

ACHIEVMENT REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ABRALOW MEMORIAL MULTIPURPOSE SOCIETY:

The NGO AMMS is deeply involved in the upliftment of the socio-educational scenario since its inception. The time and degree of involvement in the field can be traced through host of activities/news clipping reports.

1. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya



KGBV wins laurels for quality education

HUNLI, Dec. 14: Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women chairman Jarjum Ete has lauded Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) here for imparting quality education for all round development of the girl children.

Ete, who visited the school with a host of district officers on 11 December, said that educating a girl amounts to educating a whole family and reiterated, "Rapid development of the society cannot take place if womenfolk are deprived of education and left out of the decision making and participatory process."

This lone KGBV of the district is



where the lapses happened. While interacting with the local denizens, she appealed to them to extend their support in smooth running of the school to facilitate girl's education, a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution. The commission is committed to bring qualitative education to the poor girl child at all cost, she said, and assured to apprise the state chief minister of various problems.

Overwhelmed with the school functioning, Iipa Hissai said, "To see a school of this kind functioning in the remote high altitude place like Hunli was beyond my expectation".

Hunli KGBV branded best in country



but this residential girl's school is outstanding and it makes a role model for rest of the country," commented A K Kar, IIPA Senior Audit officer, after a two-day visit to the school on June 22 and 23 last.

He, however, expressed concern over the financial problem caused by delay in release of funds by the state govt. Lauding the management for running the school successfully despite the hurdle, Kar assured that he would convey it to the Govt of India.

Kar was accompanied by IIPA Audit Officer S Talukdar, SSA Rajya Mission Finance Comptroller P Jayaraman and other state officials.

HUNLI, June 24: The Delhi based Institute of Public Auditors of India (IIPA) of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development has labeled the lone Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Lower Dibang Valley at Hunli, about 90 kms from Roing, as one of the best in the country. The IIPA is responsible for assessment of schemes implemented under the SSA across the country.

"I have been to many places in India to assess SSA schemes

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KGBV parents-teacher meet vows to reduce gender gap in education sector

ITANAGAR, Dec 01: A parent-teacher meet was held at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya School campus recently to voluntarily discuss the problems and achievements of the KGBV. About 200 parents took part in the meeting.

Presiding over the meeting Karamjit Singh, secretary, Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society (AMMS) has outlined upon the educated mothers to play a pivotal role in the holistic development of girl children in school education.

Listening over the presentation of history, vision and backward plan of the state, Mrs. Lakshmi Devi KGBV stated in her address that the gender gap in the country is widening the school such as procurement of textbooks, payment of salary to the teachers etc.

Later the hon'ble discussed the ways and means to collect fund and decided to sought financial assistance from the MP and local MLA for supplementary development of the Vidyalaya.

The meet also decided to approach elected representatives for upgradation of the KGBV.

Thanks to meet, the headmistress of the school gave the detail progress and achievement of the school in the last five years and she had warmly welcomed the presence of the mothers.



Training over the financial problems faced by 1000 girls in last and currently 1000 girls in the school.

2. Information Education & Communication Campaign under Total Sanitation Campaign)



Total sanitation campaign in Lower Dibang Valley

ROING, Nov 9: Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) campaign is launched in Lower Dibang Valley district under District Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) Committee, Roing and Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society (AMMS).

The campaign started on first week of November at New Abali and continued in Iduli village on Tuesday under the Koronu Community Development with assistance from Kera-aa Society (KAS) where large number of public, students, self help groups and teachers attended.

The awareness programme is the ongoing campaign which was inaugurated in September 2006 by former Dambuk MLA Roding Perin.

Talking on the objective of the TSC campaign, PHED Executive Engineer S Perin said: "Sanitation is not all about the solid wastes, but is also about adopting its proper disposal methods including well drainage system."

Personal hygiene, according to him also included proper disposal of faeces since open defecation is one of the main sources of many diseases.

PHED Assistant Engineer O Yirang informing the villager on individual household latrine (IHHL) scheme said, "To attain full sanitation coverage with a totally open, defecation-free environment, the government has instituted in 2005 an award to be given to Panchayati Raj Institu-

tions for proper implementation of IHHL scheme."

"The Nirmal Gram Puruskar award carries a cash award starting from 50,000 to 500,000."

Zilla Parishad Member Anjitha Menjo, Chief Guest of Abali campaign in his speech thanked the PHED department and its officials for imparting awareness on water, sanitation and various government schemes related to it. Local Anchal Samity Member Apudi Menjo also thanked the organizers and PHED for the awareness campaign.

In the ongoing campaign, water quality field test kits were also displayed by KAS Chairperson Napi Meto assisted lab technician of district hospital regarding handling of kits in the village.

Central rural sanitation programme launched in Lower Dibang Valley

By Bishnu Rona

ROING, Oct 3: Lower Dibang Valley WATSAN (Water and sanitation) Committee in collaboration with Abralow Memorial Multi-Purpose Society, a Huni-based NGO organized a trainer's training programme on water and sanitation here recently.

In his key note address PHED EE K Perin, who is also the member secretary of district WATSAN Committee explained the basic objective of WATSAN. "Lack of sanitation and absence of awareness have led to 80% of sicknesses as well as high infant mortality rate in our country. The concept of sanitation which includes personal hygiene, home sanitation, safe drinking water and disposal of garbage, excreta and waste-water if practiced in our daily life that could keep all ailments at bay, he said. He also sought involvement of NGOs, community based organizations, local groups, Panchayats Raj institutions (PRI) in this regard.

Earlier, launching the central

rural sanitation programme in the district, MLA Roding Perin suggested the trainer's of the training to spread the message of health and hygiene at the grass root level. He also urged the WATSAN Committee to conduct block level training programme and make the campaign a total success in the district.

Deputy commissioner and chairman of the WATSAN committee Bida Gadi said that Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) has been implemented by the government of India with an objective of improving the living standard of rural people. The campaign is first in the district which needs cumulative effort for its success. He also requested the NGOs to come forward and expedite the mission in the interior areas of this district.

JK Katiyar, K Basar DIET lecturer, P N John ASW PHED, Abu Saring DAEO were the resource persons of the training programme.

NGOs, teachers, panchayats leaders, student, government officials attended the training programme.

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IEC Campaign Shine "Banggo Village Nominated for NGP award"

Bango, Dec 24 :Under the aegis of District WATSAN (Water and Sanitation) Committee Roing and Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society (AMMS) has conducted IEC Campaign under Total Sanitation Campaign effort to bring behavioural change in the rural areas of the district.

Bango village under Dambuk-Paglam CD block has emerged as one of the village that has performed as per the expectation of the campaign.

In view of selecting a Gram Panchayat Members for Nirmal Gram Purushkar award (NGP) a programme was organised on 19th & 20th December 2011, at Dambuk and Banggo Village respectively. Representatives of AMMS, conducted water quality field test under National Rural Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance programme. On this occasion Terafil water filter were distributed by PHED at Banggo, which is first of its kind in the district where a large number of public, students, SHGs and teachers were present in the programme Chaired by Shri. T. Tali, SDO, Dambuk with other dignitaries like. Anchal Chairperson Mrs. Tupik Saring, Shri. Moba Riba, ASM, Banggo, GBs, ASMs, and GPMs. The Directorate of Community Capacity Development Unit PHED, Itanagar, Government of Arunachal Pradesh has nominated Banggo village for Nirmal Gram (See Page - 2)



3. Sensitization, Workshop and Training to PRI's for Handling Water Quality Field Test Kits under National Rural Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Programme.

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An NGO worker demonstrating a water test.

ROING, July 27: According to the North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWLM), six districts of the State have

arsenic contamination in their water sources causing concern for the authorities. The six districts are Papum Pare, East Kameng, West Kameng,

Lower Subansiri and Lower Dibang Valley and Tirap.

In a letter to the department of Public Health Engineering & Water Supply

(PHE&WS), the Roing based NGO - Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society (AMMS) drew the attention of the authorities and stressed on the need for mass awareness by including grassroots level organizations. It said that the report prepared by AK Singh, Associate Professor and adviser, soil and water testing and microbiology lab of NERIWLML observed that Lower Dibang Valley has the maximum arsenic contamination among the affected six districts (see table).

"In this connection, it is to be noted that the unusual high concentration of the arsenic content in Hunli and Midland areas, the portability of ground water may seriously affect human health. It is also the need of the time to make a long term environment planning to break the danger from such pollution," the NGO pointed.

As per the preliminary and probability report, the water Ph of Desali circle in Arunachal Pradesh was found slightly acidic through water

field test conducted in Hunli-Desali block. The Ph of drinking water was found within the permissible levels as per guidelines of BIS. In hilly areas, most of the drinking water was earlier harnessed from rivers, ponds and natural springs. Many springs are reportedly becoming seasonal. In plain areas most of the domestic water is harnessed from ground water through shallow tube wells and dug wells. Availability of drinking water in summer is severely marred and the overall quality is unsuitable. The frequency of ground water withdrawal is taking place because of

increase in irrigation. The NGO observed that lack of awareness among the rural masses about the water quality, issues and the problems related to water borne diseases is alarming. In this context, capacity building of Panchayats to own the field test kits and take up full O&M responsibility, monitoring all drinking water sources in their respective PRI areas is the need of the hour. It said to strengthen the National Rural Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme, sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, Ministry of Rural De-

velopment, Government of India, New Delhi through Community Capacity Development Unit, (CCDU) PHED Itanagar, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, a mass awareness programme is to be rejuvenated.

"Looking into this matter, concerned department needs to continue engaging NGOs to find the facts and create awareness. The state nodal agency must understand the importance of NERIWLML reports and include arsenic test component in its agreement with the NGOs working in the field," AMMS added.

Major Arsenic contaminated districts of Arunachal Pradesh*

District	Number of Samples analysed (% age of Area contaminated)	Location	pH	Iron (mg/l)	Arsenic (ug/l)
Papum Pare	21 (22.4)	Charnah	8.2	1.956	14
West Kameng	20 (2.0)	Dirang	7.8	4.931	127
East Kameng	30 (2.0)	Paaba	8.0	1.051	58
Lower Subansiri	28 (42.85)	Yazal, Yazal Va & Dikom	8.8-7.5	0.25-1.14	83-109
Lower Dibang Valley	18 (42.50)	Hunli & Midland	7.8	0.182	76
Tirap	28 (34.20)	Rhonia	7.4	5.259	90

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Highest level of groundwater Arsenic found in Lower Dibang valley

ITANAGAR, Jul 27: Arsenic has been found at levels of health concern, in sources of drinking water in various districts in Arunachal Pradesh with Lower Dibang Valley highest among those.

Contamination of groundwater by Arsenic has been found highest in Lower Dibang Valley (see table in page 3) among six districts, including Papum Pare, East Kameng, West Kameng, Lower Subansiri and Tirap, Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society said in its letter to the Director, Community Capacity Development Unit (CCDU) PHED, on the basis of a report by A.K.Singh, Associate Professor and adviser, Soil & water testing & microbiology Lab North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management, Assam.

While expressing seri-

ous concern over the level of Arsenic concentration in ground water at Hunli and Midland, which may cause serious health problems, the NGO appealed to the Director to make a long term policy to get rid of this serious problem.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommended value is 0.01 milligram Arsenic for per liter of water and the maximum permissible limit is 0.05 mg/l. It is matter of great concern that in many cases the Arsenic concentration in the ground water in Arunachal Pradesh crossed the WHO recommended value and maximum permissible limit.

However, the preliminary and probability report, the water Ph of Desali circle was found slightly acidic as per water field test conducted in Hunli-Desali block. The Ph of drinking water was found within the

permissible level as per guideline of BIS.

"Lack of awareness among the rural masses about the water quality, issues and the problems related to water has become a serious cause of concern," the NGO said and advocated for capacity building of Panchayats to own the field test kit and take up full O&M responsibility and monitoring of all drinking water sources in their respective areas.

"To strengthen the National Rural Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme, sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, Ministry of Rural Development through Community Capacity Development Unit, (CCDU) PHED Itanagar a mass awareness programme is to be rejuvenated," the NGO said.

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4. National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC)



Environment awareness camp

Correspondent
ROING, Aug 9: The two days extensive National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC) launched by the Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society (AMMS) in association with Ke-raa Society organized plantation at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Hunli.

Around 200 people from different walks of life participated in the programme.

Headmistress KGBV Sumila Linggi stressed on educating the children on the importance of environment so that they develop a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

The growing population has inflicted untold damage to environment, she added.

Deputy Range officer R. Kanungo while sharing his feeling said that human being is destroying the envi-



ronment for their own greed. They are rampantly cutting down forests and polluting air, water and soil. Our survival is at stake yet we are not taking care of our environment. It is high time we generate awareness on en-

vironment for our survival, he further said.
 The environment is a vast and vital subject which requires a strong commitment and everyone should pitch in for protection and preservation, said Amuge

Misu in charge Govt. Middle School, Hunli.

As many as 200 seedling were planted within the school premises. Literary competitions were also organized to mark the occasion.

5. Interpersonal Communication Awareness at Gram Panchayat Level



6. Arunachal Environmental Awareness Campaign Programme (CAMPA)



7. Conservation awareness through filming and documentation on wildlife in Eastern Arunachal Pradesh



8. Health Camp at remote Desali Village



Assistance for remote Desali

ITANAGAR, May 23: A two days medical camp was organised at Desali from May 18.

The camp was organised by Hunli Sub-divisional administration with assistance of Arun Jyoti, Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society, Idu Azo Charitable Society, IMCLS, Idu Mishmi Govt. Employees Association, Creative Health Association, Ezelle Lions Club and the office of the District Medical Officer, Roing.

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The camp was organised during the month of May since most of the diseases happen to appear during the period and then spread, in case of communicable ones, by June and July. These are also the months when it becomes tough for the people from the area to venture out to Roing, the District Headquarter, for medical treatment on account of the heavy rains and land slide.

In the inaugural function as a chief guest Mama Miso Ex-ASM Desali expressed deep satisfaction over the camp in the presence of GB'S and villagers. This programme would benefit the villagers in a large scale. He also spoke for the early completion of the road

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Hundreds benefited at Desali Health Camp.

Roing, May 31: In an attempt to reach out the health delivery system at the door step of remote Desali circle, a two days medical camp was organised at Desali from May 18 benefiting hundreds of patients. The camp was organised by Hunli Sub-divisional administration with assistance of Arun Jyoti, Abralow Memorial Multipurpose Society, Idu Azo Charitable Society, IMCLS, Idu Mishmi Govt. Employees Association, Creative Health Association, Ezelle Lions Club and the office of the District Medical Officer, Roing. The medicines were carried on head load by the ALCs from the Sub divisional Headquarter of Hunli to the Circle Headquarter of Desali, through some of the most devastative terrains which include turbulent rivers, steep climbs, and slippery precipices over a 6 hour trek.

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9. Conservation Awareness Campaign through Plantation Drive to Save Mishmi Hills Hoolock Gibbon in Lower Dibang Valley

