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NEWSLETTER

INCEPTION LEVEL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR OFFICERS- TRAINEES OF INDIAN ECONOMIC SERVICES

An Inception Level Professional Training for Officers - Trainees of Indian Economic Services (IES) on Development Scenario of North East India was organized from 24-28 November 2014 under the guidance of Dr. M V Rao (Director General, NIRDPR) and Dr. R. M. Pant (Director, NIRDPR- NERC). The prime objectives of the training was to provide required inputs on various facets and potentials of North Eastern States. The training was inaugurated by Shri M. P. Bezbaruah, IAS (Retd), Member, North Eastern Council (NEC). He also delivered a keynote address on 'Development in North East India'.

During the five days of training, a number of presentation were made by the experts having authority in their respective field with special reference to North -East India, Such as Mr. K. D. Vizo, ITS, Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Professor N. K. Mohan (Retd) from Assam Agriculture University, Dr. A.S. Panwar, Dr. P. K. Samal, Scientist Incharge from G.B.P.I.H.E.D, N.E. Unit, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. S. S. Ghankrokta, IAS, Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Prof (Dr.) R. M Pant, Director, NIRDPR-NERC and other faculty members Dr. K. Haloi, Dr. Ratna Bhuyan, Dr. M. K. Shrivastava, Dr. N.S.R. Prasad and Dr. Sonal Mobar. All the experts covered different developmental topics related to N.E India.

From the Desk of the Editor

Autumn has stepped in. NERC campus wears a different look with flowers blooming in every nook and corner spreading positivity in the air. This air of positivity has ignited the dedicated team of NIRDPR-NERC family which gears up for raising the bars for their performances. A stream of capacity building programs, action researches and consultancy assignments make this campus a vibrant one. Program for IES Probationers showed involvement and participation of each and every member of NERC family making this program a great success. Visits of luminaries further boosted the confidence and enthusiasm of NERC family. Bidding goodbye to year 2014 coincided with the retirement of one of our dedicated employees Mr. I K Bania. Wishing him a good life ahead and hoping for a more vibrant year 2015 for NERC, we present this edition of 'Gramoday' to our readers. We are starting a new column from this issue which will make our readers familiar with some important places of North East India. We look forward to your comments and feedback. Happy reading.

(Dr. R.M Pant)



IES Probationers with Shri M.P. Bezbaruah and NIRDPR-NERC faculty members



Shri M P Bezbaruah, IAS (Retd), Member North Eastern Council (NEC) delivering Keynote address



Dr. P. K Samal, Scientist Incharge from G.B.P.I.H.E.D., N.E. Unit, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh delivering a lecture

Twenty four IES Probationers participated in the week long programme. The training was coordinated by Dr. M. K. Shrivastava, Assistant Professor, NIRDPR-NERC. The valedictory session was graced by Dr. S. S. Ghankrota, IAS, Department of Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Dr. R. M. Pant Director, NIRDPR- NERC.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF FISH FARMERS OF KATHORA VILLAGE, NALBARI DISTRICT, ASSAM

Farmers of Kathora revenue village numbering 150 were imparted a three days training on Advance Pisciculture Practices at KVK, Nalbari. The farmers were imparted training in three batches with 50 farmers per batch. The first batch was trained during September 23-25, 2014, second batch during September 25-27, 2014 and third batch during September 27-29, 2014. The third day of each batch was devoted to field learning by way of exposing them to two successful fish farmers of the Nalbari district namely; Dolphin fish seed production (Magur), Barazara village, Nalbari and Carp fish seed production and supplier, Nankar Bharia, Nalbari.

The training was integral part of the project titled "Promotion of rural livelihood through effective utilization of water resources by adopting advance pisciculture practices in Kathora Revenue Village, Nalbari district, Assam which was funded by NFDB, Hyderabad. The Regional Centre of NFDB at Guwahati extended close collaboration and participation in the smooth and successful conduct of these three training programmes.



Inauguration of the programme



Classroom deliberation

The topics covered in the training included- Livelihoods and role of fisheries, NFDB Activities & Schemes for fisheries development, Carp breeding & Seed production, Magur breeding and seed production, Composite fish farming, Rearing pond Management, Fish Disease & Magur Culture on grow out pond (Stocking), Practical orientation on Carp and Dolphin Magur Hatchery.

COURSE ON APPLICATION OF GEO SPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES IN NATURAL RURAL DRINKING WATER PROJECTS

To meet the present day demands of drinking water both for urban as well as to the rural areas, there is a need to utilize the latest tools of technology for planning, investigation, implementation, operation and maintenance of the drinking water supply systems duly replacing the slow paced tools of yesteryears. The techniques of Remote Sensing (RS), Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) have to be effectively used to replace, complement and supplement ground data collection in various facets of drinking water supply systems. It is in this light, a training programme was conducted during October 7-11, 2014 with the following objectives-

- To provide the base for application of Geo-informatics as a technical aid and also management tool in helping the participants to be familiar and adopting them in all the related activities of the drinking water supply systems.
- To acquaint participant with various hardware and software requirement for generation of GIS database.
- To acquaint participants with various data and tools for information generation / extraction using GIS software.
- To develop working skill in the generation / extraction of spatial & non-spatial database and their analysis and application in decision making at watershed level using GIS software.



GPS survey on drinking water supply scheme at Jagiroad Gram panchayat, Morigaon district, Assam.



Trainees with NIRDPR-NERC faculty members

COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING ON IWMP PROJECT MANAGEMENT

(Sponsored by SLNA (IWMP), Assam)

Realizing the importance emphasized in the common guidelines, 2008 for Watershed Development Project, the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA), Assam entrusted NIRDPR-NERC, Guwahati in the task of building capacity of the officers/ functionaries involved in planning and implementation of the projects being implemented in the state under IWMP. Comprehensive understanding of IWMP Projects Management being one of the essential requirements of the project staffs engaged directly under different projects, a training programme was conducted during October 13-30, 2014 at NIRDPR-NERC, Guwahati. The main objectives achieved through the programme include the following-

- Orientation with the Common Guidelines, 2008, watershed concept, delineation and analysis
- Develop application skill of the tools and techniques of social mobilization and institution building and planning tools covering GIS, PRA and household survey
- Develop planning skill for preparation of DPR
- Orientation with the application of ICT and MIS
- Orientation with the maintenance of accounts and Monitoring and Evaluation

The methodology adopted in this course was lectures cum field training. To understand problem and prospects on field environment, two days field visit kept on PRA exercise related to IWMP project at Digaru IWMP Project under Dimoria Dev. Block, Kamrup (M) District. The programme was attended by 24 officers and conducted by Dr. K. Haloi and Shri A. Simhachalam.



PRA exercise on Digaru IWMP Project, Digaru under Dimoria Dev. Block under Kamrup (M) District



Participants interacting with beneficiaries of Digaru IWMP Project under Dimoria Dev. Block under Kamrup (M) District.

COURSE ON APPLICATION OF ONLINE MIS IN RD PROGRAMMES

Management Information System (MIS) is a vital information based system used extensively as a management and decision making tool in the implementation of rural development programmes. Implementing agencies are now mandatorily required to submit various demographic as well as physical and financial transactional information pertaining to RD schemes through online system from their respective locations. NREGASoft, AwaasSoft, PriaSoft, PlanPlus among others are some of the MISs which are being effectively used for information and report generation. Making available of transactional information in public domain through a transparent means is one of the prime outcomes of MISs used in developmental programmes. NERC Guwahati had undertaken a number of such programmes over the years for IT and related RD functionaries of the region to equip them with all operational knowledge of MISs.

In light of the above, a five-day training programme on application of online MIS in RD programme was conducted by Mr. S.K Ghosh during November 17-21, 2014 at NERC, Guwahati with the following objectives-

- ⇒ To develop understanding about the basics of system management and MIS
- ⇒ To acquaint with the concept of online data management and information generation
- ⇒ To review the current status of MIS implementation
- ⇒ To familiarize with the concept of networking, internet and web and Client/ server applications required for MIS
- ⇒ To develop appreciation about the various components of NREGASoft, AwaasSoft, PriaSoft, NRLM, IWMP MISs
- ⇒ To provide online demonstrations on MISs of RD programmes



Group photo and online demonstration session at computer lab.

Like previous MIS courses, this course had also received massive response from RD functionaries from across the north eastern region. Altogether 34 officials viz. MIS Nodal Officers, MIS Managers, Computers operators, Extension Officers, APO, ADPM, and Technical Experts from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim participated the course. The methodology adopted in this course were elaborate online demonstration and intense hands on practice. Resource person from NIC, Assam were also invited to discuss and share issues related to operational problem, data entry, connectivity and IT infrastructure in the implementation of MISs in north east India

COURSE ON PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MGNREGS

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a landmark initiative taken up by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India. It aims at enhancing the livelihoods security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It has an integral natural resource management and livelihoods generation perspective. To familiarize the participants on latest operational guidelines, a training programme was conducted by Dr. N.S.R. Prasad during 8 – 12 December, 2014.



Professor Sukumar Nandi, Deputy Director, IIT Guwahati (left in the dais) and Dr. R.M Pant, Director NERC with course Director and participants during inauguration of the course.



Interaction with MGNREGS beneficiaries during field visit at BOKO Block, Assam

The Course was attended by 19 participants from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The training programme was inaugurated by Professor Sukumar Nandi, Deputy Director, IIT Guwahati. To provide field exposure, participants were taken to the Boko CD block where they interacted with beneficiaries of MGNREGS

COURSE ON PARTICIPATORY LEARNING AND ACTION (PLA) IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Training Programme on Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) was organised during December 9-12, 2014 by Dr. M K Shrivastava, Assistant Professor. The programme was inaugurated by the Dr. R.M. Pant, Director, NIRDPR-NERC. It is worthwhile to mention that the PLA approaches are increasingly used in all poverty removal and sustainable livelihoods projects – whenever the active participation of the community is prioritised. Basically the approach is based on creative learning about communities, which places equal value on the knowledge and experience of local people and their capacity to come up with solutions to problems that affect them.

This approach is very useful and it can be used in identifying needs, planning, monitoring or evaluating projects and programmes. It can also be used at any stage of a project or programme cycle as a means of ensuring full stakeholder participation, especially from the targeted beneficiaries / service users.

Underlining the usefulness of the approach in planning, monitoring and evaluation of the programmes/ schemes, a training was organised to build the capacity of the various stakeholders, Dept. of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Officials, SIRD faculty, Elected Member of PRIs and other Government officials involved in planning, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of the development programmes

The Objectives were-

- To sensitize Govt. officials, PRIs representatives, ADC Members faculty members from SIRDs, Universalities on the need, significance and importance of PLA.
- To orient participant with various PLA tools and techniques
- To develop operational skill on the application of selected techniques
- To generate field learning through PLA



PLA exercise at Jongakhuli Village, Boko Block, Assam



Social & resource mapping of Jongakhuli Village, Boko Block, Assam

The training programme was attended by 23 participants. PLA exercise was carried out in three villages of Boko Block in Kamrup District of Assam during field visit.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONARIES ON SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS UNDER NRLM

A six-day NEC sponsored training program "Capacity Building of Development Functionaries on Sustainable Livelihoods under NRLM" was conducted by Dr. Sonal Mobar and Mr. A. Simhachalam from 22nd -27th December, 2014 at NERC Guwahati. The objectives of the program were to develop better understanding about NRLM, to familiarize development functionaries about the policy, legal and institutional issues pertaining to implementation of the program, and to develop linkages between livelihood and vulnerability and adopt appropriate livelihood approach for poverty alleviation. Delegates from various backgrounds, including Block Development Officers, Block Coordinators, Range officer from soil and water conservation, Sr. ADO from Dept. of Agri., Lecturer, Faculty members, and social sector people attended the training program. Sessions on rural poverty, livelihoods and its framework and assessment, community mobilization, Aajeevika, resource mapping using advanced technologies, RSETI, role of PRIs, and rural marketing, were organized and resource persons were invited to share their experiences. Some documentaries were also showcased to seek the delegates' attention on the related topics. A field trip was planned to Chhaygaon where AIIDC units were visited. The team witnessed the whole process of cloth making-from a cocoon to the woven cloth material at Fabricplus.



Field visit to Fabricplus, Chhaygaon

EXPLORING ACTIVITIES UNDER MGNREGS IN BOKO, ASSAM

Under the Training Program "Planning and Implementation of MGNREGS" conducted by Dr. N.S.R. Prasad, a team consisting of Dr. Sonal Mobar and Shri Dilip Haloi, and delegates of the training program, went to Boko town, Kamrup District, Assam. The idea was to provide firsthand experience to all participants regarding the ongoing activities under MGNREGS. Two sites that were covered in this visit were:

- Land Development Scheme at Tepesia Yubak Club
- Plantation and Fencing at Jawaharlal Nehru College



Women carrying mud to fill land at Tepesia Yubak Club



Worksite for fencing and plantation at Jawaharlal Nehru College

At the first site, the team interacted with women beneficiaries who were digging mud from a nearby area and filling up land at Tepesia Yubak Club. They were using spades to dig the mud and hand-drawn carts to transport the mud to the work-site. They were working in groups as the work required immense physical strength. It was observed by the team that no shade, drinking water or medical aid was provided at the work site. Regarding the literacy level of the respondents, it was found that 95% of them were literate and could speak in Assamese and Bengali along with some words of Hindi

Interactions with the beneficiaries revealed that they knew how to operate their bank accounts. They felt empowered as they could earn some money by doing MGNREGS activities and send their children to school and contribute in household earnings. All of them possessed job cards which were updated. The team also met an elderly lady who was above eighty years of age and toiling hard at the worksite for earning two square meals a day. At the second work-site, the team observed that the workers had completed the task of fencing the landscape area of the college. The workers reported that the scheme was beneficial as it provided an employment opportunity to them. Apart from that, fencing and plantation would beautify the college campus too, hence the work was being done at a steady speed.

Overall, it was a learning experience for the course participants as they met labourers engaged in MGNREGS activities and shared their day to day happenings and challenges.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Skills and knowledge are the motivating forces of economic growth and social development for any country. Countries with higher level of skilled work force can excel in the changing economic scenario of the world. Women with enhanced skill and consciousness can prepare themselves economically self-sufficient and can contribute largely for the development of the society.

The Directorate of Employment and Training (DGE&T), Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India launched the Women Vocational training programme in 1977 aimed at exclusively at women vocational training at regional level all over the country. There is an ample scope for women of north east region for skill development in various trades through vocational training offered by "Regional Vocational Training Institute for Woman (RVTI-W)" located at Tura, Meghalaya. The RVTI (W), Tura was established in year 1987, a unique vocational training institute aimed at catering the skill requirement of women of the north eastern states. The institute offers vocational courses at very nominal fees in the following trades-

- Dress Making
- Hair & Skin Care
- Secretarial Practice
- Computer Operator & Programming Assistant
- Fashion Technology



Trainees during Dress Making and Hair & Skin Care sessions at RVTI (W), Tura

The institute also conducts short term courses from time to time on need basis. Further details are available in institute's website i.e. "www.rvtitura.gov.in"

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

- It always seems impossible until it's done
– Nelson Mandela
- Things do not happen, things are made to happen
-J. F Kennedy
- See good in people and help them
-M.K Gandhi
- Arise, awake and stop not, until the goal is achieved
-Swami Vivekanand

IN THE LAND OF GOLDEN PAGODA –A VISIT TO NAMSAI

Golden Pagoda also known as Poi Lu Kongmu Kham, is located in a small picturesque village called Tengapani in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh. The Golden pagoda at Tengapani is one of the largest monasteries in North East India. I had an opportunity to visit this place on personal tour for the 2nd time on 26th December 2014. This temple is located in a very tranquil environment and has immense spiritual importance. It was learned that the Golden Pagoda was designed and constructed by over 300 Myanmar architects and skilled masons under the supervision of two experts from Myanmar. Buddhist monks from all over the country and Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Laos and Thailand, were assembled at inauguration of the pagoda during February 22-24, 2010 with Thai High Commissioner to India as Chief Guest. The temple complex is covering more than three hectare of land as provided by the State Government.



Shri Kaushik Kalita on his visit to Golden Pagoda

A 2,568-year-old Lord Buddha's relics are installed in the pagoda at Tengapani. The relics were received by thousands of devotees, including monks and host of ministers and administrative personnel from Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

The colorful tribes of Khamti, Chingfou, and Deori among others with their rich cultural heritage are main habitants of the nearby areas. The Namsai district along with other important places in this part of Arunachal Pradesh has great potential for spiritual and eco- tourism. Govt of Arunachal Pradesh has undertaken various initiatives to attract tourists from different parts of India and abroad. Golden Pagoda can attract monks and devotees from Asia and South East Asian countries and India to visit the area. It can be developed as an international spiritual destination for devotees and monks who keep visiting frequently on various religious occasions.

Contributor: Shri Kaushik Kalita, Training manager, NERC

PAPER PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION

- Dr. N.S.R. Prasad, Assistant Professor, NERC has presented a paper titled "Ground water Recharge in Watershed through Rain Water Harvesting Measures: A Geospatial Solution" in Regional Seminar on "Rain Water Harvesting", which was organized by North East Regional Institute Water and Land Management (NERIWALAM) at Tezpur, Assam held during 16-17 December, 2014. Dr. K. Haloi, A. Simhachalam, and Mr. Hemanga Shekhar Nath also contributed for this paper. Around 60 delegates from north east states attended the seminar.
- Dr. K. Haloi, Mr. A. Simhachalam and Mr. Manoj Haloi attended a Regional Conference on Geoinformatics for Early Warning of Disasters with Special Emphasis on NE Region organized by Indian Society of Geomatics and presented a paper titled "Village Information System for Rural Development Using Geoinformatics: A Case Study Of Hatiutha Revenue Village, Mayong Block, Morigaon District, Assam. Dr. NSR Prasad also contributed for this paper.

Dr. Sonal Mobar Assistant Professor, NIRDPR-NERC has recently published following papers -

- Coping with a chronic disease: Life skills of Indian youth to face health challenges', in Voice of Intellectual Man -An International Journal, Vol. 4, Issue 2, (ISSN: 2231-6914), Dec, 2014 (Co-authors: Dr. Vinod Chandra and Dr. Arun Kumar Sharma)
- Conceptualizing HIV/AIDS Stigma among Adolescents and Youths in North Indian Setting: A Social Representation Approach', in Sibnath Deb and Archana Shukla (eds.), HIV/AIDS in India: A Public Health Approach on Contemporary Trends, Global Vision Publishing House, New Delhi, 2015 (Co-authors: Dr. A.K. Mishra, Dr. A.K. Sharma, and Rita Singh)

CAMPUS NEWS

SWACCH BHARAT ABHIYAN

Commemorating the launch of Swacch Bharat Abhiyan throughout India, NIRDPR-NERC, Guwahati also carried out a cleanliness drive on 2nd October 2014 in its premises. Office staff and campus dwellers including women and children enthusiastically participated in the programme. The entire office and residential campus were cleaned on the day. Cleaning was also done around the approach road of the office campus connecting main road. Dr. K. Haloi, Associate Professor spoke on the importance of maintaining of clean and hygienic environment during the launch of the programme. He requested everyone to keep the campus neat and clean all the time and making cleanliness an individual habit.



WELCOMING NEW YEAR 2015

Along with the rest of the world, NIRDPR-NERC, Guwahati also welcomed the year 2015 with much fanfare and gaiety. A cultural programme was organized on the night of 31st December 2014. A jovial atmosphere prevailed on the occasion. Office staff including their family members participated wholeheartedly in the programme with dance, music, song, life experience sharing, and future resolution etc. to welcome the New Year. A get-together with all office staff was also organized on 1st January 2015. Dr. R.M Pant, Director spoke on the occasion and stressed for the need of positivity in life for better work culture. He congratulated NERC employees for their dedicated efforts in making NIRDPR-NERC 'a centre of excellence' and hoped that with their continued dedication, NIRDPR-NERC will acquire greater heights in times to come. Event was coordinated by Mr. B.N. Sarma, Accounts Officer, NIRDPR-NERC



FAREWELL

Shri I.K Bania retired from his post on 31st December 2014. Shri Bania served NIRDPR-NERC, Guwahati as Private Secretary. He also held charge of Section Officer from 27.02.2009 till his retirement. Shri Bania served this institute very sincerely and contributed immensely in his capacities for the development of the regional center. He had excellent interpersonal relationship with all staff of the institute and was awarded with best performing employee for the year 2008. A farewell meeting was organized on 31st Dec 2015.



INITIATIVE AT PROMOTING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Institute took a special initiative to encourage five home makers undergo a one month entrepreneurship and skill development training on Food Processing in Guwahati. Smt. Rupa Barman, Smt. Nilima Deka, Smt. Reena Patir, Smt. Pinkey Das and Smt. Karabi Das, members of Mahila Mandal, an association of the wives of the employees of NIRDPR-NERC participated in the training programme. During the month long training, they were imparted skills in making various processed products like pickles, squash, jam etc. Besides, they were also imparted sessions on different aspects of entrepreneurship.

The month long training programme was conducted by Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, an institute of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

It is worth mentioning here that all five trainees have made a modest beginning of making pickles, squash etc. targeting customers within and beyond the NIRDPR-NERC campus. One of the trainees has also successfully registered herself under the entrepreneurs' memorandum I (EM-I).



VISITORS

The following important personalities visited NERC in the recent past for various activities-

- Mr. M.P. Bezbaruah, IAS (retd.), Member, North Eastern Council, Shillong
- Dr. S.S. Ghankrokta, IAS, Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
- Mr. Bhaskar Baruah, IAS (Retd.)
- Mr. K. D. Vizo, ITS, Secretary, Government of Nagaland
- Prof. S. Nandy, Dy. Director, IIT-Guwahati

असम के साहित्यिक वैभव- श्री लक्ष्मीनाथ बेजबरुआ

स्वर्गीय श्री लक्ष्मीनाथ बेजबरुआ आधुनिक असमिया साहित्य के जनक माने गये हैं। ये आधुनिक असमिया साहित्य के प्रबुद्ध लेखक, उपन्यासकार, नाटककार एवं सम्पादक थे। इनका जन्म लक्ष्मीपुजा के दिन हुआ था इसलिए इनके माता पिता ने इनका नाम लक्ष्मीनाथ रखा। इनका जन्म ब्रह्मपुत्रा नदी के किनारे नंगाव के समीप अहातगुडी में 14, अक्टूबर 1864 को हुआ। इनके पिता श्री दीनानाथ बेजबरुआ बरपेटा में अंग्रेज सरकार के वरिष्ठ पदाधिकारी थे। इनका परिवार असम के बरपेटा से तेजपुर होते हुए शिवसागर में जा बसा। इनकी प्रारंभिक शिक्षा सरकारी हाई स्कूल शिवसागर में हुई। उच्च शिक्षा उन्होंने कलकत्ता विश्वविद्यालय से किया।

इनका विवाह श्री रविन्द्रनाथ टैगोर की भतीजी सुश्री प्रयागसुन्दरी देवी के साथ हुआ। 29, दिसम्बर 1931 को असम साहित्य सभा ने श्री बेजबरुआ को रसरज की उपाधि से विभूषित किया।

साहित्यिक उपलब्धि :

कविता संग्रह : कदम कुली, पदम कुली

उपन्यास : पदमकुंवरी

कथा संकलन : सुरभी, जोनवीरी, केहुकली

नाटक संकलन : जयमति कुंवरी, चक्रध्वज सिंग्हा, बेलीमार, लितिकाई, चिकरपाति- निकरपाति, नुमाल, पाशचोनी।

इनकी मृत्यु 26, मार्च 1938 को डिब्रुगढ असम में हुआ। इन्होंने अपनी लेखनी से असमिया साहित्य को विश्व साहित्य की कोटि में ला कर खड़ा कर दिया। हम सभी साहित्य प्रेमी चाहे वह किसी भी भाषा का हो, उन्हें शत-शत नमन करते हैं।

स्वच्छ भारत : मावलिंगनॉंग एक प्रेरणा स्रोत

आज जब आदर्श ग्राम व स्वच्छ भारत की अवधारणा भारतीय राजनीतिक व समाजिक सोच में आ रही है, पूर्वी गारो पर्वतों के गोद में बसा एक छोटा सा गाँव "मावलिंगनॉंग" पूरे देश के लिये एक आदर्श के रूप में उभरता है। मेघालय की राजधानी शिलॉंग से लगभग 90 कि. मी. दूर ये गाँव वर्ष 2003 में एशिया का स्वच्छतम ग्राम चुना गया है। 400 परिवार वाले इस गाँव की आबादी लगभग 1500 है। सफाई इनकी जीवनशैली का एक अभिन्न अंग है। आर्थिक रूप से पिछड़ापन, साधनों का अभाव व मुख्य धारा से दूरी, अनेक कठिनाइयों ने इन ग्रामवासियों को आत्मनिर्भर बनना सिखा दिया है। कृषि संसाधनों के अभाव में पर्यटन ही एकमात्र आमदनी का जरिया है। रेस्टोरेंट तथा होम स्टेज मुख्य आमदनी का साधन है। सरल जीवन व स्वच्छ वातावरण पर्यटकों को बरबस ही मावलिंगनॉंग अपनी ओर आकर्षित करता है। पर्यटन से जुड़े अन्य उद्योग जैसे "स्काईवाक" आदि भी पर्यटकों को खूब भा रहे हैं व साथ ही मावलिंगनॉंगवासियों की आमदनी में वृद्धि करते हैं।



मावलिंगनॉंग आपका स्वगत करता है



मावलिंगनॉंग गाँव की एक झलक

पास के गाँव "रिवाई" में "लिविंग रूट ब्रिज" भी एक बड़ा आकर्षण है, जिसे देखने के लिए दूर-दूर से पर्यटक आते हैं। मावलिंगनॉंग को "God's Own Garden"- (ईश्वर का अपना बगीचा) के रूप में प्रचारित किया जाता है। यहाँ आने के बाद किसी भी पर्यटक को इसकी सत्यता में संदेह नहीं रहता।

PHOTO GALLERY



Participants visiting a Magur Hatchery during a training programme on Advance Pisciculture Practices conducted by NIRDPR-NERC at KVK, Nalbari



Participants interacting with Lab Experts of a Magur Hatchery during a training programme on Advance Pisciculture Practices conducted by NIRDPR-NERC at KVK, Nalbari



A Hands on Session on PrioSoft at Computer lab. during a Training course on application of online MIS in RD programme, Nov. 17-21, 2014



Fish Farmers of Assam observing the process of fish packaging for transportation during training cum exposure visit (organized by NIRDPR-NERC) to a place in West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh



Inaugural session of Inception Level Professional Training for Officers - Trainee of Indian Economic Services (IES) on Development Scenario of North East India held at NERC from 24-28 November 2014



Cleanliness drive at NIRDPR-NERC observing Swacch Bharat Abhiyan, 2nd October 2014



Participants interacting with GP Secretary about MGNREGS schemes during field visit under at Jagiroad GP under a training course conducted by NIRDPR-NERC



Social and Resources Mapping of Shakhati village, Boko Block, Assam



A get-together organized during new year celebration on the night of 31st December 2014

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ NERC undertakes research on area-specific problems of north eastern region.
- ⇒ NERC has been undertaking both diagnostic and programme-oriented research studies in different states of this region.

AREAS OF RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY

- ⇒ Local Self Government / Institutions
- ⇒ Decentralized Planning/ District Planning
- ⇒ Environment Management Planning
- ⇒ Watershed Development
- ⇒ Monitoring & Evaluation
- ⇒ Impact Assessment Studies
- ⇒ Community Resources Management in the Hills
- ⇒ Communitization Programme in Nagaland
- ⇒ Traditional Institution & their working Model
- ⇒ Generation of digital databases using spatial technologies

The following studies were undertaken during November 2014

Sl. No.	Name of the Research Projects	Date of Initiation	Project Director	Sponsoring Agency	Present Status
1	Evaluation of the project consolidation phase for Batch-I of IWMP Project, Nagaland	Nov. 2014	Dr. K. Haloi	SLNA, IWMP, Nagaland	Ongoing
2	Performance Evaluation of BRGF in three BRGF Districts, Meghalaya	Nov. 2014	Dr. K. Haloi	C & RD, Govt. of Meghalaya	Ongoing
3	Preparation of GIS thematic map along with the associated Shapefiles, Karbi Anglong & Nagaon districts, Assam	Nov. 2014	Dr. K. Haloi	SLNA/ WCDC, IWMP, Assam	Ongoing

NIRDPR-NERC WELCOMES CONTRIBUTION

This Newsletter, though published by NIRDPR-NERC, would welcome news of any significant events that took place at SIRDs and States. We also request Rural Development and allied Departments/ PRIs to send us any success stories/ best practices from the states. Crisp write ups including important photographs may be sent. Prime focus of this quarterly Newsletter is to highlight training and research activities in the north eastern region pertaining to rural development.



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