

1. Workshop on 'Sustainable Solar Energy' Entrepreneurship for rural youths (Woman & Man) at Haflong

The Society for Integrated Rural & Urban Development (SIRUD) a civil society, Haflong, Dima Hasao organized a Workshop on Sustainable Solar Energy Entrepreneurship at Cultural Institute Hall, Haflong today on 4th July 2014. The workshop is organized mainly for the local rural woman, youths and NGO to provide sustainable solar energy to underserved community in the district and beyond.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr Nirmal Singh, Executive Director of Society for Integrated Rural & Urban Development SIRUD, Haflong with welcome speech and felicitation with traditional muffer to resource person Sudhir Kulkarni, ASM and Ravi Kanth, Manager, SELCO Bangalore incubation centre. The workshop was conducted by Sudhir Kulkarni and Ravi Kanth with in-depth knowledge on renewable energy and to fulfill the energy requirement for community for future and on sustainable-grass root access to solar energy system in the district with flowing subjects

- For starting up careers in solar energy sector
- Access to banking sector
- To get electricity in each household, schools and community centers
- Lights for children's education
- Increase income generation activity

The initiative is taken jointly by the SELCO, India Incubation Centre, Bangalore and SIDF to support social enterprise. The training was attended by more than 50(fifty) people from remote villages, NGOs, SHGS, Clusters apart from individual trainee from different part of Dima Hasao District.

Funding Sources: SELCO & Membership Fee

2. Half Marathon on HIV AIDS organized in association with Jt. Director Health Services, Haflong, Dima Hasao

A Half Marathon race among school student have organised in Haflong on AIDS Awareness Jointly by the Assam AIDS Control Society, Jt. Director Health Services, Dima Hasao Journalists' Union (DHJU), NYK and Society For Integrated Rural & Urban Development, Haflong. The program was started from Cultural Institute Hall, Haflong early in the morning at 6:00 AM today and flagged off by the Chief Guest, H Haolai, Dy Secretary, N.C.Hills Autonomous Council in presence of FT Amap, Jt. Director Health Services with briefing by Nirmal Singh, Executive Director, SIRUD and Vice President, DHJU on the occasion. One hundred male fifty female students took part in the Half Marathon race from different schools and colleges of Haflong wearing T Shirt on AIDS prevention provided by the organiser.

Prize distribution ceremony and a awareness on AIDS was also held on the day, Nirmal Singh welcomed all the participants and also given speech on HIV-AIDS, giving stress on prevention and social indiscrimination on AIDS patient. Other hand FT Amap urged the youths to shoulder responsibility to prevent AIDS and informed the participants and public present on the facility available in the AIDS cell at civil Hospital, Haflong. On the occasion speech was also given on HIV by district councillor, while the Chief Guest, H Haolai, extended his thanks to the participants' for taking part in a big way which might help in prevent AIDS in the society.

The Prizes, mementos, certificates and cheques were given respectively with rupees 13,000/- to the 1st prize winner Martin L Farhem, Nazarat School, Muolhoi, rupees 10,000/- to the 2nd prize winner Kiselungbe Jeme, Govt Bys HS Scholl and rupees 7,000/- to the Lungseneng Kuame of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Haflong. A consolation prize with pen is given to top seven runners and participation certificate to all the participants of Half Marathon. Hundreds of general public to witness the event apart from teachers and staffs of medical department, latter the votes of thank was given by the FT Amap Jt Director Health Service, Haflong, Dima Hasao.

Funding Sources: Jt. Director Health Services (Assam AIDS Control Society)

3. Awareness program on Early Marriage in association with NYKs, Haflong, Dima Hasao

The awareness camps on Child marriage and gender equality was organized by SIRUD, Haflong in collaboration with NYK, Haflong, N.C.Hills, Assam. The camp was mainly attended by Rural youth including women, program along with workshop was held during the 2 days seminars to create awareness to village leaders including religious leader. Legal concept on female Foeticides, Child marriage such as sex determination, dowry system, and child marriage and gender equality were also discussed broadly to reduce the cause significantly.

Location: Jatinga Village, N.C.Hills, Haflong, Tribal Community

Benefits: The above program benefited 50 youths including village religious leader and women organization from jatinga. The camp was mainly to create awareness among the rural community on effect, cause, remedies, legalities and social reforms to eradicate and to improve the above area interacting the masses in general.

Funding Sources: NYKs, Haflong & SIRUD