

# ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09



**DESHABANDHU CLUB**



**DESHABANDHU CLUB**, a North East based NGO started its journey in 1966. previously it was known as Balak Samiti, From the humble beginning as a football Club, subsequently the wings of its activities were spread as the NGO started working towards emancipation of the Social-economic problems of the have not with special emphasis on minority, Women, Child & other vulnerable section of the society. Presently the NGO have been working in the five district of Assam viz, Cachar, Karimgang, Hailakandi, N.C.Hills & Karbi Anglong

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The Executive body, elected by the general body annually is responsible for all sorts of organizational planning, execution, assessment, monitoring of all programmes & activities.

### OUR HUMAN RESOURCES

A group of youths from diverse background with expertise & Commitment are working consistently towards attainment of organization's goal.

### OUR VISION

To create a society where every citizen avails basic needs & services so as to have a life with self respect, dignity and pride.

### MISSION

"Deshabandhu Club exists to bring the socio-economic development of the citizens particularly to women & Children of Assam by 2020 A.D would like to provide cost effective-, Sustainable people's friendly health, education, economic empowerment & rural entrepreneurship services through people's participation."





# Annual Report

## 2008-2009

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## PRESIDENT DESK



*Deshabandhu Club has completed 43 eventful years of journey in 2009. We started as Balak samiti at Behara, a small village at the foothill of picturesque Barail Hill. A devastating flood occurred & the volunteers of Balak Samiti joined relief operation. The Balak Samiti members tasted the charm of social service and since then got involved in community development instead of confining themselves in mere sports activity. Subsequently the organization was renamed as Deshabandhu Club in the due course of time. Initial years of our journey were full of challenges due to limited resources and other factors. Gradually the organization started getting financial as well as technical assistance from donor agencies. The organization is committed to bring socio economic upliftment of the marginalized section of the society by 2015 through sustainable development. It is a holistic approach therefore the organization has different income generation as well as Health programmes. The involvement of community is urgent to make the process work and we are happy that people are getting involved in development initiatives undertaken by the Organization. Economic Development Programmes like EDP, Jute diversification etc have brought changes in many lives. Presently we are working on system of Rice intensification. I am hopeful that many farmers will be benefited under the innovative method of agriculture and as Rice is staple diet of the people of this valley therefore the system may work to increase the produce and the farmers will be able to sell the surplus instead of being mere consumers. Health is also another important area of our work. Various programme like RCH-II, TI Programme on JSW, CCC for PLHA, RNICP etc are going on. School for specially challenged children has 168 enrollments. We feel nothing could have been possible without the active support of the masses, our patrons as well as well-wishers. I am sending sincere gratitude to the MOHFW, GOI, NACO, Assam TB Control Society, Department of Health, NIPCCD, IGSSS, Action aid India, SIDBI, NEDFI, KVIC, Ministry of Textile, Department of Social Welfare etc for rendering financial as well as technical support to us. I also like to send my heartiest greetings to our partner NGOs through this annual report. I expect your valuable feedback and suggestion as I believe that it is very important on the part of entire team of Deshabandhu Club for our future growth.*

**Dr. Sanjib Sikidar  
(President)  
Deshabandhu Club**



# AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

- ❖ Promotion of National and communal harmony amongst citizens.
- ❖ Education of illiteracy, through Formal & Non Formal way of imparting education in the backward areas with special emphasis on education.
- ❖ To provide basic medical service to the aged people, women, children in general and with special emphasis on reproductive health of women.
- ❖ To aware people about population explosion and the life killing diseases and to encourage them to adopt small family norms and means to take preventive measures respectively.
- ❖ To organize training Programme for the educated unemployed rural youths & women aiming to crate self employment opportunities to keep them away from distress.
- ❖ To aware rural people about importance of small savings & for that promotion of self Help Group (SHG) aiming economic upliftment of the rural masses.
- ❖ To create awareness about increasing environmental hazards caused by deforestation and to encourage for environment protection and afforestations to make the environment pollution free.
- ❖ To help rural people by providing technical help, marking facilities for developing their handicraft potentialities & thus to encourage the traditional skills.
- ❖ To promote rural sports & Cultural of the region.
- ❖ To help & rehabilitate mentally disabled and physically handicapped persons and to work for elimination of child labour.
- ❖ To develop scientific temperament among the rural people by organizing seminar, symposium, discussion, folk entertainment with audio visual aids.
- ❖ To help the Government and other Non Government Agencies in the implementation of various socio economic programs at the grass root level.
- ❖ Deshabandhu Club will function as a non-profit making organization and if surplus generated from any source, then it will be utilized for meeting the objective of the organization and shall not be distributed among the members



# EDUCATION

Education: A nation can't prosper if the masses are illiterate. Education is the light that emancipates various social evils. An educated person is an asset. True education not only brings changes to an individual life rather it reshapes and alter a society & give positive direction. The Constitution of India also depicts that the country is compelled to provide free & compulsory education to all. Indian Govt had taken up many programmes in the past like Adult education, Non formal education etc & presently Sarva Siksha

Aviyan is operational. The illiteracy rate is still 38% in India, despite several efforts taken by the Govt of India. Poverty, Lack of adequate educational institution and other societal aspects remaining major reasons behind the country's inability to make education for all a reality. Understanding the grave problem called illiteracy Deshabandhu Club started a formal school in the year 1994 to maximize quality primary education. Education is one of the thrust areas of the NGO

## DESHABANDHU VIDYA NIKETAN

DESHABANDHU Vidyaniketan is a formal School established by Deshabandhu Club in 1994.it started with 8 students and the present enrollment is 192. Checking alarming illiteracy rate & imparting Quality education is its objective. The school has 12 sections from Pre primary to class X. the students are encouraged to take part in Sports, Culture & other activities which are important for the complete development of a child to grow up as an individual. During this year 7 students have passed from this institution out of 7 appeared in the H.S.L.C examination in 2009



# HEALTH

Health is one of the key indicators of development of any country. A country develops with individual who has complete physical as well as mental wellbeing. "Health for all " is the universal goal but health has been remaining major challenge in the country like us . The Health status of specially women & child is the major concern of the Govt of India due to dismal status of women and child health. Various socio economic issues like poverty illiteracy, lack of accessibility to health care service, Lake of proper nutrition, marriage at small age and frequent child birth always magnified the problem. During the course of journey while working with the grass root people we have realized our responsibility as a social agency towards community health. We started community health activities in 1992 in few selected *Gaon panchayats* under kalian development block of Cachar district to know the level of people's ignorance about Health support by statistical figures. Initially baseline survey was conducted in a few villages with other NGOs and findings of the survey showed very poor maternal mortality rate, infant mortality rate, crude birth rate, immunization status etc. Henceforth DESHABANDHU CLUB started DESHABANDHU family welfare hospital to provide care to women & Child. The Hospital treats women, Child elderly and mentally challenged people and provides free medicine in some cases. The president of this organization who happens to be registered medical practitioner with vast experience in the area of mental health and HIV/AIDS provides voluntary service to the rural patients twice in a week. Last year total 139 patients have received treatment from this hospital. The NGO has been playing a major role in PPI (Puls Polio Immunization) Programme since 1995 and also working for the course of eradication of blindness along with District Blindness Control Society, Cachar, Lions Club, Silchar Medical College & Hospital. In spite of several efforts taken in the deem past rural health is yet a challenge. A glimpse of major health activities carried out during year 2008-09 has been given below:





DESHABANDHU Family Welfare Hospital: The hospital was started with an aim to do improvement in the area of women & child health in the locality. It could be realized that health for the poor is always challenging due to multiple socio-economic factors. The women & child are especially anemic & malnourished. Marriage at small age, frequent child birth & home delivery remained the major reasons behind maternal death. In India many children dies due to vaccine preventable diseases & lack of newborn care which can be managed if addressed in time. Majority of women are still unaware of their reproductive rights needs counseling as well as clinical service are provided to the rural women in the reproductive age group and to the mothers with children below five. A report on the number of patients treated during 2008-09 is given below:-

CASES	NUMBER
Antenatal Checkup	5
OPD 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	33
OPD 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	17
Old age patients treated	8
MDR patients treated 1 <sup>st</sup> time	6
MDR patients treated 2 <sup>nd</sup> time	70

## HEALTH

### Reproductive & Child Health Programme

Population explosion have been always remained a burning problem for India. A country of more than a billion population facing constraint to progress. Several efforts have been taken since the first five year planning to cut down the alarming population rate. Family planning programme, Child survival & safe motherhood (CSSM) universal Immunization programme were among them but no positive development could be taken so far.

In 1994 India being a signatory of one International Conference on population & development held at Cairo signed to start a Comprehensive programme called RCH (Reproductive & Child Health Programme) which underlies that "people have the ability to reproduce and regulate their fertility. Women should be able to go through pregnancy and child birth safely, the outcome of pregnancy is successful in terms of

maternal and infant survival and well being and couples are able to have sexual relation free of fear of pregnancy and contracting disease." It is targets free soften up approach. The programme aims at providing one clients need based, Clint centred demand & driven and high quality integrated RCH service

India Govt. started the RCH phase I programme in 1997. Deshabandhu Club was selected as MNGO by Ministry of health & family welfare GOI and assigned to work in four districts of Assam viz Karimganj, Hailakandi, Cachar and Karbianglong. The MNGO selected Field NGOs to implement the RCH programme & successfully completed 1<sup>st</sup> phase. In 2005 the necessity to extend the programme was realized by the Govt. with the learning experience from the RCH phase I. In 2005, National Rural Health Mission was launched by Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India. It was aimed to access quality health care to rural population with special emphasis. The big programmes like RCH came under NRHM.

Deshabandhu Club was again selected to continue as MNGO to work in two districts namely Cachar and Hailakandi. It is one of the two old MNGO that had worked in the phase I. The MNGO RCH II programme started in Sept'2006 by our organization funded by NRHM and supported by MOHFW, GOI.

Enabling maximum people's participation through decentralization have been emphasized in RCH revised guideline & GOI NGO coordination were highly expected in RCH II programme. A glimpse of the performance during 2008 is given below:





**MNGO DISTRICT****CACHAR & HAILAKANDI**

Total No of field NGOs -> 6 nos. (1 dropped due to improved RCH service in the area)

INDICATOR	FIGURE
Pregnant women registered within 12 weeks	981
Pregnant women received 2TT/Booster	2693
Pregnant women received 3 ANC	1327
Pregnant women Consumed 100 IFA tab	387
Pregnant women received full ante natal check up	516
Institutional delivery	877 out of 3364 delivers
Delivery attended by Skilled birth attendant	1006
Total maternal death	32
Birth registered	2172
Initiation of breastfeeding within 2hrs	2554
Children fully immunized	2183
OCP USERS	1743
Condom Users	471
IUD Users	41
Female Sterilization	32
Delivery attended by Skilled birth attendant	1006

## SUCCESS STORY

Chandinagar pt.- 2(Narapati) is one of the most inaccessible areas of the entire RCH project areas. There is no adequate means of communication in the area. The condition of the road is too poor to walk, Throughout whole calendar year. As a result of which, the people of that village have no proper access to Health, Education or pure drinking water.

Seeming like a small island, the village had no ANM before the commencement of the 'Reproductive & Child Health Programme' Phase2 (RCH 2). But it was a breath of sigh when an ANM was deputed at the area as soon as the RCH 2 programme started. Mrs. Ushia Deb is the CHV of the under RCH 2 program. She had to face a lot of problems while surveying the area at the start of the project. The villagers do not wish to give their family related due to a misconception. Then the RCH staff, authorities of the Organization including Dr.Monzurul Hoque visited the place & the visit worked. While surveying it was discovered that immunization was a hardly known format to the village people. Realizing the demographic scenario of Health of the village, we started to counsel them under 'Group Counseling' & 'VHC meeting'. Slowly but surely, we felt that a large number of villagers immunized their children and the pregnant mothers. Now they ask the CHV about immunization. To achieve the achievement, AWW & ASHA have performed a key role. The whole thing result a good healthy village.

## HIV/AIDS PROGRAMMES

HIV/AIDS has become an international burden. In African countries it has destroyed a large number of populations mostly in the productive age. No vaccines or medicine is available till date to destroy the HIV virus. It is now, due to the constant effort of the medical researcher Ante Retroviral drugs is available to treat the symptomatic patients suffering from HIV/AIDS. The Ante retroviral drug has fair chances to increase the life span of the people living with HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS is not only a Health problem but it has much to do with societal and economic aspect of society. It is one of the goals set under Millennium development goals to combat HIV/AIDS.



It was first detected among homosexuals in the United States of America in 1981. In India it was first detected in a commercial sex worker in Chennai in 1986. By two decades India has 2.5 million people living with the virus. In America it is now under control but in a country of billions like India a mere 0.1% increase means the spread of the disease to over half a million. In India 87% of the route of transmission is heterosexual. Changing life values, modernization, ignorance mainly making people much prone to indulge in high risk taking behaviour & it made them vulnerable to be infected by the virus. UN 2008 estimate reveals that HIV/AIDS is spreading among sex workers. HIV sentinel surveillance 2007 states that there is a rising trend in the North East.

In a developing country like India HIV/AIDS is a serious challenge. National AIDS Control Organization, the apex body working for the cause of HIV/AIDS has been funding non-governmental organizations through State AIDS Control Societies to implement various interventions as well as care support & treatment programmes to reduce the spread of the HIV/AIDS virus in the population.

### TARGETED INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

The TI projects aim to interrupt HIV transmission among highly vulnerable populations. The population group includes commercial sex workers, injection drug users, men having sex with men, truckers and migrant workers. Saturation of all high risk groups and development of 50% of TIS into CBO is targeted under NACP phase- III

The organization has been implementing TI programmes in Cachar district since 2007 with funding support from Assam State AIDS Control Society. In 2007 the core group was truckers. In the TI programme around 840 nos truckers were counseled, 130 nos commercial female sex workers & 265 nos

of people from rural & slum areas of Cachar district were counseled, 10 nos of awareness programmes were organized in the various places of Cachar. After successful completion of the first phase, the organization was assigned to continue TI programmes on FSWs in the district of

Cachar. FSWs are vulnerable due to their socio-economic standing in the society. The intervention programme was aimed to cut short further spread of virus among FSW as well as to prevent the general population. The female sex workers were interacted during last year in the Slum area as well as other spots by out reach workers & peer educators. Behaviour change communication done through Counseling, Advocacy, Community events SHG were formed and they were provided Handicraft training. FSW (The Primary Stakeholder) as well as Secondary stake holders were addressed on their possible vulnerability to get infected with the virus; they were counseled on positive prevention to stop further spread of the virus in targeted group.

### **A Report on TI Programme given below:**

Activities Conducted:-

- ❖ Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
- ❖ Counseling.
- ❖ STD treatment.
- ❖ Condom distribution
- ❖ Advocacy.
- ❖ Community events.
- ❖ Group meeting.
- ❖ SHG formation.
- ❖ Handicraft training.



Sl. No.	Name of Activity	Performance
1	1 -1 Contact	397 March 09% persons
2	1 group	1332 persons
3	No. of persons counseled	698 Nos.
4	Health camp conducted	10 Nos.
5	Advocacy conducted	22 Nos.
6	Community events	9 nos.
7	Total referrals to ICTC	386 Nos. referred
8	STD treatment provided	68 Nos. (VCD), LAP (26 Nos.) UD (1 No.) other 77 Nos.
9	Out reach coverage (%) of regular contact out of targeted population	90.25% (March 2009)

The organization again assigned to continue with the TI project by Assam State AIDS Control Society. During the third consecutive year of the IT Programme the organization is entrusted to work with 600 FSWs in the district of Cachar.



## CARE SUPPORT & TREATMENT PROGRAMME

A ten bedded COMMUNITY CARE CENTER for PLHA, named ANUBHUTI has been running by DESHABANDHU CLUB since August, 2008 under the funding support from the ASSAM STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY, Khanapara, Guwahati. It is a CCC under NACP phase III.

CCC is a new development in the area of HIV /AIDS care, support and treatment. CCC monitors the adherence and treatment tolerance of ARV drugs on PLHAs newly started with ART treatment, provides counseling on adherence, treatment, positive prevention and family counseling. CCC's role is to bring the PLHAs under umbrella of CST. Advocacy against stigma & discrimination, bringing positive people under care, support and treatment team and addressing various issues related to PLHA is also job of CCC.

The CD4 counting & keeping assessment of PLHAs under PRE ART by regular monitoring is also one of the important functions of CCC. A report of CCC for PLHA is given below:

### STATUS REPORT (AUG 2008 TO MARCH 2009)

Total PLHAs enrolled	30 Nos.
No. of out patients attended CCC	74 Nos.
No of Inpatients admitted so far	73 Nos.
TB managed in HIV positive on ART	1 cases
No of children of PLHA referred to ICTC (Gen) tested HIV negative	2 sent & al tested negative
No of PLHA attended from other NE state	4 Nos.

Tuberculosis is one of the major global killer diseases. India itself has 1.4 million TB cases as on 2006 Around 3.2 lac population died of TB in the year 2005. TB is a global health challenge.

In every minute the virus kills 1 person & infect 2. TB mainly spreads through coughing & sneezing from infected person to others. No state is free from the disease. The Govt of India is now paying serious attention

to cut the TB mortality rate as well as to prevent it by introducing DOTs treatment. The Govt is talking effort to make prevention as well as intervention. DOTs is a free Anti TB treatment provided to the TB patients .People’s ignorance about the disease can make him unaware to prevent himself as well as to be treated. Awareness generation, community involvement to fight out the disease also planned with DOTs initiative under Revised National TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAMME.

The organization role in addressing health issues at the grassroots level for longer had been considered by the Assam State TB Control Society & the later selected the organization as Nodal NGO for making intervention in the five districts of Assam namely Cachar, karimgang, Hailakandi, NC Hills & Karbianglong. The main objective of the programme was to create mass awareness on TB & also facilitating in minimizing TB mortality rate, presently the programme is operational in 4 districts. The deptt of TB in all the districts have done various programmes & the communication facilitators have participated in it. A glimpse of the report is given below:

NAME OF ACTIVITY/PROGRAMME	DISTRICT	PERIOD FROM-TO	TOTAL NOS.
Awareness meeting	Karimgang	Sept, 2008- Jan, 09	7 nos.
Awareness meeting	Do	March 2009-	2 nos.
Awareness meeting	Cachar	July 2008- Dec 08	5 nos.
Awareness meeting	Hailakandi	July 2008- March 09	4 nos.
Observation of world TB control day & school activity	Do	24-3-09 (world TB day)& School activity 28-03-09	1 each
Awareness meeting	N.C. Hills	Oct 2008 – Dec 08	4
World TB day programme	cachar	24-03-09	1 (At S.L.High school, Norshingpur, cachar)



The organization was assigned to implement A pilot project at Cachar district. The goal of the project was optimum utilization of communication facilitators. The project was of duration from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 09 – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. A brief report of he pilot project under RNTCP is mentioned (upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009) below:

NAME OF TUs	NAME OF ACTIVITY	NO OF PROGRAMME	BENEFICIARIES
Lakhipur & Dholai	An awareness meeting with NGO, Mahila Samiti, Tribal group	1 at each TU	37 at Lakhipur TU & 23 at Dholai TU
Do	Community awareness meeting at hard to reach area	1 at each TU	18 at Lakhipur TU & 20 at Dholai TU
Do	Patient provider meeting	2 at Dholai TU	53 nos.
Do	School activity	1 a Dholai TU	28 nos.

### **SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDRENS:**

Disability is an emerging problem as per the Right of disabled persons 1975. It is the moral commitment of international community to ameliorate the status of the disabled person. Deshabandhu Club as per the commitment to work towards the vulnerable section of the society decided to provide minimum support for the course of mentally challenged children. The organization started special school in 2003 with 17 students. A team of dedicated volunteers under the guidance of Chief Coordinator of Special School put tireless effort to generate social skills among the students, so that they can live their life with minimum dependency upon others. The students coming with behavioral problems have improved a lot and those with high cognitive skills have developed in academic. By this time total 168 students are enrolled at the school.



Aspiration Day Care Centre: It is a wing of the special School of mentally challenged children. Aspiration day care centre started in April, 2008. Children in the age group of 3-6 years are being guided to develop their academic as well as social skill at the Centre

## ACTIVITIES OF MNGO MASTER TRAINERS ON HEALTH

NRHM, Assam sponsored Master trainers training on **NISCHAY pregnancy test card at NIPCCD**, Guwahati. The 5 personal working in the area of health were trained as

Master trainers. They have trained ASHA worker in the 2 MNGO districts namely Cachar & Hailakandi on pregnancy test card. A report is given below:

NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NAME OF PHC	NOS. OF ASHAS TRAINED
CACHAR	JALALPUR	145 Nos.
	BORKHOLA	63 Nos.
	UDHARBOND	157 Nos.
	LAKHIPUR	124 Nos.
	BIKRAMPUR	73 Nos.
HAILAKANDI	LALA	176 Nos.
	ALGAPUR	120 Nos.
	KATLICHERRA	147 Nos.
	KALINAGAR	77 Nos.



NRHM, Assam again trained MNGO health personal working in the area of reproductive & child health on **ASHA 5<sup>th</sup> Module at State institute of Health & family welfare from 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008**. Three Master trainers then trained

NGO personal, Block programme managers in 4 districts of Assam. The trainees were trained on technical parts of ASHA fifth module communication, counseling, leadership & negotiation etc. A report of the said activity is given below:

DISTRICT	Cachar	-23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2009
	Hailakandi	13 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> March, 2009
	Karimgang	
	Haflong	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2009



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The rate of per capita income of the India's population is very low due to several factors like overpopulation, poverty, unemployment, lack of self reliance in food & raw material. The Govt of India has taken several measures to increase national income, raising standard of living of people. Pro-poor policies & schemes were taken to hit

the burning problems of like unemployment & poverty. The Govt initiative is to create self employment avenues among the educated unemployment youths. The Govt of India is generous to make people self-reliant. To help the Govt initiative the various govt as well as non govt agencies initiated several such programme to create

self-sufficiency among the youths by providing them trainings & create necessary support mechanism so, that people can start their own venture. The organization has taken up the following activities to enhance the socio-economic prosperity of the poor. During the year 2008-09

## SHG II (NABARD)

Self Help Group Is contemporary innovation in the area rural development. In Bangladesh SHGs have made a history, the innovative method which is the brainchild of Prof Mohd. Yunus has changed the lives of the poorest of

the poor & that model is now-a-days being popularized in India too. It is effort towards fighting poverty. It is the way to economic empowerment where people form small groups, promote saving in the group that meet their future financial needs. DESHABANDHU CLUB had started forming SHGs since 2006 NABARD identified the potentiality of the organization in the Micro Finance sector & assigned us to form 500 SHGs nine development Block of Barak Valley. Field NGOs have been identified across the Barak Valley and SHGs are selected under each FNGO. A Report on SHG is given below:

## PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE (YEAR 2008 TO 2009 )

**Blocks Covered-** Patherkandi, Lwairpuwa, South Karimgang, Silchar, Salchapra, Barjalenga , Tapang,Lala

Total no. of SHG	256
Total no. of female SHG	166
No. of Male SHG	90
Total no. of the member	3072
Average saving of SHG	6000
Total Amt of Internal Lending	10,20,000
Repayment performance	97.23
Average member size in a group	12
Average thrift per group	360
No. of individual borrower	1509
No. of SHGs been provided credit linkage	12

## PILOT PROJECT ON SYSTEM OF RICE INTENSIFICATION

Indian economy is mainly agrarian economy. The prime occupation of the Indian population is Agriculture. Although India is a land of agriculture yet the farmers mostly remain the consumers of their produces instead of selling it. System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is an innovative approach in the field of agriculture. It is exploring food security options with strategy on sustainable agriculture. Fr. Henri de Lanlarie, a French priest who has passion for agriculture is the originator of SRI. It is a System of Agriculture in which more Rice can be grown with minimum inputs. Bio-fertilizers are used in SRI. Pilipino farmers have already been highly benefited by adopting SRI method. In India it is new but by this time South Indians states & West Bengal following this model and a lot of farmers get double of agricultural produce from their paddy fields. DESHABANDHU CLUB although very new to this area but already the MNGO has master trainer who has been trained on SRI is trying to keep regular link with the farmers to popularize SRI and help them to train on SRI method so that they can be benefited. By now good number of farmers have availed services of the Master trainer of the organization



## COMMON FACILITY CENTER FOR ARTISANS

Assam is rich in its handicrafts but the Traditional artisans were switching themselves off from their occupation as they were unable to survive by holding their indigenous occupation in changing times. Due to lack of their knowledge on latest innovation, Skill, design development & product diversification they were unable to earn a living from their occupation. In order to emancipate those real problems and bringing them back to their job a CFC now exist at DESHABANDHU CLUB. It provides necessary technical input to the artisans to compete at the local as well as national market with their products. Technical input being provided by trainers from across the

Sl. No.	Name of Programme	Venue
1	International Trade Fair	New Delhi
2	Gandhi Shilpa Bazar	Vishakhapatnam
3	Gram Sree Mela	Tezpur
4	Gram Sree Mela	Morigaon

country. They are being regularly updated with knowledge on design and latest skills required for domestic as well as international market. The artisans are trained to be active entrepreneurs. The organization joined following events for effective implementation of CFC. CFC is on the way to be certified for ISO 9001-2000 and 4001-2000. The final audit has been completed so far.

## RURAL INDUSTRIES PROGRAMME

Rural Industries programme is one of the important employment generation programme of the Govt. of India. It creates rural entrepreneurs who can become good market force to meet the need of the rural & semi urban consumers. RIP enabling rural & semi urban youths to become potential entrepreneurs who on the other hand can become the force behind more employment creation. Employment has directly to do with human existence. RIP is opening up source of employment through rural & semi entrepreneurs which will cut down burning unemployment problem as well as create local entrepreneur. RIP started at Deshabandhu Club in 2005 under sponsorship of SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT BANK OF INDIA (SIDBI). The aim of the programme was to create 100 industrial units at Cachar district. Total 132 rural Industrial units could be made within March, 2008. The RIP project will be completed within Dec, 09. The total performance report of RIP has been given below:



Year	Total RIP Grounded
2005 (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	28
2006 (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	48
2007 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	88
Till 31 March, 2009	19
	132

## CASE STUDY

### *"RIP ENSURE MY BETTER LIFE" ——— SAYS YEASIN ALI MAZUMDER*

Mr. Yeasin Ali Mazumder s/o. late Ishaque Ali Mazumder of Vill-Niz Bihara, Po. Beharabzar, District Cachar. He is an energetic young man of 37 yrs. He belongs to a BPL family. His family consists of 5 members. He has passed H.S.L.C examination in 1984. Since his boyhood, he has been thinking of starting a business to lead better life as he observed that by doing business, one can reach his destination. After passing H.S.L.C examination he has been suffering his family burden, and then he opened a cloth shop at Bhangarpar. After the few days his cloth business was not running well due to financial crisis. In that situation, he was stopped his cloth business. After lock his business he engaged as worker in a steel Fabrication unit at Kalain. He worked long days in fabrication unit and he obtained much experience for manufacturing steel fabrication items. Then one day, by the by, he came to know about the Rural Industries Program(RIP) which is running by Deshabandhu Club and sponsored by SIDBI. He joined RIP as a potential entrepreneur. Mr. Ali gave much importance to this information and established contacts with RIP coordinator of Deshabandhu Club. He has much gather experience for setting up industrial venture in support from credit linked subsidy program under REGP of KVIC scheme. Deshabandhu Club has prepared project proposal on Steel Fabrication unit and other guidance to them. Mr. Ali applied to KVIC office, Silchar for forwarding loan application under REGP scheme. The Coordinator of Deshabandhu Club was continuing to pursue for forwarding of loan application to concern department. KVIC has forwarded his loan application to the AGVB, Beharabazar, Branch. Accordingly Bank manager sanctioned his loan amounting Rs. 6.18 lac for setting up new steel fabrication unit under margin money scheme of KVIC. And as such he got a loan amount of Rs. 5.87, 100/- and with that money he opened a fabrication unit at Niz Behara. Now Mr. Ali is earning a sound amount of money and recovering his loan amount on installment basis to the bank, He engaged 6 nos. of permanent employee in his unit. He is now a position to deposit a handsome amount for his future also. He also got well recognition in the society. According to him RIP changed his life and boosts him towards success. He advocated to all unemployed youth to come forward and become an entrepreneur and join RIP which is running by Deshabandhu Club that can provide self employment opportunities as well as job scope for others.



## NEDFi INFORMATION CENTRE

DESHABANDHU CLUB is accredited regional NEDFi information centre. It provides information on self employment opportunities and facilitate the unemployed in starting self-employment ventures to cope up with unemployment problem. The status report of the centre for 2008-09 is given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of activity	Figure/ performance
1	No. of applicants applied for loan	36
2	Awareness program on Medicinal ,Aromatic Plants & Bio-Diesel	1
3	No. of persons visited the NEDFi centre	165
4	No. of persons made Telephonic contact	60
5	No. of persons counseled for self employment	105

## CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON HANDLOOM

Rural India is rich in resources & most of the resources remain unutilized due to lake of use of it. Development is very slow at the rural areas because people are unaware of the modern methods & mostly they are unorganized. Assam is rich in Handloom activity but the weavers are yet living in a dismal state due to their inability to compete in domestic as well as global market. They lack modern expertise & market to sell their product. Understanding the plight of the weavers NABARD has entrusted the NGOs to perform Cluster Development Programme with an aim to equip the weavers with latest training inputs, design development inputs , providing market linkage and credit linkage to the weavers so that they can become competent to market their products in domestic as well as international market



Deshabandhu Club has undertaken the activity from 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2007. A glimpse of the CDP activities for the year 2008-09 is given below:

Sl.No.	Name of activity	Figure/ performance
1	No. of Cluster Dev. Committee meet	1
2	No. SHG formation	1
3	No. of Federation formed	2
4	Training programme to the SHG members for book keeping & group management	16
5	No. of CFC construction by DRDA, Cachar	1
6	Participation mela/Exhibition	1
7	No. SDIs training	2

### ENTREPRENEUR SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To arrest the burning unemployment problem in India, the govt. of India has taken several initiatives in past The Govt. of India has been trying to enhance self-employment opportunities so, that the problems like unemployment & poverty can be minimized & the status of living of people can be Heightened. A nation can't grow if the society is poverty ridden. The country aims to create self-employment avenues through various programmes. Nation wishes to create self sufficient rural entrepreneurs with funding support by providing necessary technical inputs among the potential youths. It has been realized that mere training programme and other assistance can't serve the purpose but creating necessary market linkage is crucial. Khadi & Village Industries Commission has been supporting the Organization to carry on the self employment generation programmes for youths and a good number of entrepreneurs have been running their independent ventures. Govt of India has launched a new programme for self employment known as Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). KVIC has given Accredited Training Institute to the organization as a recourse training institute for imparting EDP training to the selected PMEGP beneficiaries of KVIC margin money scheme. A ten days duration of EDP training programme has been successfully conducted for the PMEGP beneficiaries at Cachar & Karimganj district.



## MICRO FINANCE

Self Help Group is a new hope in the area of poverty alleviation initiative taken up by the Govt of India as well as Non Governmental organization. The SHG concept was initiated in Bangladesh. Prof. Mohd Yunus had been the brain behind SHG evolved at Grameen Bank, Bangladesh. Several developing countries are now following the model in their economies. Conventional Banking system is yet unable to meet the financial needs of poor people. poverty ridden people are victims of the money lenders who charges around 10% interest per day in lieu of credit that let the

poor families to sell their all belongings to repay the credit . As part of poverty alleviation initiative the Govt of India now a days have various schemes to popularizes SHGs. The Govt of India has given responsibility to several financial institutions like NABARD, SIDBI etc. For promotion of SHGs during a particular financial year. The targets need to be fulfilled by those institutions so, that more poor families can be brought under the SHGs. The organization who have around 456 SHGs till now has been supported by NABARD & SIDBI etc to accelerate the Micro-credit

activities at the NGOs. It is an effort towards emancipation of poverty among rural masses & to accelerate the self-reliance & employment among the marginalized section of society. The organization started SHG movement in 1997 by now it has total 5472 members out of which 4632 members are female, Recently four members of the organization had been to Calcutta to gather learning experience on SHGs. Prof Abhijit Sharma, Professor of IIBM, Guwahati & Dipankar Mazumder had provided a three day long training on SHGs at DESHABANDHU CLUB.

## SANITATION

Sanitation is one of the basis determinants of quality of life & human development index. Sanitation is essential to improve the general health condition of the people it helps to reduce various preventable and communicable diseases. It is also significant from the societal point of view. Earlier the organization

1.	Squatting Plate- 49
2.	Joint pan trap- 57
3.	Pit cover - 1
4.	Junction cover - 2



Made a lot of awareness programme to create the habit of sanitation among the people. Meeting with small and large groups were made & village levels motivators were identified. Sanitary mart was constructed in the premises of the Organization. In 1999-2000, our organization started sanitation programme by establishing sanitary mart with financial & technical inputs from and deptt of PHE. Low cost hygienic latrine items such as squatting plate, joint pantrup, pit cover, pan tap etc are made & sold here. The organization provides technological support to the interested persons for preparing squatting plate, pit garbage, pit platform, draining system, production of sale iron several tiller is also done by the mart. Total 171 squatting plates have been made 2008 to march 2005. & following items are sold.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### SOCIAL COUNSELING & ADVOCACY

It is one of the important wings of DESHABANDHU CLUB. Legal aid cell started in 2004 with an aim educate every people on legal rights & providing legal assistance to every applicant sealing .The cell looks after marital disputes, cases on violence against

women & Child. It is heartening that most of the disputes been settled Down at the legal aid cell. Legal aid cell has received 33 applications on different grounds from April 2009. To March 2009.

	No. of cases	Resolved	Unresolved	Under trial	Cases sent for legal assitabec
Marital dispute	24	13	3	6	2
Land dispute	5	1	2	1	1
Family dispute	2	1		1	
Other dispute	1	1			
Business dispute	1	1			



## ANGANWADI TRAINING CENTRE

DESHABANDHU CLUB is recognized Anganwadi Training Centre (AWTC) under Directorate of social welfare, Assam. It is an old AWTC of Assam. AWTC of our organization had imparted job training to the total 130 Anganwadi workers of the ICDS projects of Lakhipur, Katigorah, Tapang, Kalain & Borkhla from April, 2008 to March 2009.



## GRAMIN VIKAS ANDOLAN

Water is the prime natural resource but only 1% of water is available for human need. Fresh water for a living will be one greatest challenge by 2025 as per UN estimation so, it is urgent to conserve water for tomorrow. We must know how to conserve water & its management also about sustainable of water resources.

In India 70% people are village dwellers mostly unaware about the necessary information required to grab opportunities of various programme under ministry

of rural development. It is urgent to make them informed by making them about the Govt programme & Govt of India always understand that NGOs can do the job.

Keeping this into account CAPART has supported DESHABANDHU CLUB to launch a scheme called ( Gramin Vikas Andolan ) at karbianglong district with a view to un urgent need for action on creation of public awareness about water conservation & management safe sanitation & sustainable utilization of water resources.

Being a Nodal NGO, the organization selected one field NGO, Rural area development society, Hamren from Chin thong Dev, Block of Karbianglong district for effective implementation of the programme. CAPART selected the NGO with direct guidance from nodal NGO basically to build/generate mass movement on water conservation & management through imparting training, workshops, exhibitions, campaigns, audio-visuals, folk dance, songs, drama, experience sharing, dissemination of modern & traditional techniques of conservation, management & quality to make awareness. The activity is continued at Humren Karbianglong district since 2007.

## CULTURE

Culture is the identity of a nation. India is a treasure house of culture. It is rich in cultural heritage & acclaimed worldwide. Only Cachar District, of North East India has 15 tribal communities. Reang, Dimasa, Hmar, Khasi, Adivasis, Rongmei Nagel, Manipuries are among them. It is essential to have a platform to convey the message of culture to the others. Culture used to be exchanged as it enriches

culture. The organization started Sangit Vidyalaya in 1989 to promote culture & give the foundation to the budding talent to show their potentialities with professional training. Plato said gymnastic & music is essential for students. It is the age for such training so, that they can become the philosopher kings. DESHABANDHU CLUB has cultural troop namely Deshabandhu Cultural mission. The aim of the

mission is to disseminate message on development to the masses on different societal issues and also letting know people the activities undertaken by DESHABANDHU CLUB. It also observes various cultural events on Rabindra & Nazrul Jayanti, Yuva Divas. International literacy day, world environment day etc. A glimpse of the activities of **Sangeet Vidyalaya given below:**

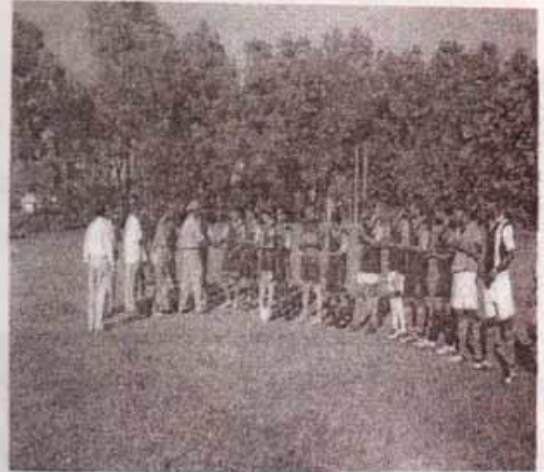
Deshabandhu Club has been running it since 1989. Two renowned teachers comes every Sunday to the organization, where sessions of sangeet vidyalaya are held. The student are performing good result. The detail performance of the sangeet Vidyalaya this year is as follows:

CLASS	STUDENT APPEARED	STUDENT PASSED			TOTAL PASSED
		1 <sup>ST</sup> DIV	2 <sup>ND</sup> DIV	3 <sup>RD</sup> DIV.	
Prathama	19	8	10	1	19
Madhyama	17	9	7	1	17
Vish-pt- I	16	Passed = 16			16
Vish-pt- II	9	----	8	1	9



## SPORTS

Sports always remained a very important activity of the organization. The organization has its root in the sports as it started as Balak Samiti, a football club in 1966. Sport is essential for youths as it creates positive energy among the youth & these youth are the real assets who can be the agent of social change in the days to come. The organization always take initiative to promote rural sports. In this year 18 teams participated in the football tournament & Tribal youth Club Noochari become winners. In cricket tournament 18 team participated & Mohanpur cricket team won the match. In DESHABANDHU CLUB carrom tournament total 10 teams participated. The host organization won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in doubles and Krishnakanta Singha of Jalagram won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize



## ANTI SUPERSTITION PROGRAMME

The organization has been constantly working about 20 years to drive away all kinds of superstition from the mind of the common people. Superstition is one kind of mania which sustain in people's mind and is a major social evil. Superstition makes people to believe that

a disease or disaster is the doing of none but angel or evil spirit.

It is found that rural masses, especially due to illiteracy, ignorance, blind belief, religious barricade, superstition are suffering from various deadly disease and thus often depending on

so called 'jiharpuk' or 'Tanro Manro' system which has no scientific base to minimize their problem. So there are a number of faith healers who cheat the common people and gain a lot of amount from them by giving various predictions

To address the situation the organization sensitizes people about harmful consequences of that particular matter through organizing various demonstration programme which is shown in the view. Showing exhibition, streetplay, drama etc.

Altogether 30 such programmes have been organized at different place of the Barakvalley including School, College, streets etc.

At last we can say it is the laudable performance of Deshabandhu Club when we see at Behara and other

nearest location, the people those who believed in that kind of 'Jharpuk' or 'tantra Mantra' now they totally dislike them (or that kind of matter). Even the small children of this locality can identify the cheater 'Sadhu' and through them out of the village.



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A view of group counseling with target group on REH project

A Snapshot of trainees of ICDS project along with instructor



A photograph of MR children performing in a cultural programme.





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