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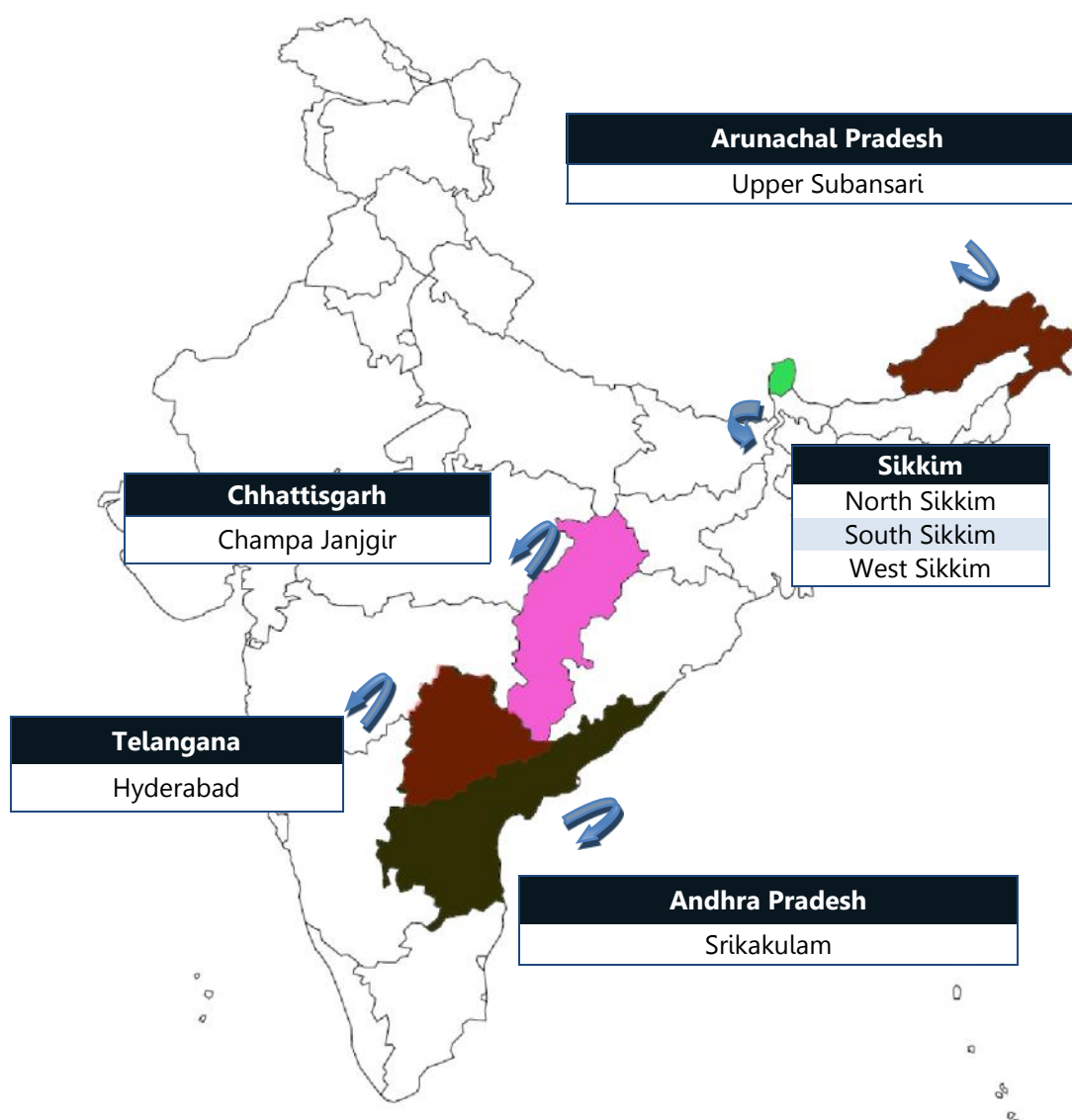


About Bhavishya Bharat

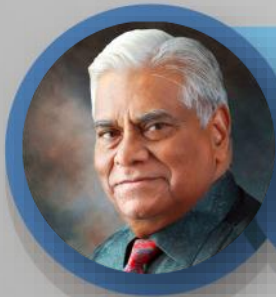
Bhavishya Bharat is a not-for-profit organisation having expertise in implementing integrated social development programmes, corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities and planning, execution and evaluation of local area development programmes (LADP) for corporates and government agencies. It aims at promoting integrated and inclusive development through social, economic and environmental interventions.

Bhavishya Bharat is working in the southern, central and north eastern regions of the country in the fields of five thematic areas – basic healthcare, education, social infrastructure (common property resource) development, sustainable livelihood and disaster risk reduction.

Our Presence



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From the Desk of the Managing Trustee



Dear Friends,

It gives us great pleasure to share our 9th Annual Report for the period 2016-17 which covers Bhavishya Bharat's innovative approach to integrated community development which comprises of Health, Education, Water, Sanitation, Personal Hygiene, Energy, Livelihood, Risk Reduction and Development of Common Resources. Its activities have had a significant impact on communities since its inception and this momentum has continued in 2016-2017.

During this period Bhavishya Bharat has further enhanced the impact on the community by engaging them through integrated social interventions as mandated by the Relief and Rehabilitation (R&R) Committee under the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) of Teesta Urja HEP III. Our key partner Teesta Urja Limited has provided us constant support in all our endeavors. Moreover, our comprehensive planning and focus to implement interventions has significantly transformed lives of the communities in the nine project villages of North Sikkim.

The bouquet of interventions such as primary health care through Mobile Medicare Unit (MMU), clinic OPD and health camps, quality education through sponsorships, tuitions, e-Learning and Knowledge Centers, promotion of organic farming, micro enterprise, revival of large cardamom cultivation by establishing community based nurseries (one in each project village), vocational skills training, cattle health camps and comprehensive social awareness activities have blossomed manifold and are playing a significant role in the lives of communities.



We firmly believe the present approach of holistic development is the way forward to transform the lives of the community. In furtherance of our core belief, we formulated project Sanjeevani (Clinic on Wheels) to cater for health services of deprived communities. Our experience has shown that 'Clinic on Wheels' is an ideal method to reach remote areas, and enable the local populace to avail quality health care and lead a healthy life. We have partnered with State Bank of India (SBI) Foundation and The Hans Foundation (THF) for this initiative in some districts of Sikkim.

Our heartfelt thanks to Teesta Urja Limited, State Bank of India Foundation, The Hans Foundation, Government of Sikkim and the Community for their continuous support and cooperation. It has enabled us to fully implement our interventions related to integrated community development throughout the year. Our utmost strength is our Community; with whom we are continuously engaged to achieve our vision, mission and values.

Jai Hind!

Date: 26 July 2017

Lt Gen Hari Prasad (Retd)

PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM

Managing Trustee

Bhavishya Bharat

FOREWORD



Bhavishya Bharat has made important contributions to the District as part of their Rehabilitation and Resettlement work on behalf of 1200 MW Teesta Urja Power Project Ltd in North Sikkim. It therefore gives me immense pleasure to learn that Bhavishya Bharat is publishing the Annual Report to document its activities in the District.

Bhavishya Bharat have over the years have been involved in various development works in the District especially in the fields of health, education and livelihood generation. Bhavishya Bharat have successfully commissioned the 100-bedded hostel for project affected children at Singhik. The above institute will give tremendous impetus to the State Government drive for achieving quality education. Bhavishya Bharat has also finished the renovation of the school building at Theng and they have been conducting various awareness programs in the schools of the District. In healthcare, they are successfully running the PHSC at Singhik for the welfare of the project affected villagers. Under livelihood and capacity building, Bhavishya Bharat have undertaken training programs in Dairy farming, mushroom cultivation and Large Cardamom rejuvenation. All the above efforts have made important contributions to the socio-economic development of the District.

I would therefore like to wish the very best to Bhavishya Bharat and also would like to see many more socially important contributions that will make meaningful impact on the development of North Sikkim.

With Best wishes



Karma R Borpo (IAS),

District Collector, North Sikkim

FOREWORD



It gives me an immense pleasure to present the Bhavishya Bharat's 9th Annual Report for the year 2016-17. On behalf of the Teesta Urja Limited, as the donor organization, I would like to convey our appreciation of the accomplishments endowed Bhavishya Bharat in the field of health, education, livelihood and other social development activities in the project affected villages in North District of Sikkim.

The year witnessed renewed commitment of Bhavishya Bharat with the extensive programs to implement in the project villages pertains to sustainable development by inculcation proper planning in providing mobile medical facilities, conducting awareness programmes for local populace, the interventions of Tuition, Knowledge and e-Learning centers, facilitating scholarships as a part of education programme, supporting the aged through Sahyog, constructing requisite infrastructures for the communities and providing major concentration on Livelihood development plans for the villagers by imparting trainings in regards to vocational training programmes, cultivation of cash crops, implementing techniques for reviving large cardamom by involving agricultural experts from concern line departments, facilitating farmers clubs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) for holistic development.

Here I would also like to mention about substantial contribution bestowed by Bhavishya Bharat in newly constructed state-of-the-art Fidram Hostel in Singhik which is equipped with every modern aid & facilities. Team Bhavishya Bharat did an admirable job in creating awareness in eradicating social stigma like intoxication and encouraging youths to concentrate on career improvement.

We wish you all good luck and looking forward to seeing the continued good work of Team Bhavishya Bharat.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Ramakrishna', written over a horizontal line.

G Ramakrishna

President - Project
Teesta Urja Limited



Acknowledgement

The interventions of Bhavishya Bharat have been possible due to the active support of agencies, institutions and individuals providing financial assistance, technical guidance and support in implementation. We are thankful for their contribution and continuous support.

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Govt of Andhra Pradesh



Govt of Sikkim



SBI Foundation



Teesta Urja Limited



NABARD



The Hans Foundation



East Coast Energy Pvt Ltd



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Athena Chhattisgarh Power Ltd



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Executive Summary

Bhavishya Bharat has a successful year with thorough focus on primary health care, quality education, organic farming and help to farmers through training on scientific cultivation. Furthermore, it has facilitated Self-Help Groups in achieving self-sufficiency to establish micro enterprises. Also, it has contributed to enhance skills and capacities of youth and children through innovative learning processes. Apart from these interventions, team Bhavishya Bharat has successfully taken care of people of old aged to lead their normal life in the society.

Summary of Sikkim Project Report

The Sikkim project report details the Bhavishya Bharat's activities which have delivered significant achievements against the programmes that were planned at the beginning of the year with regard to Community Healthcare, Education, Livelihood and Social Development.

In our primary health care programme, the medical services were provided to 3,329 cases through mobile OPDs (Out Patient Department), clinic OPDs and specialized health camps in the Project Villages (PVs). The eye camp and another follow-up camp was organized in collaboration with Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital for the patients who were recommended by the doctors for further treatment to the patients having the ophthalmic disorder like Retinal Detachment (RD) and Cornell Opacity (CO) were treated free of cost.

As regards education, a total over 29,892 visits have been made to the eight knowledge centres by the students. Provisioning of facilities like tuitions, indoor and outdoor games, newspaper, magazine and library have made these centres a lodestar for students. During the reporting period, Granny Story Time has been initiated where the elders of the village come to the respective knowledge center and share fairy tales, historical events and interesting topics with the children. This initiative helps the knowledge center children to learn moral values and can gain knowledge from their elders. A total of about 36,547 visits were recorded in all eight e-Learning centers.

As requested by the community, Shiksha Yatan Tuition Center has been initiated in Tsungthang Project Village in addition to the Singhik SYTC. Both the SYTC centers registered a total of 11,230 visits by the 151 registered students. The main objective of Shiksha Yatan Tuition is to enhancement of knowledge through quality education technique among students particularly in Science, Mathematics and English subjects.

Apart from regular education activities, a series of awareness programmes such as awareness on Various Scholarship Programmes, Higher Education and Career Counselling has been conducted to facilitate students to plan their career. The competitions such as inter-village volleyball tournament, table tennis, badminton and carom board tournament and quiz were organized to improve competitive spirit among children.

As part of livelihood programme under Mother's Enterprises (Known as the Amosa Atil), women have taken up mushroom cultivation, poultry, piggery and pisciculture to improve their household income. Candle making and potato cultivation training programmes were conducted to the Amosa Atil members and seasonal vegetable seeds was distributed to encourage horticulture cultivation among the farmers of project villages.

During the reporting period, two batches of 6 months long tailoring course was conducted in the Vocational Sewing School at Kazor. The successful trainees in the course were awarded with diploma certificates after the due assessment.

Keeping in view of Sikkim's local paradigms and recent recognition as India's first fully organic state, Bhavishya Bharat initiated Samridh Kisan Swashakt Rajya (Samridh) programme in all the project villages. The programme mission is to enable farmer societies to establish and run model nursery of six popular cultivars of large cardamom. These nurseries will help farmers to produce, preserve and supply of disease free, high yielding mother plants of all popular cultivars of large cardamom as per the requirement of cardamom growers.

About 50,000 sucker plants of large cardamom distributed to the farmers of North Sikkim to establish and strengthen the model nurseries under Samridh Programme align with Sikkim Organic Mission. Shri Tshering Wangdi (Honorable Minister, Govt of Sikkim), Shri Karma Bonpo (District Collector, North Sikkim), Shri Sonam Topgay Tashi (SDM Chungthang) and many other eminent personalities attended the distribution programme in Singhik and encouraged the initiative of revival of large cardamom. Series of vaccination cum awareness programmes on Cattle Health Care was organized in the project villages, where free medical consultation and medicines for household cattle were provided.

In the reporting period, the newly constructed Singhik Secondary School Hostel and Primary Health Sub-Center Building, Singhik were handed over to the respective concern authorities on 31 March 2017 in the presence of Hon'ble Minister, Shri Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, Panchayat representatives and other officials from various departments. The Singhik Secondary School Building was named as Fidram Hostel and handed over to the School Management Committee of Singhik Senior Secondary School, Singhik and the Primary Health Sub-Center Building, Singhik was handed over to the Chief Medical Officer, north Sikkim.

The newly constructed Gumpa Kitchen of Saffo Village has been handed over to the community in presence of Passingdang- Saffo Panchayat, Shri Nima Tshering Lepcha and other community members.

As per the requirement of the community, five solar street lights have been installed in the remote places of Tsungthang to facilitate trespassers from the darkness. The community appreciated the initiative and mentioned that these solar street lights installed areas were prone to snake bites and possibility of attack from dangerous insects in the night times.

At the request made by the community Bhavishya Bharat distributed 24 numbers of blankets and the mattress to the students of landslide affected areas, mainly from Mentam, Lingdem, Laven and Kayem Ruklu on 22 August 2016.

International Women's Day was observed on 08 March 2017 in Mangan, North Sikkim in collaboration with District Administration, North Sikkim. Honourable State Minister Smt Tulsi Devi Rai preceded the ceremony and encouraged the women doers to achieve greater heights. The other important days such as World Anti-Tobacco Day, World Environment Day, World Yoga Day, Independence Day, World Hepatitis Day and Teachers Day has been observed during the reporting period. A campaign on social security programmes has been initiated in the project villages to prepare them during the disaster times and bring awareness on various social security schemes such as cattle insurance, crop insurance and food security schemes etc. In collaboration with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Bhavishya Bharat organized mock demonstration in Singhik village to make them aware how to respond during the disaster times. The team demonstrated the techniques and procedure for use when a disaster occurs. More details included in Social Development section

Bhavishya Bharat proactively engaged with the community to outspread the Government of India's flagship programme, 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' in the project villages and organizing cleanliness drive in regular intervals. Monthly rations were supplied to the Sahyog (Support-an-aged) beneficiaries in this activity year. A total of 18 elderly people are getting support through this programme.

Bhavishya Bharat received loads of appreciation from the villagers, representatives of the Panchayats, Government officials, TUL and media. Their continued support helped us to endure our interventions and assurance to continue our efforts.



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Organisational Overview





Vision

“Improve the quality of life of communities through holistic and integrated social development, thereby enabling communities to become self-reliant.”



“Provide sustainable opportunities to improve health, education, livelihoods and gender equity.”

Mission

Healthcare

- Mobile OPD
- Clinic OPD
- Medical Camps
- Awareness
Camps

Education

- Knowledge Centres
- e-Learning Centres
- Shiksha Yatan Tuition
Centre
- Sponsorship
Programme
- Other Events and
Activities

Livelihoods

- Mothers' Enterprise
- Facilitation to
Farmers
- Facilitation to SHGs
- Centre for Organic
Farming

Social Development

- Infrastructure
Development
- Sahyog
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- Commemoration of Special
Days

Interventions in Sikkim

Bhavishya Bharat is entrusted with responsibilities of undertaking Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities outlined in the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) under the Environmental Management Plan of Teesta Stage III (1200 MW) HEP, North Sikkim.

An agreement to this effect was signed between Bhavishya Bharat and Teesta Urja Limited in 2008. Subsequently, Bhavishya Bharat undertook a comprehensive area and activity plan study consisting of extensive field visits to all nine Gram Panchayats covered under the project, consult with village representatives, meetings with members of Panchayat Raj institutions and discussion with various Government officials at the district level. Based on the extensive field work, a detailed action plan was drawn and presented during the second meeting of the rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) committee held on 15th December 2008. Following approval of the plan by the R&R committee, Bhavishya Bharat has been implementing the approved plan in the Project Villages (PVs). The social development agreement between Bhavishya Bharat and Teesta Urja Limited has been extended upto 31 March 2014 or completion of the project, whichever is later.

The project essentially consists of four core programmes:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Livelihoods and
- Social - Infrastructure Development

These programmes are intended to achieve integrated development leading to the empowerment of tribal communities in the nine PVs.

In addition, an agreement was entered into with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for formation and strengthening of 100 Self-Help Groups in North Sikkim district in a span of three years.

The ensuing section of this report covers the progress of activities and major accomplishments of the four thematic programme areas for the reporting period April 2016 to March 2017.



- Mobile OPD
- Clinic OPD
- Medical Camps
- Awareness Camps

Healthcare





Healthcare



Primary assessment was carried out in the Project Villages (PVs) by the experts and extensive field visits by the staff helped Bhavishya Bharat to draw the overall implementation plan for its programmes.

As per the analysis and assessment of the PVs in regards to healthcare revealed the following: some of the common diseases found in the project villages include hypertension, alcoholic liver diseases, cardiomyopathy, TB, acute respiratory infection and anaemia among men, women and children. Hence the implementation strategy included among others, formalizing collaboration with District Health Department, Mangan in which Bhavishya Bharat would play the role of

enabler of the health services rather than undertaker. Formulated an MoU to involve the existing Public Health Sub Centers (PHSCs) and their staff to provide quality medical services to the project villages, supplementing necessary infrastructure and human resources, support to fill gaps in service delivery systems and functions, and formulating a health advisory committee to ensure transparency and accountability.

The major accomplishments until the last reporting (up to March 2016) in healthcare programme involve:

- Inauguration of community health scheme of Bhavishya Bharat by Honorable

The Key objective of Bhavishya Bharat's

Healthcare Programme is to provide comprehensive quality primary medical care for people in the Project Villages.

Bhavishya Bharat provides quality medical care to the remote project villages at their door step through Mobile Medicare Unit (MMU)

Chief Minister of Sikkim, Dr. Pawan Kumar Chamling;

- Organizing specialized medical camps in project, nearby areas and schools, including Immunization programmes, in collaboration with the State Government and other institutions providing health care;
- Organizing awareness campaign on contagious diseases, maternal and child health as well as HIV and AIDS;
- Provision of state-of-the art Mobile Hospitals and doorstep mobile OPD facilities in remote Villages;
- Adoption of standard treatment guidelines and complete

medical profiling in nine PVs;

- Blood grouping test organized for all school children in nine PVs;
- Development of information system of healthcare management;
- Construction and up-gradation of PHC/PHSCs;
- Provision of emergency kits at select project villages;
- Referral of secondary/tertiary care patients to Specialty Hospitals;
- Provision of Customized software to record medical profiles of the patients who visits Singhik Clinic. It also helps to know unique visits and re-visits to the clinic.





Healthcare

Progress during the reporting period

Mobile OPD

Mobile OPD (MOPD) reaches the doorstep of villagers who are otherwise not connected to any clinic. Besides, the mobile OPD also goes around in other project villages and Bhavishya Bharat supported hostels and vocational training institute with pre-scheduled plans.

During the reporting period, 43 mobile OPDs were conducted at Safoo, Kazor, Pegong, Ramom, Shipgyer and Theng. These visits enabled the Bhavishya Bharat health team

to attend 824 cases, covering 375 males and 449 females.

The table-1 details the village wise break-up of cases handled by mobile OPDs.

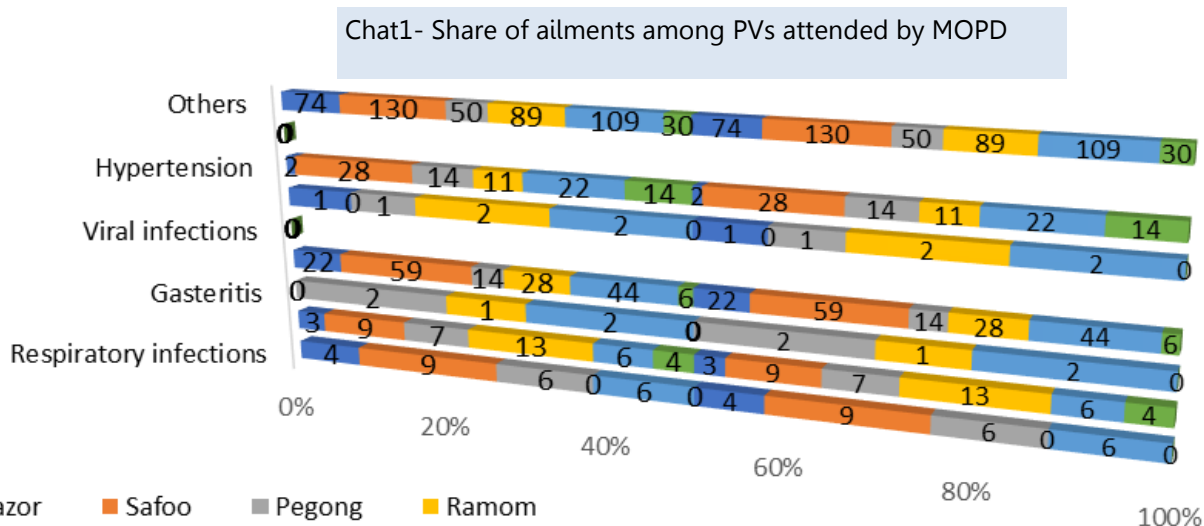
Out of the 824 cases handled by the mobile OPDs, 330 cases are reported in the third quarter of the reporting year, i.e. Oct to Dec 2016 which is highest during the reporting period.

Within the total attended cases, about 17 percent were under five years of age, 20 percent were between six and



Table -1

Location	MOPDs Conducted	Number of Cases Handled		
		M	F	(M+F)
Kazor	6	39	67	106
Safoo	9	106	129	235
Pegong	5	40	54	94
Ramom	9	84	60	144
Shipgyer	9	76	115	191
Theng	5	30	24	54
Total	43	375	449	824



eighteen, 31 percent were between nineteen to forty years, 20 percent were between forty-one to sixty years and 12 percent were above sixty years of age. The table - 2 presents the gender wise segregation of the age categories of cases handled by mobile OPDs for all locations.

The predominant ailments treated by the mobile OPDs in the year are common cough and cold, Hypertension, respiratory, and skin infection. These four ailments together account for 40 percent of ailments treated by mobile OPDs in the project villages.

Significantly, another 58 percent were also treated for other ailments involving injuries, wound allergy, fits BP, insect bites, immunization, joint pains, vomiting and headache. The remaining 15 percent of the

cases were treated for hypertension and ENT.

The detail score of cases were treated for a different ailment is given in the chart - 1.

Village wise Analyses: Safoo, Shipgyer and Ramom together had a share of 69 percent of the total cases treated by the mobile OPDs from 29 visits; Safoo alone had 29 percent in 9 visits. The remaining 31 percent of the cases were treated at Kazor, Pegong and Theng. As regards the age group category, of the 257 cases of 19 to 40 years' category, 121 were treated at Safoo and Shipgyer that is a whopping 47 percent of the entire mobile OPD villages in the category. Compared to the other MOPD villages, Safoo recorded the highest number of cases with 235 cases for the total of 824 cases.

Village	Age Group					Total
	0-5	06-18	19-40	41-60	61 & Above	
Kazor	22	12	41	12	19	106
Safoo	40	78	55	44	18	235
Pegong	14	10	32	21	18	94
Ramom	18	30	43	38	14	144
Shipgyer	39	32	66	30	24	191
Theng	7	1	20	19	7	54
Total	140	163	257	164	100	824

Healthcare

Clinic OPD

Bhavishya Bharat introduced the out-patient clinics to offer basic medical services in the vicinity of PVs by qualified medical practitioners.

The clinics at Singhik helped to treat 2,158 cases, including 1,170 males and 988 females from April 2016 to March 2017. As many as 275 cases visited in the clinic in August 2016 alone, which accounts for the highest numbers of visitors in a month for the reporting period.

As regards cases treated pertaining to the age group, 17 percent are in the category of 0-5 years, 21 percent are about 6-18 age group, 37 percent are in the age group of 19 -40

years, 15 percent are between 41 – 60 years and 10 percent are above 60 years of age.

The table - 3 presents the gender wise breakup of the cases treated pertaining to their age group.

The most reported and attended ailment at Singhik clinic during the reporting period is common cough and cold and the least reported is diabetes. The ailment analysis of both mobile and clinic OPDs shows similar trends as regards the nature of ailments: As in the case of mobile OPD, the three predominant diseases reported and attended at the clinic OPD are common cough and cold, Hypertension and



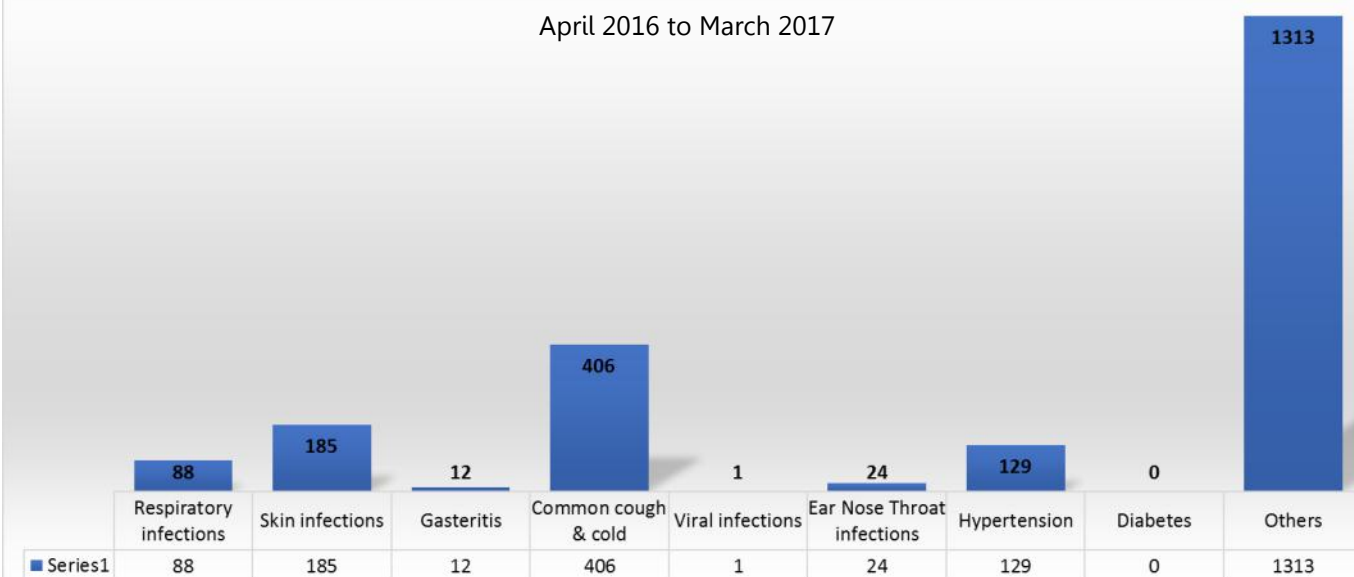
Table 3

Age category of cases handled by Clinic OPD from April 2016 to March 2017

0-5 Yrs		6-18 Yrs		19-40 Yrs		41-60 Yrs		61 Yrs & Above	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
204	172	251	195	397	406	195	126	123	89
376		446		803		321		212	
2,158									

Chat-2 Types of common segments attended by the Clinic OPD

April 2016 to March 2017



skin infections. These accounted for 34 percent of the total ailments in Clinic OPD. About 61 percent of the cases were also attended for other ailments involving injuries, wound allergy, fits BP, insect bites, immunization, joint pains, vomiting and headache. The remaining 5 percent were viral infection, respiratory infection, ENT and diabetes.

Diseases wise cases reported at clinic OPD in the reporting period are presented in the above chart.

Clinic Software:

Clinic Software helps to maintain a patient visit record of the Singhik clinic in the digital format. It helps to generate unique visits of the patients along with the re-visits in a particular month. The patient database helps to refer reports immediately and help to decide on a course of treatment.



Healthcare

Medical Camps

Bhavishya Bharat conducts general and specialized medical camps in the project villages by deploying the experienced medical practitioners from time to time.

In the span of the one year, five such camps were conducted at different locations, which include three general health camps and two dental and eye camps. A total of 347 villagers

availed the health camp facilities. The village wise details who attended the medical camps is given in the table 4.

Of the total patients, 36 percent belonged to the age group of 19- 40 years, which is highest among other age groups. The chart on the next page presents the age wise category of patients at medical camps organized in 2016-17.



Table 4

Details of Medical Camp from April 2016 - March 2017

Nature of camp	Date	Place	No. of Participants	Details of Doctors
Specialized Health Camp (Gyno)	01 May 2016	Saffo	60	Dr RN Deokota
Specialized Health Camp (Eye)	16 Dec 2016	Singhik	183	Doctors' from Greater Lions Eye Hospital
General Health Camp	26 Dec 2016	Pegong	40	Dr. Dupzor
General Health Camp	30 Jan 2017	Shipgyer	45	Dr. Labin Basnett
Specialized Health Camp (Eye)	30 Jan 2017	Shipgyer	19	Mr.Sachin Pradan



Chat-3 Age Categories of Patients Visited Medical Camp

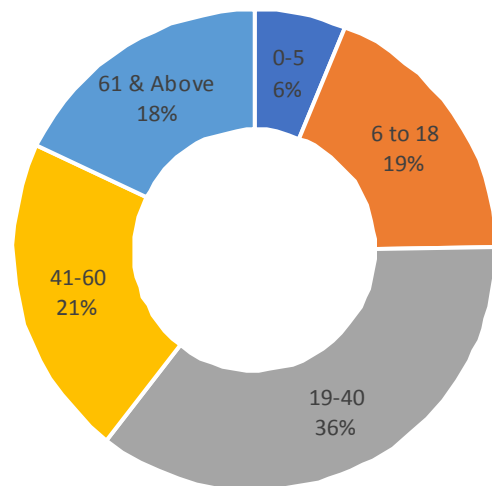
The medical camps offered facilities of different tests and treatments for different ailments.

Treatments were given for the following ailments in the reporting period:

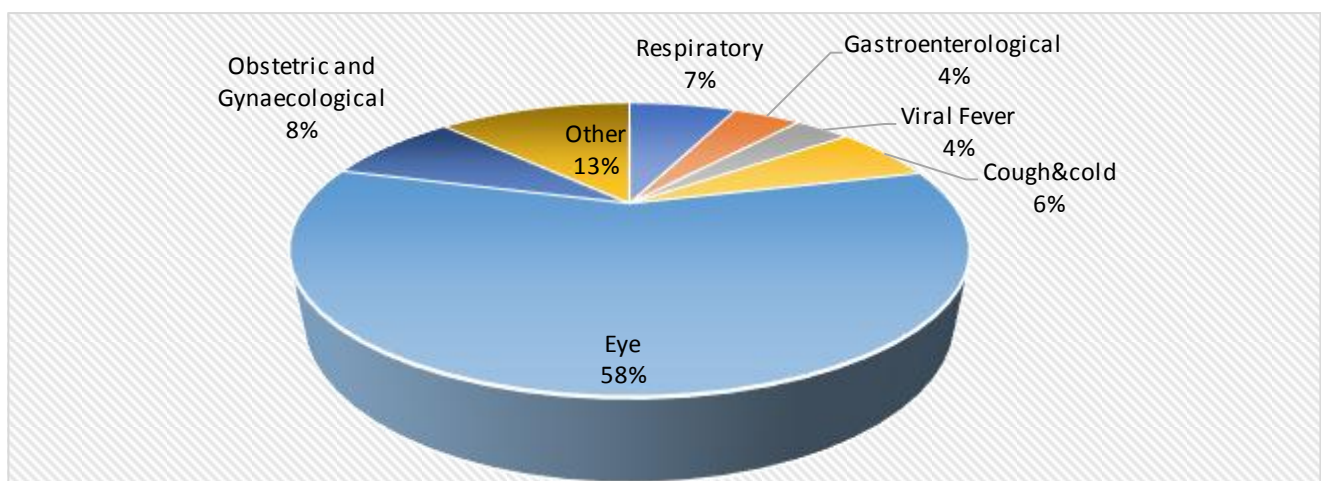
Cardiovascular,
Respiratory,
Gastroenterological,
Cerebrovascular, Loco

Motor, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Obstetric and Gynecological and Other Infectious ailments.

Cough & cold, infectious ailments, Gastroenterological and Respiratory were among the top diseases handled in the two general medical camps.



Chat-4 Percentage of Ailments Attended in Health Camps from April 2016-March 2017





Healthcare

Health Awareness Programmes

Bhavishya Bharat organized several health awareness programmes in the project villages, wherein, health team interacted with the participants and provided the necessary information on personal hygiene, domestic hygiene, family planning, communicable diseases and diabetes. They also highlighted that most of the ailments like waterborne diseases can be avoided with healthy home practices.

In these sessions Bhavishya Bharat medical team screened the documentaries and provided Information cum

education materials to the participants.

Blood Grouping of Students in Project Villages:

Medical Team of Bhavishya Bharat conducted Blood grouping of all the school children in the project villages and shared the details with the respective schools so that they can have the blood group details of the student in any emergency use. About 600 students were participated in the blood grouping programme from all the schools in the vicinity of project villages.



OPD

1,11,083 Cases attended in Clinic OPD

8,288 Cases attended in Mobile OPD

Health Camps

4,861 cases attended in General Health Camps

2,309 cases attended in Dental and Eye Camps

Profiling

Medical Profiling for **3,344** persons

Pathological test for **2,406** persons

X-Ray for **576** persons

Diabetic test for **1,093** persons

Blood Grouping of **1,047** students in schools

Awareness Camps

Personnel Hygiene

Water Sanitation Hygiene

Cancer, Swine flu, Dengue

Intoxication

- ▶ Knowledge Centres
- ▶ e-Learning Centers
- ▶ Sponsorship Programme
- ▶ Tuition Center
- ▶ Other Events & Activities



Education





Education



The primary objective of the education programme is to enhance the standard of education in the project villages by promoting digital learning, improving infrastructural facilities in schools, reduce dropouts, skill up-gradation of teachers and strengthening school management committees and village education committees in the project villages.

Bhavishya Bharat is committed to strengthen the infrastructural and institutional mechanisms for achieving a higher percentage of enrolment of children of age group of 6 to 14, retention of the enrolment, provide residential scholarship for needy

children, improve capacities of school management committees and conduct trainings for teachers.

The major accomplishments until the last reporting (up to March 2016) in education program involved:

- Sponsorship programmes for needy children;
- Support for improving school infrastructure and playgrounds;
- Provision of hostel facilities for students (it enables to achieve paradigm improvement curriculum performance, communication skills

The main objective of Bhavishya Bharat's

Education programme is to Improve the learning processes of the children in Project Villages.



and extra- curricular activities of students staying in the hostels);

- Establishing and facilitating knowledge centres in the project villages;
- Launch of e-learning centres to provide computer literacy, access to IT-based communications and platform for children to develop analytical skills, aptitude and personality;
- Organizing skill enhancement programs for strengthening school management committees;
- Initiation of tuition centre with a vision for the enhancement of knowledge

through quality education technique among students particularly in Science, Mathematics and English subjects.

- Organizing events of national and global importance (Independence Day, Republic Day, Environment Day, Teachers Day, Children's Day and Hand washing Day etc.)



Education



Progress during the reporting period

Knowledge Centre

Knowledge centre is a place for the children in the project villages to get tuitions in all the subjects for students studying from class one to five on all days except Sundays. The centre has a collection of books, drawing, coloring materials, articles, magazines and technical documents that provide a range of developmental information for the community. It is also a platform where people can come to learn and to share information. The centre is also equipped with indoor and outdoor games facilities. It aims to reduce the knowledge gap and improve awareness levels among rural communities. The centre in-

charge engages the children through guiding and facilitating the activities of the centre.

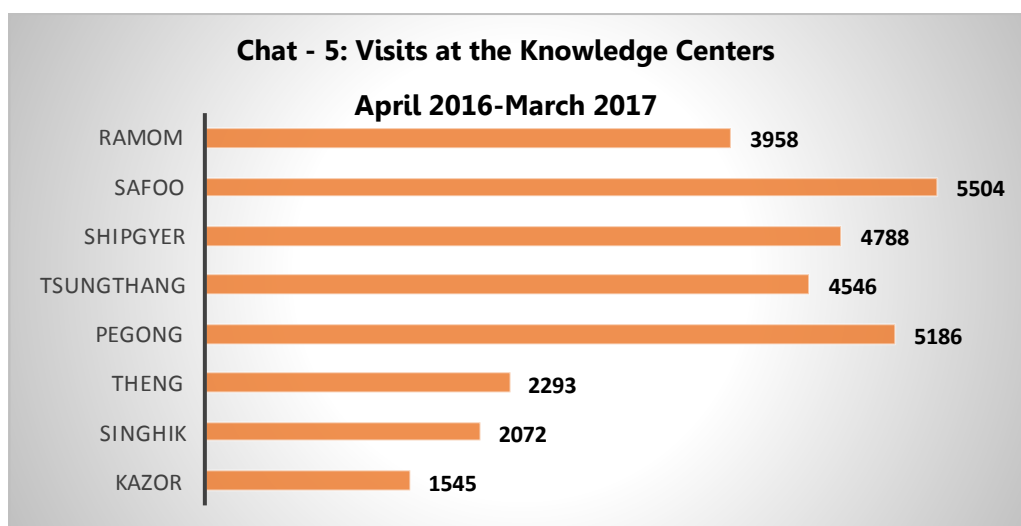
During the reporting period, spanning from April 2016 to March 2017, there was a total of 29,892 attendances were reported in the eight Knowledge Centres. Wherein Safoo recorded 5,504 visits. It is highest among other centers.

The chart -5 details the cumulative visits at each centre during the period April 2016-March 2017.

Major activities of the knowledge centres during the reporting period includes organizing tuitions and weekly tests, facilitation of indoor and outdoor games,

The main objective of Bhavishya Bharat's

Education programme is to Improve the learning processes of the children in Project Villages.



newspaper, magazine and dictionary available for reading and reference, provision of drawing books, pencils, crayons, chart papers and sketch pens and organizing painting, sports and games competitions.

It was observed that apart from the villagers of PVs, non-locals and monks also visit the knowledge centres and make use of the facilities. The habit of reading newspapers and referring to the dictionary has been improving gradually among the villagers.

Feedback on Knowledge Centres

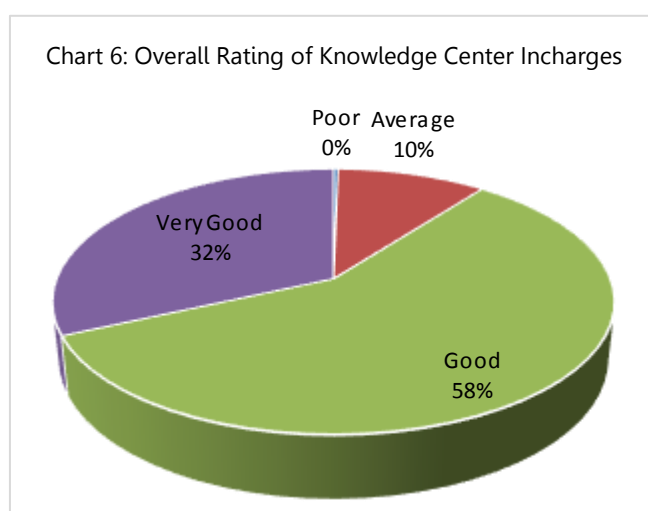
The quarterly feedback of the Knowledge Centers was collected in the month of October 2016. A total of 116 students of knowledge centers participated in the feedback survey.

As far as feedback on the facilities available at the knowledge centers, all of the respondents at Ramom, Pegong, Safoo, Kazor, Singhik, Shipgyer, Theng and Chungthang stated that the facilities such as indoor and outdoor game kits, colour pencils and other stationeries were made available on a daily basis.

According to the feedback, cleaning of the centers and marking attendance were done on a daily basis. As regards the visits of Bhavishya Bharat staff to the centers, the majority of the

respondents reported the visits are done on a daily basis.

The center in-charge was assessed for his/her qualities of punctuality, accessibility, sincerity, behaviour, time devotion, technique of explanation, subject knowledge, method of teaching, inputs for home works, practice, revision and facilitation of group discussion. Overall, 32 percent of respondents rated the in-charges of centers as very good, 58 percent rated as good and ten percent as average. The chart 6 presents the overall rating of centre in-charges of all knowledge centers in PVs



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e- Learning Centres

e- Learning Centre is a place for kids from five to twelve years of age for fun and learning. The e-learning portal at the PVs host lessons for classes one to ten in various subjects including Mathematics, English, Science, Social Science, Physics, Biology and Chemistry. It also has 'Game' sections that have rhymes, children's stories and fairy tales, multiplication tables, and moral stories in the form of colorfully animated pictures and words.

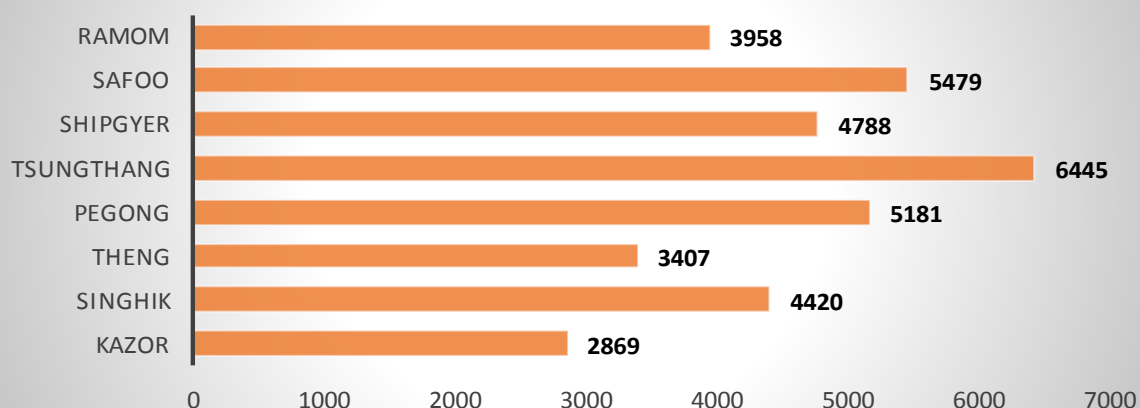
The total number visits recorded during April 2016 to

March 2017 in all the eight centres are 36,547. The highest visits recorded in Tsungthang Centre with 6,445 visits.

The visits have been increased to 15% when compared to the previous year. The yearly average shows that about 16 students have been visiting the Shippgyer centre every day. The visits by the students have been made both before and after the school hours.

The chart - 7 presents the centre wise total visits recorded in the reporting year.

Chat 7 - Visits at the e-Learning Centers April 2016-March 2017





Residential Sponsorship Programme

A total of 70 children from the Project Villages have been supported by Bhavishya Bharat's sponsorship programme. Among the sponsored children 26 are studying at Singhik Secondary School (SSS) and 44 are studying at the North Sikkim Academy (NSA), Mangan.

Other regular activities such as monitoring progress of students at SSS and NSA, organizing quarterly health checkups (eye, dental and general) at hostels for the sponsored students and regular visits to supervise cleanliness of hostels, food quality and students' health and hygiene were also carried out in the reporting period.

Singhik Secondary School (SSS) hostel is shifted to the new building in the reporting period to facilitate students to live comfortably. The new hostel building is renamed as Fidram Hostel. The new beds, bed rolls, books, book racks, chairs and other required furniture, kitchen utilities, Television, CC Cameras, mosquito nets, mattress, Sanitary items were provided. The motivational posters related to hygiene practices and inspirational thoughts were placed to inculcate the manners.



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Shiksha Yatan Tuition Center

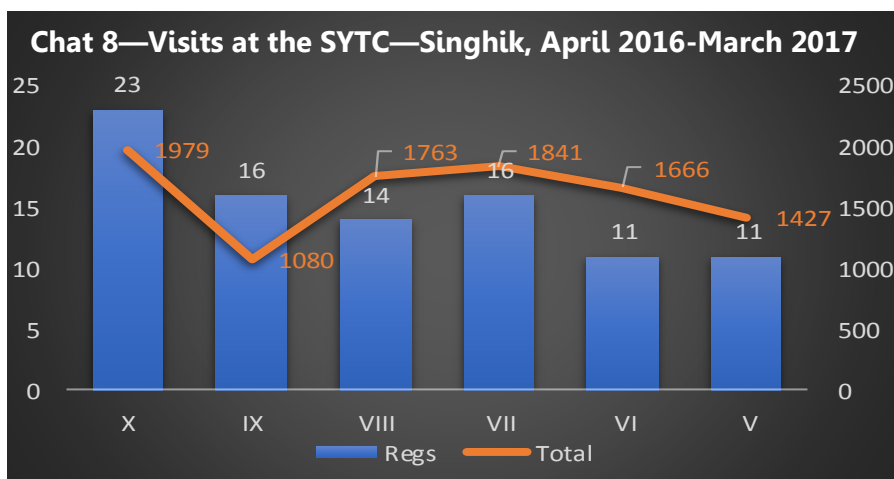
The Centre has been initiated with a vision for the enhancement of knowledge through quality education technique among students particularly in Science, Mathematics and English subjects. The main focus is to facilitate children from class 5th to 10th to get a quality education after the school hours.

As part of Tuition Center, e-Learning software made available to the students along with the subject reference books and guide books. Subject teachers were

made available for clarification of doubts. The center was equipped with multimedia presentations for removing boredom. The other regular activities including mock tests, group discussions, extracurricular activities, quarterly health check-up and conducting parent and faculty meeting on a monthly basis.

SYTC, Singhik

In total 91 students registered at the centre for the current academic year and the total visits recorded during the year is 9,756 visits. The Chat –8 details the registered students



in each class in comparison with the visits recorded. .

SYTC, Tsungthang

SYTC Tsungthang initiated in the month of October 2016. Since then the total 60 students registered at the centre for the current academic year and the total visits recorded during the year is 1,474 visits. The Chat - 9 details the registered students in each class in comparison with the visits recorded.

Other Events and Activities

Games Competitions

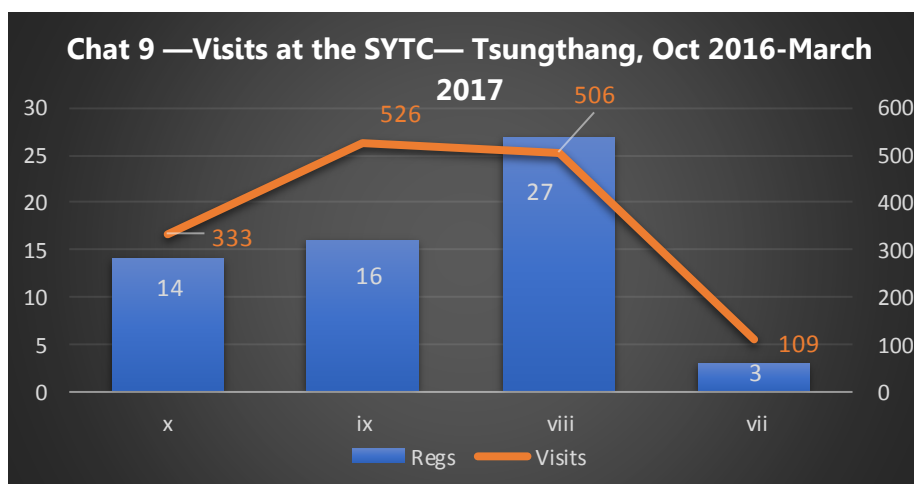
Competitions and tournaments helps children to learn at a faster rate and perform at a higher level. Games Competitions teaches them to bring best effort, manage nerves, to take calculative risks, play by rules and goal setting. In the knowledge centers the children are allowed to play their interested games in the presence of center in-charge.

The games competitions such as Chess, badminton, balancing, ludo, volley ball, carom board, dance, musical chair, handball and sweet picking were organized for the age group of 05-10 years at the knowledge centers

of project villages in the reporting year. A total of 650 visits recorded from the enrolled students of knowledge centers for these games. Winners of each competition were felicitated with prizes

Carom Board Tournaments

Apart from regular games organized at knowledge centers, village level tournaments are also organized in Theng, Pegong, Tsungthang, Shipgyer, Singhik, Kazor and Ramom during the reporting period. The tournaments were named after the well-known elderly person from the same village to get more participation. Winners of these carom Board Tournament felicitated with prizes.





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Painting Competitions

Series of Painting competitions were organized for the purpose to inculcate art among children. It's also improves creativity and thereby self-confidence. During these painting competitions, many inspirational themes were assigned to students which includes 'my village', 'Swachh Bharat', Waste Management' and 'environment' etc.

The painting competitions organized in the knowledge centers at Kazor, Theng, Singhik, Ramom, Shipgyer, Saffo, Tsungthang, Theng and

Pegong A total 144 of students participated in the competitions and Winners of each competition were felicitated with prizes.

Documentary Screening:

Bhavishya Bharat Education Team Screened documentaries related to social awareness such as Care Nepali, Shadow and Meri Pencil , Swachh Bharat Abiyaan campaign films, personal hygiene and parenting films at Singhik, Safoo, Shipgyer, Pegong, Theng, Tsungthang, Kazor and Ramom. About 110 children and parents participated in



these screenings. After the screening, team facilitated the discussions to know the feedback. Participants appreciated the screened films and requested to organize such programme more often.

Awareness of Various Scholarship Programme

Awareness on scholarship programme has been conducted for the students of Class 9th and 10th students in Singhik, Ramom and Safoo project villages during the reporting period. The education team informed the students about the scholarship opportunities, eligibility criteria and the procedure to avail the benefit. Team also encouraged the students to take part in the programme and asked them to contact for any assistance required.

Awareness Programme on Higher Education:

A series of awareness programmes were organized to the parents of

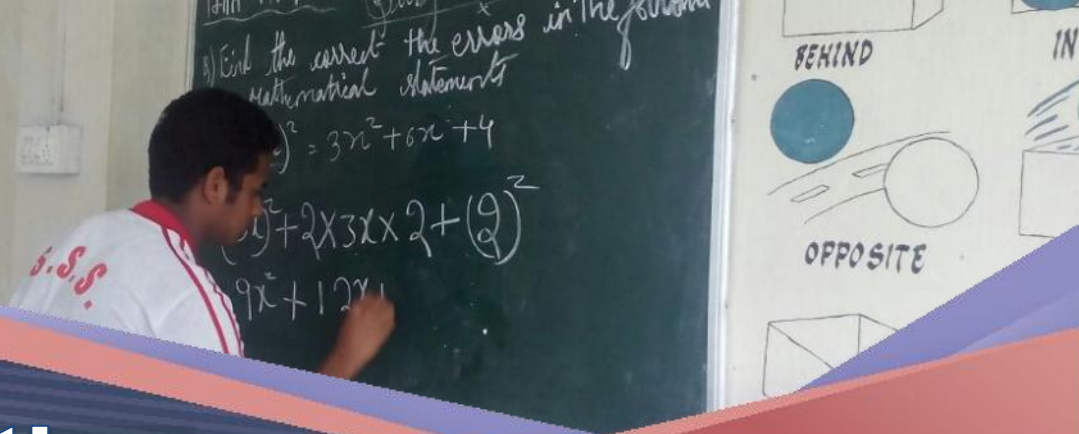
senior secondary students in the project villages of Safoo and Singhik. In these session, education team shared the importance of higher education in their children's life. They also encouraged the parents to know the academic performance of their children and help them to facilitate children to study at their homes. Parents enthusiastically participated in the discussion and clarified their queries related to higher education.

SYTC - Parents Meeting:

The Parents meeting was conducted at Shiksha Yatan Tuition Center (SYTC) to encourage parents to motivate children to attend tuition classes regularly and make parents involve in their children education. In total 63 parents and guardians attended the meeting and came up with suggestions to coordinate with the school teachers to revise the syllabus and appreciated the



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initiative.

NSA - Parents Meeting

During the reporting period, a meeting was conducted with the parents of North Sikkim Academy (NSA) sponsored children in Mangan. In total 45 parents, guardians and school management attended the meeting and discussed the academic performance of their children and administrative issues.

Career Counselling:

Career counselling was conducted for the students of

Shipgyer village on 28 May 2016.

Students enthusiastically participated in the sessions and get clarified their queries on interested areas.

Inter-School Quiz Competition:

Inter-School Quiz competitions was organized in Singhik on 22 October 2016 for the Government schools of Tsungthang, Safoo, Pakshep and Singhik. In total 15 students were participated in the competition and the students of Pakshep Government School stood in



the first place and students of Saffo Government School got second place. Winners were felicitated with prizes. The inter-School quiz competition helped the students to interact with the students of other schools and the sporting spirit among them.

Apart from Inter-School Quiz Competitions, Quiz competitions with in the village organized in regular intervals in the project villages of Saffo, Ramom, Chungthang, Shipgyer, Singhik, Kazor and Pegong during reporting period. Quiz competitions encourage students to learn current affairs and develop general knowledge. Participants were asked questions on general topics and the winners were felicitated with prizes.

Granny Story Time:

Grand Pa or Maa story time is the programme where the elders of the village come to respective knowledge center and share fairy tales, historical events, culture and interesting topics

with the children. This initiative helps the knowledge center children to learn moral values and can gain knowledge from their elders. At the end of the programme, Granny receives felicitation from the representative of Panchayat for their participation.

The granny story times were organized in all the project villages at regular intervals. Children showed interest to hear the stories of granny and to learn new topics.

Badminton Tournament

Badminton Tournaments was conducted in Singhik, Shipgyer, Tsungthang and Pegong during the reported period. In total 24 members were participated in these tournaments and the winners of first two positions were facilitated with prizes.



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Inter- Village Valley Ball Tournament

Inter-Village Valley Ball Tournament was organized at Chungthang school. The teams from Chungthang and Pegong were participated in the tournament. Pegong won the competition and received the prize from the chief guest, Head Master, Chungthang school.

tournament. About 20 members were participated in tournament and the team from Kazor won the competition and received the prize from the chief guest.



Inter- Village Table Tennis Tournament

Inter-Village Table Tennis Tournament was organized at Singhik Village. The teams from Singhik and Kazor were participated in the



Accomplishments so far ...

December 2008 - March 2017



Knowledge Centre

- 8 Centres recorded 1,77,749 Visits
- Tutions
- Indoor / Outdoor Games
- Library Facility

e-Learning Centre

- 8 Centres recorded 1,63,075 Visits
- Customized digital classes
- Kiosk setup for easy access



Sponsorship Support

- 72 Sponsorships every year
- Residential Facility
- Recreation
- Periodic Health Check-up

Extra- Curricular Activities

- Specialized Tuition Center
- Hygiene Education
- Public Speaking
- Documentary Screening
- Drawing Competitions
- Career counseling
- Granny Story Time





- **Mother's Enterprise**
- **Support to Farmers**
- **Facilitation of Self-Help Groups**
- **Cattle Health Camps**
- **Centre for Organic Farming**

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North Sikkim is a hilly terrain that limits the scope of agriculture production. However, the terrain best suits for cultivation of variety of cardamom, horticulture, mushroom and fruits. Cardamom, fondly called as the Queen of Spices is cultivated here widely to the extent that Mangan is hailed as the cardamom capital of the world. It is also a better place to cultivate vegetables, fruits and cash crops.

An assessment has been conducted by the expert team of Bhavishya Bharat to plan economic development initiatives to improve earning capacities of families in the PVs through income generation activities combined with systematic

planning and series of ground-trothing activities.

The assessment came up with the following suggestions: activities such as vegetable cultivation, promotion of horticulture (revival of cardamom) and livestock (poultry, cattle, ducks, turkey and goats), promotion of dairy and milk cooperatives, promotion of petty trades (vending, sale of vegetables and other goods), facilitation for vocational training services (driving, electrical and electronics rent and repairs), processing of pickles and promotion of bamboo craftwork. Bhavishya Bharat extended both technical and financial supports for these livelihood activities. -

The key objective of the livelihood programme is to revive agriculture and sustainable livelihood approaches and improve economic conditions of the under privileged farmers.



The major accomplishments of livelihood programmes in the past include:

- Strengthening livelihood opportunities and promotion of agricultural enterprises;
- Promotion of local livelihoods through formation and strengthening of SHGs and Farmers Clubs;
- Promotion of organic farming in cash crops like cardamom and ginger;
- Supporting agriculture and horticulture production with participatory research and development planning;
- Mobilizing multi stakeholders (NABARD, Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), Spices Board, Cooperative societies of horticulture, agriculture and animal husbandry for income generation activities;
- Initiated vocational sewing school to promote livelihood opportunities for the unemployed women in the project villages;
- Organizing residential youth training camps for selections in paramilitary forces and police;
- Animal health care and awareness camps by expert veterinary doctors in all PVs;
- Established UV water plants in Singhik and Chungthang to overcome the problem of water borne diseases in the project villages. Maintenance of these plants is given to the Amosa Atil (Mothers' Enterprise) members to encourage their entrepreneurial skills.
- Strengthen the existing Zero-Point nursery as Center for Organic Farming by facilitating Azola Cultivation, Conservatory of Medicinal Plants, Germplasm Accession of Large Cardamom, etc..



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Progress in the reporting period

Mother's Enterprise

The local name for Mother's Enterprise is 'Amosa Atil'. Mother's Enterprise involves a group of women from the same village who are interested in taking up livelihood activities.

Bhavishya Bharat has formed Mother's Enterprise in each of the PVs. The main purpose of this initiative is to revive the local economy and to make livelihoods more sustainable within the villages. The major activities of Mother's Enterprises include poultry, floriculture, pisciculture and animal husbandry.

Mushroom Cultivation

Amosa Atil members encouraged to take up the mushroom cultivation on a regular basis for generating income. The livelihood team

trained the members in organic oyster mushroom cultivation and provided the seeds of mushroom which are procured from ICAR as per the community request. The team promoted an indigenous technique in mushroom cultivation by replacing paddy straw with sawdust and maize husk which is abundantly available in North Sikkim, as well as cost-effective.

Poultry Cultivation

Bhavishya Bharat procured 500 numbers of chicklets from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Gangtok on subsidized rate and distributed to the 20 self-help groups in the Shipgyer village. Livelihood team conducted awareness sessions at their residence in tending the Chicklets. Preparation of feed for chicklets was





demonstrated during these visits.

The team also made visits to beneficiary homes to verify the growth rate of the distributed chicklets. The chicklets are raised well and grown healthy. Beneficiaries selling the eggs in the local market to fetch revenue. The team suggested beneficiaries to feed chicklets with cooked food, boiled water and cover sheds to protect from the night cold. The team also suggested placing a high voltage bulb in the poultry shed to provide necessary heat during the winter season. The team screened several documentaries on poultry farming to the members of amosa atil for better productivity.

Maintaining UV Water Plants

Amosa Atil members are also involved in maintaining the UV water plants in Singhik and Chungthang. They supplied about 3,400 litres of processed water to the households in the reporting period at a reasonable price. The Amosa Atil members and Water Management Committee members are mobilizing

the villagers to use the processed water to avoid biological contamination which is the main cause for water borne diseases in the project villagers. They are also pursuing new opportunities to sell the processed water to the tourists.

Vocational Sewing School

The Vocational Sewing School was initiated to train the aspirants in stitching the garments. The school is affiliated to USHA International Ltd, Kolkata.

The tailoring course for the fourth batch was successfully completed and fifth batch has been commenced in this reporting period. As part of Six months tailoring course, regular theoretical and practical classes were conducted as per syllabus, for the selected trainees. The trainees were taught the technique of the measurement of cloth before preparation of any outfits. Grafting, cutting, stitching of shirts, Kurtis, frocks and pajamas were taught in the reporting period. Internal exams were also conducted to evaluate the trainee's performance.





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The final assessment test was conducted for the fourth batch trainees by the representatives of USHA International Limited, Kolkata and it is under valuation by the examiners. Successful candidates will receive diploma certificate from USHA International Limited, Kolkata.

Candle Making:

In order to encourage cottage industry in the project villages, livelihood team organized candle making training programme to the members of self-help groups. In total 118 members of SHG groups were participated in three training programmes organized at Saffo, Tsungthang and Singhik. The

SHG groups from Tsungthang, Pegong, Theng, Bob and Choten participated in the training programme organized at Tsungthang, the SHG groups from Saffo, Shipgyer and Ramom participated in the training programme organized at Saffo and the SHG groups from Singhik, Kazor, Pakshep, Manual, Naga, Nadey, Chandara, Chandey participated in the Singhik training programme. The participants were thought in making of candles and encouraged them to start the candle making enterprise with help of their self-help group members.





Support to Farmers

Government of India recognized Sikkim as India's first fully organic state. The present achievement of the state exhilarated the efforts of Bhavishya Bharat to achieve sustainable agriculture development in North Sikkim. In the reporting period Bhavishya Bharat livelihood team organized various training programmes and demonstrated the process of seed treatment, application of manure to the crops/plants and preservation process of organic manure

Samridh Kisan Swashakt Rajya (Samridh)

Keeping in view of Sikkim's local paradigms and recent recognition as India's first fully organic state, Bhavishya Bharat initiated Samridh Kisan Swashakt Rajya programme in all the project villages. The programme mission is to enable farmer societies to establish and run model nursery of six popular cultivars

of large cardamom. These nurseries will help farmers to produce, preserve and supply of disease free, high yielding mother plants of all popular cultivars of large cardamom as per the requirement of cardamom growers.

About 10,000 sucker plants of large cardamom distributed to the farmers of North Sikkim on 10 May 2016 to establish and strengthen nurseries under Samridh Programme align with Sikkim Organic Mission. Shri Tshering Wangdi (Honourable Minister, Govt of Sikkim), Shri Karma Bonpo (District Collector, North Sikkim), Shri Sonam Topgay Tashi (SDM Chungthang) and many other eminent personalities were joined the programme and encouraged the initiative of revival of large cardamom. Based on the request received from local community another 40,000 sucker plants were distributed in the Singhik village.





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Revival of Large Cardamom

The large-scale disease made cardamom plants of traditional variety dead like epidemic in entire Sikkim. Bhavishya Bharat took the challenge to reviving large cardamom and distributed 58,800 cardamom sucker plants of disease free variety to the farmers of PVs in the year 2010. Following to demonstration of systematic methods of plantation, the team of Bhavishya Bharat has been monitoring the growth of cardamom plants regularly and suggesting the better cropping methods time to time.

Each distributed plant has the yielding potential up to 15 years. In the present year, it is estimated that, about 3,000 Kgs of dry large cardamom harvested with those plants.

During the regular visits to the cardamom fields, the team provided technical assistance to the farmers for the proper procedure of arranging shade tree for cardamom plantation, disposal of diseased leaf, making canals for irrigation during summer time, mulching at the base of cardamom plants with uprooted weed plants to maintain the soil moisture





and temperature. As requested by the farmers' club members, a demonstration was given to the farmers on how to maintain the cardamom quality during the drying process at Zero-Point nursery. The team also encouraged the farmers to use flue pipe curing Bhatti to get better market price.

Livelihood team visited the cardamom nurseries of Singhik, Kazor, Saffo, Shipgyer and Tsungthang established by the farmers societies under Samridh Programme and conducted a series of trainings on cardamom production and pest management techniques to the farmers' groups. Name boards and hoardings has been installed in the nurseries to facilitate farmers for better management of nurseries. A total of 5 bundles of agroset net distribution to farmers' societies of Theng Pegong and Singhik which was received from horticulture department for better

farming.

Training of Farmers in Cardamom Production Techniques:

In continuation to the cardamom sucker plants distribution programme, the livelihood team provided the training in the areas of cardamom production techniques, nursery plantation and disease management. A total of 157 farmers were attended the training sessions conducted in Saffo, Ramom and Singhik.

A series of awareness programmes on locally available indigenous medicinal plants were organized in the project villages of Kazor, Pakshep, Sentam, Bluthungbok, Lingding, Saffo and Ramom. A total of 108 farmers were participated in the programme. The team also discussed about the uses of these indigenous plants through power point presentation.

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Khethi Suvidha Card has been distributed to all the farmers of PVs to document and track the agricultural practices and harvesting details. The card also helps to list out the type of seeds/ sucker plants distributed along with the quantity and harvest details of it. Through this card the farming data of individual farmers can be maintained and can able to compile the data as per the requirement.

During the field visits, the livelihood team updates the card with the data of if any sucker plants / seedlings/ seeds distributed to the farmers and record the progress and harvest details.

Organic Manure Preparation and Awareness:

Handheld Training in organic manure preparation was conducted to the farmers of Kazor, Singhik, Shipgyer, Theng, Pegong and Chungthang during the reporting period. The training has been provided in the areas of preparation of bioagents and its application procedure through field level demonstration. Around 80 farmers attended these training sessions in their respective villages.

- The team conducted handholding training





on organic manure preparation and distributed bioagents for the farmers of Saffo and Ramom in the July month. A total of 35 farmers participated in the programme;

- Training cum awareness programmes on an integrated farming system as part of organic farming was conducted in Theng, Pegong and Ramom. About 50 farmers were actively participated in these training sessions;
- Training in vermicompost preparation has been conducted to the self-help group members of project villages;
- Training in organic manure preparation was conducted at Pegong and about 15 members of self-help groups were

participated in the programme;

- Training in organic manure preparation and Azola cultivation technique was conducted at Ramom and Theng. About 35 members of farmers were participated in the programme
- Awareness cum training programme on Azola cultivation technique was conducted in Singhik, Kazor and Shipgyer in the reporting period. About 60 farmers were participated in these sessions.

Training cum awareness programme on integrated farming system, seasonal vegetable & horticulture Cultivation

In order to provide training on latest farming techniques, Bhavishya Bharat conducted



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training on integrated farming system and horticulture cultivation including the seasonal vegetable farming. During the session awareness films were screened to provide awareness of integrated farming system and its importance for high productivity. These awareness programmes were conducted in Chungthang, Shipgyer, Kazor and Singhik and a total of 98 farmers attended the programmes.

Awareness programme on indigenous medicinal plants

Sikkim is a place for various

indigenous medicinal plants. Hilly terrain and its weather conditions are best suitable to cultivate medicinal plants and sell them in the market. Livelihood team organized a series of awareness programmes to encourage farmers to take medicinal plants cultivation. Some medicinal plant conservatory such as azolla, abhijal and nakima has been established in nursery plots for demonstration purpose to the farmers of project villages. These awareness programme conducted in Kazor, Singhik, Chungthang and Shipgyer. Around 100 farmers took part in the programme.





Awareness programme on promotion of village tourism in all PVs

Series of awareness programmes has been conducted to promote village tourism concept to fetch revenue to the self-help groups and local entrepreneurs. During the programme, livelihood team discussed about, the concept of home stays for tourists, promotion of tourism in the village and role of planning etc. were discussed. These programmes organized in Singhik, Kazor, Theng, Pegong, Tsungthang and Shipgyer. Villagers showed interest in knowing more details about it and discussed in detail.

Screening of Documentary Films on Farming Methods:

In continuation to the

cardamom sucker plants distribution programme, the livelihood team organized an awareness programme through screening of documentaries in the areas of organic farming techniques, nursery and disease management. A total of 165 farmers were attended the awareness sessions conducted in Tsungthang, Theng, Saffo, Ramom, Kazor and Singhik.

Promotion of Horticulture

Bhavishya Bharat promotes horticulture cultivation by providing various vegetable seeds as per season and by providing technical guidance on systematic cultivations to the farmers of PVs.

Bhavishya Bharat coordinated with the state horticulture department to obtain vegetable seeds at a subsidized rate and distributed in the project





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The team encouraged the farmers to cultivate early variety and late variety vegetable crops for better land usage and visited the vegetable fields in the project villages to impart trainings on improved methods of cultivation. The expert team visited the project villages provided handholding training in the preparation of organic manure by using farm waste to control pests and plant diseases.

In the reporting period, Bhavishya Bharat team coordinated with the Horticulture Department of

Sikkim State to procure vegetable seeds of tomato, radish, onion, cabbage, cauliflower, carrot, bottle gourd and lady finger and distributed to the farmers of project villages.

During the visits, livelihood team provided on-field trainings on potato cultivation and seeds were distributed to the groups. In total 23 SHG groups and 3 farmers group members participated in these training programmes organized in Kazor, Singhik, Saffo, Shipgyer and Tsungthang. Harvesting visuals of potatoes is included here.



Cattle Health Camps

A series of awareness programmes on Cattle Health care was organised in the villages of Singhik, Saffo, Shipgyer, Kazor, Pegong and Theng during the reporting year. The programme is organised in association with the District Veterinary Hospital, Mangan. During these camps, around 153 castles were treated by expert veterinary doctors and free medicines were provided.

In addition, awareness session also conducted for cattle owners about the significance of livestock health. House visits are also conducted to check the cattle health and rearing conditions and necessary suggestions were given to the villagers.





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Facilitation of Self-Help Groups

Bhavishya Bharat has facilitated formation of women SHGs in all the PVs and provided regular support for the monthly meeting of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Members gather, discuss the issues and save money for their financial security. Trainings were also provided to the members to maintain their groups and to record their financial transactions. The team conducts audit in regular intervals to know the quality of booking keeping.

As part of the thrift and credit programme, the SHGs have been involved in savings and inter-loaning activities. During the reporting year 10 new Self-Help Groups are formed in the project villages and the total of SHGs increased to 28. Bhavishya Bharat livelihood

team organized training for SHG leaders in the areas of accounts maintenance, monthly report preparation and auditing. The training helped the leaders to maintain the regular book keeping by themselves

The total savings generated by twenty-eight SHGs is Rs. 1,02,995 during the reporting period and the total of Rs. 1,55,616 has been circulated among members for the inter loaning purpose. The cumulative net savings of all SHGs up to March 2017 is Rs.4,47,395 and the net cash in hand is Rs. 54,288. The table 5 details the savings during the reporting period and total net savings of SHGs of PVs.





Table 5
Savings by SHGs for the Period Aril 2016 - Mar 2017

Sl	Name of SHGs	Village	Savings April 2016 - Mar 2017	Net Savings
1	Premula	Kazor	4000	4000
2	Kursong	Singhik	0	2148
3	Kingchum	Singhik	3000	8714
4	Panda	Singhik	4500	56564
5	Azoom	Singhik	6,000	15089
6	Mary Gold	Singhik	5500	55500
7	Chozum	Singhik	3100	3100
8	Choten	Singhik	3500	3520
9	Kongchen	Singhik	2700	2000
10	Konglo	Theng	6000	18622
11	Punol	Pegong	11905	17296
12	Kursong Rip	Pegong	9190	33695
13	Himalaya	Pegong	4700	4700
14	Bob Kyoung	Chungthang	5800	25403
15	Gurash	Chungthang	6000	10521
16	Denzong	Chungthang	5650	14099
17	Sangmar	Shipgyer	4200	10174
18	Rebun	Shipgyer	0	4400
19	Morok Mongking Chu	Shipgyer	2200	44511
20	Kongchenchu	Shipgyer	2200	37985
21	Leeyoungzum	Shipgyer	1000	10532
22	Chinlop	Shipgyer	1300	16190
21	Seven Sisters	Saffo	5300	15684
22	Romboo	Saffo	400	7860
23	Rummoo	Saffo	2450	13796
24	Meyong Chu	Saffo	1050	1050
25	Miyal Quen	Ramom	450	9342
26	Manokamana	Ramom	900	900
Total			1,02,995	4,47,395

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Centre for Organic Farming

Bhavishya Bharat upgraded zero point nursery into Centre for Organic Farming to provide practical trainings to the farmers of project villages to understand modern technologies in cultivating various crops.

In the Centre for Organic Farming, conservatory of various medicinal plants was established including Nakima plantation. Phytosanitation work was done as per requirement. Germplasm accession of large cardamom has been carried out in the center. Training was given to the farmers of project villages on large cardamom production technology and

nursery plantation managements. Secondary nursery on guava and Orange orchard prepared at the center.

During the reporting period new greenhouse has been built to facilitate organic farming demonstration and a pond has been constructed to cultivate azolla. Livelihood team demonstrated the harvesting process of Azolla for the farmers and encouraged them to cultivate azolla. At the center Agroset nets are installed in zero point for demonstration purpose.

Regular works like watering, maintenance of pisciculture and organic manure preparation with madhyam was made for use in the farm.

Nursery seed beds were developed in zero-point nursery. Cardamom, gladiolus bulb, Black turmeric and tomato were sown in the developed nursery beds for multiplication purpose. Uprooted diseases affected plants and burnt it completely.

Doordarshan Kisan Team visited the center and filmed the best practices to screen in the channel. The team appreciated the agriculture initiatives in regard to revival of large cardamom and promotion of organic farming in the region.





- Infrastructure Development
- Sahyog (Support-an aged)
- Social Awareness Activities
- Commemoration of Important Days

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The comprehensive socio-economic profiling of the project villages identified the macro and micro level development issues. Accordingly, plans were drawn, in consultation with all stakeholders viz., villages, Panchayats, Government officials and the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) committee to develop community infrastructures like renovation of Schools, Gumpas, kitchen at Gumpas, Hostel or transit accommodation and to promote local arts, craft and cultural activities.

Objective of Social – Infrastructure programme

To promote traditional culture, structures, handicrafts and craftsmanship by supporting civil societies like the SHGs, youth clubs and Panchayats.

Major accomplishments in the past were:

- Developing infrastructure facilities such as community centres and common resource properties;
- Promotion of indigenous arts and crafts;
- Organising events on important international days to uphold human development and promote awareness;
- Promotion of safe drinking water in remote households;
- Provision of gym for local youth;
- Sponsorship for sports, cultural programmes and environmental heritages;
- Promotion of social and cultural harmony in project areas;
- Ensuring gender equity.

Micro and macro level infrastructure development plans for the people of project villages, drawn up after consultation with villages, Panchayats, Government officials and R&R committee.

Progress of Infrastructure Development Works

The construction of Saffo Gumpa Kitchen has been completed during the reporting period and handed over to the community on 13 December 2016. Passingdang– Saffo Panchayat, Shri Nima Tshering Lepcha was the chief guest for the programme. Other Panchayat members, villagers and officials of TUL were participated in the handed over programme.

The construction and interior works including electrification of Singhik Secondary School Hostel and Primary Health Sub-Center Building, Singhik were completed during the reporting period and handed over to the respective concern authorities on 31 March 2017.

The Singhik Secondary School Building was named as Fidram Hostel and handed over to School Management Committee of Singhik Senior Secondary School, Singhik in the presence of Hon'ble Minister, Shri Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, Panchayat representatives and other officials from various department.

The Primary Health Sub-Center Building, Singhik was handed over to the Chief Medical Officer in the presence of Hon'ble Minister, Shri Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, Panchayat representatives and

other officials from various departments.

As reported 98% of construction work of lower primary school building at Theng village is completed and toilets construction and C.C Footpath is in progress. About 85% of construction work of Mani Lakhang at Theng is completed and plaster work is in progress.

The casting of the second floor RCC slab is in progress for Guru Lahang at Tsungthang.

Sahyog: Support-an-Aged Programme

In order to help the elderly people who might be in dire need of help for their survival, Bhavishya Bharat initiated Sahyog. It is a Support an Aged programme that envisages supporting the disadvantaged elderly people to live with respect and dignity.

In total, 18 elderly persons, including nine women from PVs have been supported through the Sahyog (Support an Aged). These elderly people receive monthly supply of ration and other essential with cash support of Rs. 200 every month. The table 10 shows the list of items supplied every month to the Sahyog beneficiary.

Table 6 Ongoing infrastructure works during the reporting period	
Project Village	Type of Work
Theng	Renovation / Construction of school Building for LP school and addition of new rooms
Theng	Renovation/Construction of Mani Lakhang
Ramom	Renovation / Construction of Gumpa Kitchen
Tsungthang	Renovation of Guru Lakhang
Shipgyer	Drinking Water Supply



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Solar Street light Installed in the remote places of Tsungthang:

As per the requirement of the community, five solar street lights have been installed in the remote places of Tsungthang to facilitate trespassers from the darkness. The community appreciated the initiative and mentioned that these solar street lights installed areas were prone to snake bites and possibility of attack by dangerous animals in the night times. The installed solar street lights are advanced standalone system which charge automatically in the day time, even in

minimum sunlight and provide light in the night times. It has long durability with minimum maintenance.

Disaster Preparedness Awareness Programme

In collaboration with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Bhavishya Bharat organized mock demonstration in Singhik village to make them aware how to respond during the disaster times. The team demonstrated the three basic methods of responding procedure.



These are 1. Medical First Responder (MFR): Splinting, Bleeding control and Cardio Pulmonary Resistance; 2. Collapse Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR): Cutting of wooden and concrete collapsed Building; 3. Rope Rescue: How a patient can evaluate from high rise building in case of building collapsed through rope.

A total of 80 participants attended the programme and appreciated the efforts of NDRF and Bhavishya Bharat team for organizing such community awareness programmes which helps them to face the situations during the landslide and flash floods.

Blanket and Mattress distribution to the landslide affected areas

At the request made by the

community Bhavishya Bharat distributed 24 numbers of blankets and the mattress to the students of landslide affected areas mainly from Mentam, Lingdem, Laven and Kayem Ruklu on 22 August 2016. Panchayat representatives of Passingdang Saffo and the school management of Government Secondary school, Passingdang greatly appreciated to the initiative.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan is a Government of India's flagship programme, a mission for a cleaner India, with the active community participation. To outspread the campaign and to ensure proper hygiene and cleanliness in the project villages, Bhavishya Bharat in support with Panchayat and Community periodically conducting massive cleanliness drive. As a part of this programme, a series of activities





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such as focus group discussions, encouraging villages through screening of advocacy films/documentaries on health and hygiene, recognizing the volunteers from respective villages, assigning the task, supporting innovations/ traditional ideas on collecting the garbage etc. has been executed during the reporting period. Villages along with the students and public representatives actively participating the programme and supporting to keep village, streets and drains clean.

To create healthy competitions among the project villages to keep their village clean, Paryavaran Mahotsav award has been

introduced. This award will be presented to the village who play an active role in Swachh Bharat Abiyaan programme. This time the award was presented to Singhik project village for their active participation.

Help the Needy

Help the needy initiative enables the children to participate in social development activities by donating a fistfull of rice. It will be organized once a month in one of the knowledge centers. During the reporting period, help a needy programme organized in Singhik, Pegong, Tsungthang, Shipgyer, Saffo, Ramom, Theng and Kazor villages. About 250 kgs of rice



collected by the children is donated to the Tarcon Lee Orphanage Home where 33 children reside. It is not only helps the orphans, but creates a sense of social responsibility among the children. The community greatly appreciated the programme and providing their support for the activity.

Awareness of social security programme

A campaign on social security programmes has been initiated in the project villages to prepare them during the disaster times and bring awareness on various social security schemes such as cattle insurance, crop insurance and food security schemes etc.

During the reporting period, two such programmes were organized in Singhik and Chungthang project villages. Resources person from Horticulture, veterinary, disaster management, consumer and food supply Departments were attended the programme and given their valuable

inputs. During the programme candles and matchbox were distributed to use in the emergency time.

Anti-Tobacco Day Celebrations at Singhik, North Sikkim

Bhavishya Bharat in collaboration with Singhik Secondary School Management organized a day-long programme on 'Anti-Tobacco Day' at Singhik Secondary School, North Sikkim on 31 May 2016. Deputy Director, HRDD, North Sikkim, Officials from the Teesta Urja Limited, ENT specialist from Mangan District Hospital and School representatives along were attended the programme and given their valuable suggestion to the students regarding ill-effects of tobacco. Besides that, other awareness activities including demonstration of yoga, stage play and drawing competition with the theme of intoxication was organized.





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Awareness on Collective Community Development

Documentary films were screened in the project villages of Tsungthang, Saffo, Ramom Pegong, Theng, Singhik and Saffo and after the screening the team facilitated the discussions. Such programmes helps to discuss the day today issues and helps to generate ideas and can be worked together, collectively to resolve the issues. Panchayat representatives and Villagers were actively participated in the programme and appreciated the initiative.

Follow-up Camp Organized at Siliguri for the patients of recent Singhik Eye Checkup held

Bhavishya Bharat facilitated free eye check up at Siliguri Greater Lion's Eye Hospital for patients of North Sikkim on 02 February 2017 as recommended by the doctor of the hospital during the eye camp that was conducted by the organization at Singhik on 16th December 2016. Patients having ophthalmic disorder like Retinal Detachment (RD) and Cornial Opacity (CO) were treated free of cost.



Awareness Programme on Demonetization

Bhavishya Bharat organized an awareness programme on Demonetization in Singhik for smoothen the process of exchange of old currency and to help identify the new currency of Rs.500/- and Rs 2000/

During the programme, resource person explained the demonetization and the process to exchange the old notes through power point presentation and highlighted the important dates to exchange the old currency. About 20 members were participated in the programme and clarified their queries regarding the change of policy.



VOICE FROM THE GROUND



Lhakmit Lepcha, Singhik Shentam, North Sikkim

I have been suffering from blurred vision in my left eye. I went to district eye hospital few years back for the eye treatment and ignored to go for regular checkup. As the eye camp organized in my village i.e. Singhik, I went for the checkup. The doctors in the camp examined the problematic eye and given medicines and spectacle for free. They also referred for Siliguri eye camp for further observation. Now the vision is improving in the problematic eye. It helped to retain the faith in me to work hard for the betterment of my family and to provide quality education for my offspring.

Bhavishya Bharat and Teesta Urja Limited is doing enormous social development activities in our region, especially in healthcare sector. We are thankful for their continuous efforts.



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Commemoration of Important Days

Celebrations of World Environment Day

To create awareness on environmental issues, a rally followed by plantation programme was organised at Chungthang project village on the occasion of world environment day, 05 June 2016. Panchayat representatives, additional Superintended of Police, Chungthang, Villagers and students took active part in the programme and given the slogans to protect environment.

The main significance of celebrating the national and International days is to focus the attention of the community on the topic and to encourage activities for

their wellbeing. These events are planned across the project villages to widespread the advantages of it. The following important days celebrated during the reporting period.

Celebration of Independence Day at Ramom

Independence Day was celebrated in collaboration with Ramom School Management Committee at Ramom project village. Students, villagers, Panchayat representatives and school management members were participated in the flag hosting event and shared the sacrifices by the freedom



fighters. As part of the celebrations, sports competitions such as Football competitions and running competition, were organized for senior students and balloon breaking and sweet picking competitions were played for junior students. Winners of these competitions were felicitated with prizes by the chief guest of the event.

National Youth Day in Pegong Village, North Sikkim

Bhavishya Bharat observed the National Youth Day at Pegong, North Sikkim for the youths of the Tsunthang Gram Panchayat on 12 January 2017. A total of 53 youths were attended the programme. Theng Ward Panchayat attended the programme as the Chief Guest. The Commandant Assistants of ITBP Pegong Unit, Teachers, Tsunthang and Pegong Govt. Schools were participated in the event.

Observation of World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day, observed in collaboration with the team of Chungthang PHC on July 28 to raise global awareness of hepatitis. Hepatitis is a — a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E. This awareness programme was organized in Pegong followed by the health checkup camp. Resource persons shared the information of source of causes and preventive measures to be taken to prevent the hepatitis's during the event. The subject experts, villagers and Panchayat representatives were participated in the programme.

International Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day was observed on 08 March 2017 in Mangan, North Sikkim in collaboration with District Administration, North Sikkim. The day-long event observed to create awareness, align with "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" (flagship programme of Govt. of India and Govt



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of Sikkim), Presentation on Gender Issue, Stalls with organic Products, Local Folk cultural programmes etc. Honorable State Minister Smt Tulsi Devi Rai preceded the ceremony and encouraged the women doers to achieve greater heights.

Around 150 participants from Panchayats, Self Help Groups, ICDS officials and villagers were represented the programme. On this occasion Bhavishya Bharat team felicitated the Best Self- Help Groups and progressive farmers from North Sikkim.

The Panchayats of Safoo and Ramom felicitated Bhavishya Bharat for the prominent social development activities in the region and awarded

appreciation certificate in the hands of Honorable Minister Smt Tulsi Devi Rai.

Global Hand Washing Day Celebrated in Tsungthang

Global Hand Washing Day was observed in the Tasa Tangay Government Secondary School, Tsungthang on 15 October 2016. Documentary screening, discussion & demonstration on universal precaution of Hand Washing was made in the program to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases. The Students, school teachers,



Panchayat members, Self Help Group members along with staff members of Bhavishya Bharat took part in the program.

Children's Day Celebration in eight project villages

Children's Day was celebrated across all the project villages at their respective knowledge centres on 14 November 2016. The program was intensified by the various competitions among the students and motivational documentary films were screened. Panchayat representatives, Parents and members of WSHGs of respective villages were participated in the program. Students who won in competitions were felicitated by prizes.

Teachers Day Celebrations at Singhik and Kazor.

Teachers Day was celebrated in Singhik by the Students of Singhik Hostel and In Kazor by the trainees of Vocational Training Center to honour the services their respective teachers. In this event students performed cultural programmes and shared their gratitude towards their teachers.

Observation of World Yoga Day

World Yoga Day was observed on 21 June 2016 in Government Schools of Singhik and Saffo. The Yoga practice sessions were organized in which students, teachers, villagers and Panchayat representative participated enthusiastically and practiced various 'asanas' of Yoga and pranayama. The Yoga expert, trained the participants in some peculiar yogasanas and advised to practice regularly. The school teachers and Panchayat representatives were also present and narrated the importance of yoga in everyone's life.



Appreciations





OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

GOVT. SEC. SCHOOL PASSINGDANG/NORTH.

RECEIPT.

Received 24 nos. of Mattress with 24 Blankets from BhaWishya Bharat, NGO, Singhi/North Sikkim, on the behalf of the students from landslide affected area of Mentam, Lingdem, Laven and Kayem Ruklu on 22/8/2016.

Namgay Lepcha
HEADMASTER
Govt. Sec. School Passingdang/North.

Namgay Lepcha, HM

Govt. Sec. School Passingdang/North.

To,

State Programme Manager
Bharikhya Bharat
Sikkim Project Office
Singhi, North Sikkim

Date: 19/01/2017

Appreciation letter.

Dear Sir,

I on behalf of Saffo-Salim Patyel committee want to thank your organization for organizing free cattle treatment camp cum Awareness programme on Animal Husbandry. Such type of programme is a real need in our villages.

Thankyou once again and keep it up your good performance.

Nima Tsering
Panch
Saffo-Salim
Passingdang

CR 19/01/2017

In Media

Minister inaugurates hostel, PHSC building at Singhik

DEEPAKSHARMA

MANGAN, March 31: Forest minister cum Lachen Mangan MLA Tshering Wangdi Lepcha inaugurated a 100-bedded Fidram girls and boys hostel at Singhik secondary school and two-storied primary health sub centre at Singhik, North Sikkim today. DC Karma R. Bonpo, CMO Dr. Barun Subba and government and Teesta Urja officials were also present.

The hostel and the health sub centre were executed by Bhavishya Bharat and funded by Teesta Urja Limited under its CSR initiative.

The minister in his address urged the school managing committee and staff to take proper care of the infrastructures provided to



the school. He also lauded the contribution of the teachers of Singhik school in moulding the children of the area.

Lepcha also announced to

sanction construction of a community hall at Pakshey village and reconstruction of BDO office at Kazor village. He urged NHPC and Teesta

Urja officials to continue their support by providing necessary equipment in the health centre and local employment in the project.

The function also saw the distribution of laboratory equipment to different schools by NHPC Teesta Stage-IV project. The State topper of Chief Minister's Meritorious Scholarship Scheme Sozim Lepcha was felicitated. A letter of appreciation was also presented to Bhavishya Bharat by panchayats of Singhik-Sentam GPU for their work conducted in the area.

The DC appreciated NHPC Teesta Stage-IV for timely providing science equipments to the schools and Teesta Urja for their support. He urged the people to focus more in government schools rather than private schools adding that Singhik being a model school, the teachers should deliver quality education to the children.

Bhavishya Bharat facilitates free eye treatment



SE Report

GANGTOK, February 3: Bhavishya Bharat, a non-profit organization, facilitated free eye check-up for patients from North Sikkim at Greater Lion's Eye Hospital, Siliguri on Thursday.

The patients were recommended for eye check-up by doctors during the eye camp conducted by the organization at Singhik in December 2016.

Patients having ophthalmic disorder like Retinal Detachment (RD) and Corneal Opacity (CO) were treated free of cost.

The programme was funded by M/s Teesta Urja Limited.

International Women's Day at Mangan



DEEPAKSHARMA

MANGAN, March 8: The north district administration also celebrated International Women's Day with the participation of women, AWW, ASHAs, NGO and SHG members, social workers and students here today.

State Social Welfare minister Tulsi Devi Rai was the chief guest of the programme also attended by zilla adhyakshya Anguli

Lepcha, upadhyakshya N.T. Lepcha, DC (north) Karma R. Bonpo, SSP (north) S. Rai, ADC, SDMs, panchayats, councillors and officials.

The programme started with signature campaign on BBBP pledge banner- to stop abuse and violence against women and children.

The chief guest, in her address, appreciated the participation of women in every programme in the district and said it showed

their desire to build a better society. She also urged the gathering to take pledge to educate all girl child under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme and emerge with positive results within two years.

Minister Rai shared some of the pro-women initiatives launched by the State government.

The programme also had cultural programme by Bhavishya Bharat NGO, organic stalls, free medical camp by NHPC, painting competition for children, open quiz competition for women and skit play by government employees on BBBP.

On the occasion, Bhavishya Bharat felicitated the best SHGs and progressive women farmers of north district. The district administration handed over certificates and prizes to four painting competition participants.

Zilla adhyakshya Anguli Lepcha was also felicitated for her dedicated service towards the people of north district.

Cattle health camps in North Sikkim villages

SE Report

GANGTOK, January 21:

Bhavishya Bharat, a non-profit organization, conducted free cattle health camps at Saffo and Shipgyer villages of North Sikkim on January 19 and 20 respectively.

The expert team visited door-to-door to examine the cattle rearing conditions and necessary suggestions were given to the owners of the cattle, along with required medicines, informs a press release.

The camps were held in



association with Veterinary department, North and supported by M/s Teesta Urja Limited.



National Youth Day at Pegong

SE Report

GANGTOK, January 12:

Bhavishya Bharat NGO organised a programme to observe National Youth Day for the youths of Chungthang GPU at Pegong, North Sikkim

today. The programme attended by 53 local youths had Theng ward panchayat as the chief guest. ITBP officials and teachers of Chungthang and Pegong schools were also present on the occasion, a press release informs.

40,000 cardamom saplings distributed

Our Correspondent

MANGAN, July 13: Bhavishya Bharat Foundation distributed 40,000 saplings of large cardamom today to the farmers and MGNREGA job card holders of Singhik-Sentam GPU, North Sikkim.

The saplings were distributed under the cardamom plantation programme under MGNREGA. The programme is held in convergence with Teesta Urja Limited and is coordinated by Horticulture department.

Zilla upadhakshya N.T. Lepcha, ADC (Dev) Tashi



A beneficiary receiving cardamom saplings.

Chopel, BDO K. Denzongpa and Horticulture officials

were present during the programme.

Health camp

Our Correspondent

MANGAN, May 3: A gynaecology check-up camp was organized by Bhavishya Bharat Foundation at Saffo village in North Sikkim on Monday.

Senior gynaecologist Dr. R.N. Deokota from STNM hospital attended to the patients and prescribed medicines.

Around 60 patients including children were treated in the camp. Medicines were provided free of cost.

In addition, a general health camp and blood grouping test was carried out.

Monastery kitchen inaugurated



SE Report

GANGTOK, December 13: Passingdang- Saffo panchayat Nima Tshering Lepcha inaugurated Gumpa kitchen (Gyurmi Lakhan)

at Saffo, north district today.

The kitchen was constructed by Bhavishya Bharat, a non-profit organization funded by Teesta Urja Limited.

Awareness on new currency policy

Our Correspondent

MANGAN, November 20 NGO Bhavishya Bharat on Saturday organised an awareness programme on the new currency policy at Singhik panchayat bhawan. It was attended by the women Self Help Groups of Kazor, Pakshep, Singhik and Chandara.

Information about the new note scheme, currency exchange process and specifications of the new notes were shared during the programme.

Candle making training concludes

Our Correspondent

MANGAN, December 17: The three-day training programme on candle making for women self help groups organized by Bhavishya Bharat, a non-profit

organization, concluded today at Chungthang, Singhik and Saffo in north district. A total of 118 women from 56 SHGs had participated in the training programme funded by Teesta Urja Limited, informs a press release.

World No Tobacco Day observed across State

SE Report

GANGTOK, June 1: Various programmes were organised across the State to mark World No Tobacco Day on Tuesday. At district hospital Singtam, a special training session was organised for the hospital staff on harmful effects of tobacco products, Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Acts (COTPA) and promotion of smoke free and spit free hospital concept.

Medical superintendent of the hospital Dr. Tsewang Sherpa, Dr. Satish Rasaily nodal officer of national tobacco control program, east district, Bishnu Rai, lady health volunteers and staff nurse Sonamkith Lepcha were the resource persons during the training.

Dr. Sherpa informed that the theme adopted for World Tobacco Day by WHO is 'Get Ready for Plain packaging. Plain packaging of tobacco products restricts or prohibits the use of logos, colours, brand images and promotional information on packaging other than brand and product names displayed in a standard colour and font style.

Similar programme were held in seven different schools under Rongli and Pakyong sub-divisions. The awareness cum sensitisation programmes were held on harmful effects of tobacco chewing and smoking.

Dr. Sidhant Basnett of



Rongli PHC said the campaign aims to educate school students regarding the health consequences of smoking and chewing tobacco products. Dr. Roshni Tamang highlighted that tobacco is also a chemical substance containing nicotine which is more addictive than heroin. Dr. Rojesh Gurung informed that tobacco also contains around 4,000 harmful chemicals that are responsible for several cancers, hypertension, diabetes and other 60 non-communicable diseases.

Phalaichadara junior high school also organised an awareness rally and programme to observe the day on Tuesday. A signature campaign was launched where anti tobacco signatures were collected from the teachers and students. School headmaster Suraj Sharma said

such awareness programme is necessary in the society to educate the students and the general people about the ill effect of chewing tobacco and smoking.

In north district, Bhavishya Bharat, a non-profit organization in collaboration with Teesta Urja Limited and the host school organized a day-long programme on 'Anti-Tobacco Day' at Singhik secondary school.

HRD deputy director (North), officials from Teesta Urja Limited, ENT specialist from Mangan district hospital and school representatives attended the programme and gave their valuable suggestion to the students regarding ill-effects of tobacco. Other awareness activities including yoga demonstration, play and drawing competition with the



theme of intoxication was organized.

The day was also observed at Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial secondary school at Lingdong, Upper Dzongu. The programme witnessed a rally by students and teachers to spread awareness about the ill-effects of tobacco which forms the main root of cancer.

In east district, programmes were held at J.N. Road junior high school and Chujachen and Rumtek senior secondary schools to mark the day. At J.N. Road JHS green teacher Chopel Gyatso Bhutia highlighted on the harmful effects of tobacco and gave a talk on the theme for this year's observance. The final match of inter-house tiger five football was also played.

At Chujachen SSS, Sheetal

Pradhan, a member of Eco-Club stated the history of World No Tobacco Day celebration. She also talked about the various ill-effects of taking tobacco and its products and appealed not to consume tobacco products. Later a rally was taken out by the students and members of Eco-Club, NSS, NCC and teachers on the ill-effects of smoking.

The NSS wing of Rumtek senior secondary school observed World No Tobacco Day at the school with various activities. The programme consisted slogan writing competition, quiz, short skit and song based on No Tobacco campaign. The best slogans were awarded with prizes. The students were also made aware on the consequences of tobacco consumption.

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