Girls

Adolescent girls enrolled in the Bring the Change (BTC) project were trained in Ultimate Disk during a two-day program in Chirang and Udalguri. The girls learned about the techniques of throwing and catching, as well as the signs and signals used in the sport, from five coaches from the Ultimate Disk coach forum.



Photo by: Nijwra Narzary, F.a.B

Youth Organised Gender-Equality Workshop with SHG Members

On 4th April, 2023, women from 9 SHG groups were provided workshop on the concept of gender and sex. The session was led by 2 youths Moinuddin and Elisabeth where they engaged in discussions with the women on gender roles, and different kinds of gender discriminations women face.



Photo by: Pilberson Marak, Shiksha

Biodiversity Walks

In April, a series of biodiversity walks were organized in Udalguri and Kuklung with teachers and children from remedial learning centers. Local elders identified edible wild plants and shared their benefits, and the walks ended with participants creating herbariums.



Photo by: Nani Bhagat, CTR

Career Counselling of Youth at Shantipur

The Colouring the Rainbow (CTR) project team recently organized the 2nd Career Guidance Programme on 29th April, 2023, in Shantipur, Chirang. The programme focused on two themes: "Discovering Self-Potential" and "Roles of Parents in Career Selection," with resource person Dwimalu Basumatary interacting with youth and parents on career aspirations and preparation.



Photo by: Kastury Nayana Bora, HR

Induction Training of New Employees

the ant recently conducted an orientation program from 27th to 29th April, 2023, at the ant campus for 11 women and 15 men newly recruited staff members. The sessions covered the organization's values, mission, vision, and codes of conduct. Topics ranged from NGO concepts to social issues, and participants engaged in exercises like shram daan and mindfulness sessions.



Photo by: Norpline Kerketta, MOULD

IGA Income Generation Activity

Seven IGA women from Deosiri visited a piggery farm in Kokrajhar to learn about pig farming from Prafulla Brahma, owner of a piggery farm at Ramfalbil, Kokrajhar on 29th April, 2023.



Photo by: Sanjib Daimary, Livelihood Kuklung

Training on Goatery Vaccination

On 28th April, 2023, Dr. Lakhyajyoti Saikia of Borobazar Veterinary Department recently trained parents and members of the Village Education Development Committee (VEDC) of No. 2 Thaisoguri village on goat rearing at Kuklung. The training covered vaccination, feed types, disease identification and treatment, and precautionary measures.

IDEating for Change



Photo by: Dipanjali Khakhlary, CMU

State Level Child Rights Convention

In April 2023, IDEa - the ant, in collaboration with Asha Darshan, DiYA Foundation, JMECT, and UFSNE, with support from Childaid Network Germany, organized a two-day State Level Child Rights Convention in Guwahati. The convention was led by children and attended by various individuals and organizations, including government officials and the Chief of UNICEF Assam. Children from four districts addressed the audience on child rights issues, and a document titled 'Voices of Children' was released, containing children's views on various child rights issues. Additionally, a mobile app named 'ENRICH' was launched during the convention. The app is designed to educate people on child rights and ways to protect them in a simplified manner, and includes local helpline links for support.

Roti, Kapda aur Makan, and Education

Dibyajyoti and Alongbar, LEAP



Photo by: Alongbar Wary, LEAP

“Roti, Kapda aur Makan” the fundamental needs everyone is entitled to. But on the Indo Bhutan border of Chirang, where ~~the ant~~ supports the Forest Learning Centre (FLC) and Model Learning Centre (MLC) through project LEAP, most of the parents are living below poverty line. Therefore, parents find it difficult to provide adequate number of clothes to their children. Many children have only one pair of cloth. As a result, some children cannot attend classes regularly due to torn or dirty clothes. We have identified many such children who are irregular in the school due to inadequate, dirty and torn clothes. To address this issue, ~~the ant~~ conducted a clothe distribution initiative under LEAP for children with only one pair of clothes. So, we have distributed clothes to 40 children of Koraibari MLC and Bhangapara FLC. The clothe distribution initiative will reach out to more children. We are thankful to each donor for their gracious support which allows us to offer basic needs of the children.

Upcoming Activities

Biodiversity Walk
Session on Gender and Law at Bongaigaon Law College

New Family Members

We welcome our new ants Rukmini, Monika, Titus, Fulmaya, and Kedar to our family.



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