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FXBIS Assam digitalizes rural lives

FXBIS took another step towards a better connectivity and advancement in the means of livelihood for the people of Assam! It is a common belief that in the world of technology hustle, rural India is not even in race, FXBIS is here to change that. This year, FXB India Suraksha launched Agricultural Resource Centers in Assam so that in this age of information dissemination primarily through the internet our friends from the countryside are not left behind. In this initiative, HDFC Bank has been the source of undying support. This initiative is an extension of an existing system. FXBIS, along with HDFC Bank had already set up Agricultural Resource Centers (ARCs) - this new initiative has now digitalized the existing ARCs of the rural Darrang (Assam).

This will have a ripple effect of benefits in the lives of these people. The new and digitalized ARCs will facilitate accessing resources online and interacting with agricultural scientists for updated farming techniques, applying for government schemes, updates on weather forecast, knowledge of prevailing prices and accessing wider markets and so on. This will not only make life easier but also have a long lasting larger impact of creating an easily accessible platform of limitless knowledge and learning and in turn making agriculture productive and profitable for small & marginal farmers! This, we believe, is the kind of education that will create better livelihood.



FXBIS deepens action in Andhra Pradesh

Service for those who are infected/affected by HIV/AIDS has always been a subject close to FXBIS's heart. Team FXB India Suraksha at Andhra Pradesh State, Visakhapatnam is implementing a comprehensive care and support project for HIV/AIDS affected families of the region. Under this project the organization is providing several services including medical support and counselling to all these families. Not just that, among these families, 78 needy families being provided with supplementary nutrition kits every month. Besides, Mutually Aided Co-operative Society (MACS) is functioning successfully with 100 beneficiaries as members taking active part.

Team Andhra Pradesh is also implementing FXBIS' Core Program in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada districts of Andhra Pradesh. The initiatives made and activities carried out (in villages and urban slums) under FXBIS' project(s) in the state cover all four of our domains. The team is implementing the domain Access to Quality Education and Improved Health Status of the most vulnerable communities amongst the slums of old post office area in Visakhapatnam district. Besides, under this project FXBIS conducted Life skill education to the school children, Supplementary Education to 60 students in 2 centres and also other health awareness activities implanting in the project area.

Yes together we can – A team at Manipur rescues lives

A rescue operation at Manipur was carried out and it was a success! A successful collaboration came through between the FXBIS Manipur team, the state's Social Welfare department, AHTU and central governments of India and Nepal in the face of the evil everywhere. 179 persons of Nepal origin, enroute to being trafficked to Myanmar were rescued and repatriated. Seen in the pictures is FXBIS programme officer warmly welcomed by the officials from Nepal at Indo-Nepal border at the time of handing over the victims to Nepal Government officials. This operation, which is an outcome of MUKTI programme (launched in 2015), is testimony to FXBIS' core belief of building strong alliances with state actors and creating shared narratives to truly impact with efficiency in situations of life and death impending deadlines. Team FXBIS thanks state officials, embassies of both countries for reposing faith in us. Together we believe, together we can!



Action covered in news!

71 more victims of human trafficking rescued

STAFF REPORTER

IMPHAL: A day after NGOs, police and agencies rescued 105 women and children from being trafficked to Myanmar, another 71 persons including 22 men, who are suspected to target of human traffickers were rescued from different parts of the state including Imphal airport on Saturday.

Strict measures are being taken up by different NGOs, police, social welfare department and anti-human trafficking unit across the state following the rescue operation on Friday, which was initiated based on intelligence inputs.

In continuation of the operation, Tengenoupal police rescued five women and 15 men from Moreh areas on Saturday.

A joint team led by social welfare deputy director (WP) Binobala Nongmeikappam,

EEMA secretary S Radhapyari, FXB India Suraksha project officer Sunil Meitei, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit in-charge Yumnam Kheda rescued 40 women and 11 men from different parts of Imphal.

The team first rescued three women from Imphal Airport on Saturday. They then rescued 31 women and seven men from Airline Hotel, which is located opposite to the Airport gate. Later, the team rescued two women and four men from Hotel Northeast, North AOC and another four women from Hotel Royal Lodge.

So far, the team has rescued 176 suspected victims of human trafficking in the last two days.

Two persons from Nepal, who were arrested for their alleged involvement in trafficking of women and girls were remanded to five days' police

custody, a team of Imphal City police station rounded up another male in connection with the same case.

The City police team led by its officer in-charge inspector Ingocha Singh arrested the third suspected human trafficker from an Imphal area on Saturday. Apart from disclosing that the accused is a resident of Kanglatongbi, the police declined to reveal identity of the arrestee on the ground that it might hamper further investigation.

Meanwhile, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Imphal West granted police plea for taking into further custody of the two Nepalese nationals who were arrested from Hotel Santosh, Paona Keithel (Bazar) on Friday on the charge of trafficking women and girls from Nepal to Myanmar.

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FXBIS plans to transform Meghalaya

The Ri- Bhoi district is connected to Shillong and Guwahati by a national highway and district is known for its horticulture and floriculture production. A FXBIS project is running in Umling block of Ri-Bhoi District of Meghalaya state. A new proposed Holistic Development project is planned to be implemented in four villages of Umling block. This proposed project is an expansion to the existing intervention to promote livelihoods and employability of youth in the areas. The project villages include - Pahambirthem, Pahammadaloi, Pahamshken and Pahamrinai. These villages are closely located to Nongpoh town which is a district headquarters of Ri-Bhoi district. All the villages are located between 5 to 10 Kms distance from this town. But considering the hilly terrain of the area and lack of public transport these villages are still remote and poorly connected to the main cities.

Other Stories

DOUBLE POWER - FXBIS AND CHILDLINE COME TOGETHER IN MANIPUR

FXB India Suraksha in March, 2019 was appointed as a collaborative Non - Governmental Organisation (NGO) for the district of Ukhrul, Manipur to run their CHILDLINE (1098), 24*7 emergency helpline outreach service for children in distress as part of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

As part of the programme, CHILDLINE is mandated to provide assistance to children in need of care and protection or in distress in collaboration with other stakeholders such as District Administration, District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board, Police Department, Education Department and NGOs/CBOs. Missing Children (reporting), Rescue, Restoration, Rehabilitation, Emotional Support, Medical help, Parents (asking for help) etc. and organizing awareness programmes through Open House and Outreach are the core activities under the programme.

FXBIS is dedicated towards taking the initiative to great heights through active preventive and curative measures. A society where the children cease to even need protection, a society where practices like child trafficking and abuse are minimized to nil is our aim at FXBIS. Until that is achieved, our teams will be on their toes providing every service a child in distress may ever need. CHILDLINE is a great platform to move ahead towards this aim.

FXBIS FACILITATES CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ASSAM RIFLES

Team FXBIS at Assam conducted a capacity-building programme for 15 Assam Rifles. Para-military forces have a critical role to play in protection of children (and persons) and prevention of human trafficking.

We are grateful to the 15 Assam Rifles for partnering with FXBIS, to effectively combat HT and enable create a safe environment for children and other vulnerable groups.

We at FXBIS believe that our team and several such teams including the Assam Rifles are together stakeholders of the lives of the people we serve. We believe that only when all stakeholders come together in harmony and add to the strength of each other, can we create an action that will not only sustain but also echo across borders – enough to deter such evils in the society.





Team FXBIS celebrates equality and balance across the country

मुस्कराकर, दर्द भुलाकर,
रिश्तों में बंद थी दुनिया सारी,
हर पग को रोशन करने वाली,
वो शक्ति हैं एक नारी।

United Nations says "International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities." The annual theme for the International Women's Day was 'think equal, build smart, innovate for change' and the international campaign theme for the year was #BalanceforBetter. Since we at FXB India Suraksha believe in innovation, equality and balance, our eight state teams from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh celebrated International Women's Day demonstrating the same. A comprehensive plan for the celebration consisting of activities, games and movie screenings was created, while leaving plenty of scope for improvisation based on the audience (rural, urban, tribal) and the context (women, adolescents, men or a mix of all).

One of the activities included for all community participants to come up and write their idea of #BalanceforBetter deriving from their personal lives, on a sheet and discuss it with the audience. Other activities included music, dance, narrative sharing and even a tug of war! Some of the movies screened for the community members were 'Nil Batta Sannata' and 'Muskaan'. It was heartening to see the community members participate actively, reflect on their lives for creating a more balanced one. We saw a beautiful atmosphere being created and hopefully a few take-away lessons.



FXBIS X Mobile Creches: Collaboration is the key

We at FXB India Suraksha believe in *co-create - connect - converge*. This is a story of convergence with an aim of coming closer to the best interest of children. For this purpose, FXBIS has newly collaborated with Mobile Creche to run crèche for children who fall in the age group of 0-6 years adhering to the aim of providing Early Child Care and Development facilities. Under this collaborative model, FXBIS will be running 2 centers at construction sites under the supervision and support of Mobile Creche in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The reason behind the choice of location is the objective of providing a safe nurturing space for children of construction workers. Usually, in such families, both parents work and they are left with only two and equally risky choices - either to leave the children behind or carry them along. While we can't reach each of their homes to ensure protection and safety, the situation of the construction sites can be resolved. Since construction sites are dangerous areas for little children to be left unattended, this model has a way out. These creches thus will create the kind of nurturing environment where these children can not only stay safe but also develop. One such center has already been established in Greater NOIDA and has been opened for enrollment. Apart from safety and nutrition, the children enrolled in the center are also provided with lessons on basic mathematics and language. The Mobile Creche model is accepted so widely as a model because of its success; we believe with FXBIS adding to its power, the impact will be only wider and action will sustain for longer.

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