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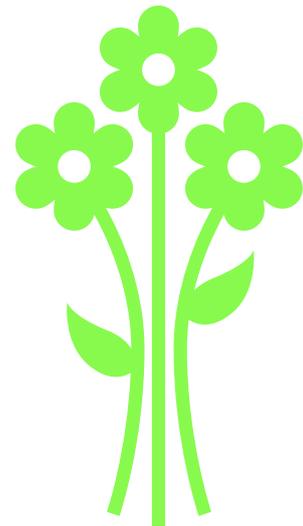


Mission

“To improve the socio-economic status of underserved area in North Eastern region through increased access to institutional service and financial services for livelihood support in sustainable manner. Ajagar Social Circle intends to offer diverse activities with exemplary community services while striving to become a people friendly institution.”

Vision

“To be the most respected and preferred organisation of the North Eastern region with exemplary community service, by serving 75,000 underserved people by 2020.



VALUE

A ctive Team Work

J ust and Fair in actions

A ccountability, Professionalism and Discipline

G enuine Concern about Community and Staffs

A cceptance towards Changes

R espect for all

About Us:

Ajagar Social Circle, Agia is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, secular and development oriented voluntary organisation. The organisation is initiated by eight likeminded young practitioners to bring about a change in social, economic, cultural spheres by supporting low income segment and increasing the livelihood opportunities of the people in the North Eastern Region. The organisation at present is engaged in a number of activities that are clearly demarcated and collectively aims at providing social and economic security to the farming, allied and non farming community living in the Assam-Meghalaya belt in the of North Eastern Region.

The Circle was formally registered in the year 2001 under Society Registration Act 1860 XXI Vide Registration No. RS/GOAL/125/B/26 of 2001-02. The Organisation has also been registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act Vide Registration No. 020760016 in 2008 and under Section 12A and 80G under Income Tax Act.

The area of our operation is entire North Eastern Region of India. But at present, the organisation is working in Goalpara, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Tinsukia, Kamrup district in Assam, Chirang district in BTAD and Baghmara in South Garo Hills of Meghalaya.

About the geography of Goalpara District:

The Goalpara district is located between 25.53^o and 26.3^o N latitudes; 90.07^o and 91.05^o E longitudes with a geographical area of 1832 sq km, is bounded by Garo Hills in the South and Kamrup district on the East, Dhubri district on the West and the Brahmaputra all along the North. There are 8 development blocks and as per the 2011 census, Goalpara had population of 1,008,183 of which male and female were 513,292 and 494,891 respectively. The economy of the district is primarily agrarian and 90% of the population depends on agriculture for livelihood. The principal agricultural commodities are-rice, jute, green / black gram and potato. Areca nut had been a major cash crop in some pockets, but the crop is being replaced by rubber plantations. Banana is major crop in some pockets.

Average literacy rate of Goalpara district in 2011 were 67.37 compare to 58.03 of 2001. If things are looked out at gender wise, male and female literacy are 71.46 and 63.13 respectively.

Goalpara District is a one of the most backward district of Assam. The education scenario of Goalpara District is quite poor in comparison with other districts of Assam.

Strength of staffs:

The organisation is fully equipped with a dedicated work force. Presently, 78 numbers of full time staff is working in different section of the organisation. Beside them, organisation engages part time project staff as per requirement.

Activities and Achievements:

1. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)

Ajagar Social Circle (ASC) received an opportunity to implement the scheme, "Installation of one lakh Shallow Tube wells for irrigation in the state of Assam under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) of NABARD" in Goalpara district of Assam. This scheme is focused in infrastructure development in rural areas, through which the standard of rural livelihood would be increased.



National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the prime funder in this project. The project had an objective to install 1 lakh shallow tube wells in the non-irrigated areas of Goalpara district. In the ongoing project, a total of 7132 applications for STWs have been received and 5817 applications have been approved by DLSC. 42 motivational camps also held regarding the benefits and usefulness of STWs, which can increase the productivity of our agricultural land. Many more motivational camps will be conducted and STWs will be installed in many rural parts of Goalpara district. This project is still under process and will be completed with due time. The remote villages will be benefitted with the implementation of this project. The department of Agriculture of Goalpara district is playing a very crucial role in making this project a success. The grass root level work is under progress and will be completed with due time.

2. Implementation of Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)



The project which started in the year 2013 has been continuing since then. Ajagar Social Circle has been engaged with this project since the beginning. The Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) implementation was an Externally Aided Project (EAP) implemented by Ajagar Social Circle for the Public Works Roads Department (PWRD) through the Assam State Road Board (ASRB) for resettling the affected

population in the region due to construction of roads in Bongaigaon and Barpeta district. World Bank funded this project.

Under the project ASC played a crucial role in the identification and verification of affected persons. Post Design Consultation, accompanying and representing the EPs at the Grievance Committee Meeting, assisting the EPs and the District R&R Cells identify and negotiate for the new Land for Resettlement, assisting the eligible PAP to take advantage of the existing Government Housing and Employment Scheme etc. have been conducted by ASC.



The project mainly focused to find out the Non-Title holder (NTH), Title holder (TH), Common property resources (CPR) by conducting house to house survey and prepared list, Micro plan, disbursing the assistances, Training for sustainable livelihood and assist in developing the required skills for livelihood

rehabilitation, Awareness Campaign on HIV/AIDS and road safety etc

In this financial year, the PAPs have been resettled in the different location with a very peaceful manner. In the future they would be provided training camps for the skill development of the locals who were affected by this project.

3. Krishak Samridhi (An Income Enhancement initiative):

Krishak Samridhi project is funded by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and ASC got an opportunity to implement this project in Goalpara district. This scheme had an objective to enhance the average income of the selected villages by 60%. The villages selected for this project were Saplengkata, Tisimpur, Ketkibari, Thakurbhilla, Gosaigadhowa, Narayanpara, Jagonapara, Hatighopa and Kisoridubi. Areas in which this project focused were to enhance gross income, reduce costs and to stabilise income. Interventions of the project were to provide agricultural support to the



farmers of the villages by providing HYV seeds and fertilizers to them, providing livestock support by encouraging them to invest in piggery and dairy farming in a commercial manner, water resource management by setting up Shallow Tube wells (STW), renovating natural streams and construction of ponds etc.

Many farmers were provided with HYV seeds for their growth in crop production. Many STWs have also been installed in some rural areas where there is a scarcity of irrigation. Many ponds were constructed in some villages for fishery development in this financial year. The project is not yet completed yet and many more schemes are to be implemented with due time.

4. Ajagar Valley Academy

The legacy of Ajagar Valley Academy starts with the handover of Jupiter English School by the School Management Authority to give a proper shape a

nd built up the institute as an ideal centre for learning. Since August 2007 Ajagar Social Circle tried its level best to uplift the school to an ideal one and during this process it has gained lots of experiences. The source of energy and the conviction to make the school as an ideal one derives from the community and their support in every step of its implementation.

Ajagar Social Circle believes that the responsibility to build up such an institution and fulfilling the aspiration of the community is one of the most delicate and prime factor. To make the institute as a centre of Excellency various steps are taken so far and road map has been drawn.

The School stands for comprehensive understanding and can feel the insight of human life and become competent enough to survive and prosper in the world with adequate &

balance development in education, spiritual, moral, academic, physical, social and cultural aspects; & be a just citizen of our nation.

To fulfil the vision, the Ajagar Valley Academy facilitates an environment in which every student discovers and realises his thrust area, ability, and potentiality. The school will provide the best of education possible within the ambit of its capacity and establish a noble relation among teachers, students, parents and other stakeholders attached with the teaching learning process.

The teaching learning methods will be based on the modern and latest one applicable and possible in respect of the ambit with due respect to the regional aspects followed by the heterogynous community belong to the same.

For an overall development and creating a sound and humanistic society the school aims at the development of the complete personality of its students by creating:

- ✓ An understanding and appreciation of India's rich culture heritage with a special attention towards regional themes, its value and relevance
- ✓ Develop a sense of integrity, ethics, and honesty with stern Self Respect & Value
- ✓ Leadership, with a sense of team work and fair play
- ✓ Create awareness towards environment & conservation of ecology
- ✓ Understanding the changing socio economic aspects and prepare for the future
- ✓ To be a good citizen in particular capable to project as a Global Citizen in general

Besides there were different activities performed by AVA;

Eco Club Earth Day Celebration: On 22nd April 2017 “Earth Day” was celebrated in AVA. The students cleared the ground of plantation and different competitions such as slow gun writing and art competition was arranged reflecting the theme.

World Environment Day: On 5th June 2017 World Environment Day was observed and in this connection Drawing Competition, Essay Writing Competition, Debate Competition and Science Exhibition was organised. In this connection the school wall magazine ‘Jinari’ unvailed to spread the awareness on environment.



Prakriti Khoj: On 25.09.2017 the students of AVA participated in “Prakriti Khoj: Online Environment Quiz” and able to reach third round.

Ishan Vikash: The participation of Ajagar Valley academy, Agia, Goalpara in the Ishan Vikash programme, which was organised by Ministry of Human Resource Development and hosted at IIT-Delhi, was memorable and noteworthy. The programme was specially organised for the North Eastern State’s students is really beneficial as the region is lacking exposure in different fields. Ajagar Valley Academy got the chance to participate in it and considered to be fortunate. This programme was from 6th-14th December 2017, and we the entire students of Class XI of AVA participated in it, out of which 4 boys (Pankaj Rabha, Salsarang Sangma, Binudhar Rabha and Harwell Marak), 6 girls (Bandita Devi Rabha, Maini Khatun, Bhawana Das, Bandita Sutradhar, Chigisil Momin and Mridusmita Rabha) along with two faculty members (Ankita Sarkar and Iran Saikia). It really helps us to be motivated to pursue higher education and increase our fascination for science.

At present the school has strength of 496 students and 56 teachers. During this year the achievement of HSLC examination is 100%. All total 12 students were appeared in the examination. During this time the first batch of the Higher Secondary level the result is also declared. All total there are 12 students in Arts Stream and 20 in Science Stream and the success rate is 100%.

5. Ajagar Weaving



By creating Wavers society, Ajagar Social Circle wanted to empower the traditional weavers and to protect and promote the indigenous designs and motives. Moreover it also organised training and exposure programme at different level with NEDFi and NABARD.

Giving utmost importance to this sector Ajagar Social Circle put special attention on the following points.

1. To promote traditional weavers and to ensure a better livelihood through weaving.
2. To influence the new generation to be involved in weaving and maintain the traditional practices with value addition.
3. Conduct training programme and exposure visit to empower the weavers.
4. Encourage the weavers to work on cotton, eri and silk which have a high market value and thereby they will be able to earn considerably through it.
5. To upgrade the traditional looms to enhance the productivity.
6. Diversify and customise the product for an expended market.
7. Worked with natural colour dying targeting the sensible section of the community.

6. Dairy Farming

Considering the importance of Dairy Farming Ajagar Social Circle maintaining a farm to give training to the local people about Dairy Farming. The local farmers used to visit the dairy and get technical guidance for rearing cows.

7. Annual Meet:

