

DIKRONG VALLEY ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Annual Report 2018-19



Our Address

Vill- No. 1 Barpathar, P.O- Gosaibari
Dist- Lakhimpur, PIN- 787033
Assam



FOREWORD

It is a matter of great pleasure for all of us here to present this **ANNUAL REPORT**; for the year 2018-19 to our patrons and partners without whose unstained support it would not have been possible for us to accomplish all that we have able to do till date. The undersigned would like to place on record our deed felt gratitude to all of them - individuals and organization /communities in our entire Endeavour towards achieving integral human development.

However, there are some who deserve special mention whose contribution in our success has been singularly unique and without synonym. They are: **Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Assam Science Technology & Environment Council, Assam Science Society, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Central and Assam State Social Welfare Board, IIE, Guwahati** and especially I have remained the **DDM, NABARD, Lakhimpur, Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur** for his **unconditional support**. We like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all of them while acknowledging their unconditional support to our mission. Meanwhile, we look forward to their continued support in all our future plans and programmes as well for serving the poor society.

I would like to express my sincere thanks the communities with whom we work, who has been reservoir of strength. It is their trust, love and affection that kept us going from day to day.

Finally, hearted gratitude goes to **D-VERDS** family for all the vital support extended constant encouragement and vital support all of us to reach our goal, we from D-VERDS have drawn our inspiration from them.



Dwipen Kr. Barooah
Secretary, Dikrong Valley Environment
& Rural Development Society

Introduction:

Dikrong Valley Environmental & Rural Development (D-VERDS) was constituted in 2000 as Non-Govt. Voluntary Organization with its motive of socio-economic up gradation of rural and urban poor and the community, is located at about 6 Km away from Narayanpur township i.e. Barpathar, Lakhimpur, Assam. Since its inception, D-VERDS with special emphasis on Environment, Health & hygiene, Community Mobilization, Protection, Rescue, Rehabilitation of children living in difficult circumstances, Assistance to Disabled persons, Handloom and Handicraft Development through rural artisans, Science & Technology Development, Self-employment, Training, Consultancy, Agriculture and Livestock management, Leadership Development for Minority Women, Prevention of Trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-integration of women from commercial sexual exploitation etc., Apart from these, D-VERDS concentrating its efforts on community development by promoting SHGs and Skill development. The Skill is one of the principal factors for self employment and to eradicate poverty from the employable youth as well from the society.

Vision:

To create a society without insecurity, injustice, mal-adjustment of resources, discrimination, and untouchability of any kind to upgrade the present living condition of the common people of Assam by providing Social Intervention, Technological Intervention, Cultural Intervention etc., to protect the Environment from various natural calamities and to bring the Ecological balance and save the World-wide nature.

Mission:

Enabling the poorest of poor and disadvantaged people and any person related with the Environment & Nature for qualitative changes in their lives through the self-empowerment process.

Goal:

An Endeavour for protection of Environment and Ecological Balance of the nature of the World and to address overall development issues through people to people partnership in development. By organizing the scientific atmosphere among the rural people and creating the employment generation for unemployed educated youth and creating the work-cultured activities for rural Artisans are the main goals of our organization.

To provide Scientific and Technical knowledge to the common people for up-gradation socio-economic status of the society through various training, workshops etc in a common platform.

Registration Profile:

- A) Registered under Society Registration Act, XXI of 1860 vide No. Rs/ NLP/ 257/ B/ 30 of 13/ 12/2000-2001.
- B) Registered under FCRA Act, 1976 vide No. 020790019.
- C) Registered under Commissioner of Income Tax U/S 12A(a) of Income Tax Act, 1961 vide No.19/12AA/ CIT/ GHY-I/ TECH/ 2006-07.
- D) Registered U/S 80G of Income Tax Act, 1961 vide No.16/80G/CIT/GHY-I/2008-09/4136-43 Dated 07/01/2009.
- E) Registered under "The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1996".

Area of Operation:

Our target area covers the entire the State of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The Assam and Arunachal Pradesh are located in the North corner of India and the areas of these both states are backward and remote from all sides i.e. economically, socially, culturally etc. The communication system to these places from other states of India is very poor and so the marketing linkages also are not convenient.

The project area, in which the organization has taken up, in North-Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Sonitpur, Jorhat and Tinsukia district of Assam. The North-Lakhimpur district is situated at the North bank of the river Brahmaputra. It is richer in natural beauties having historical importance. The Sonitpur district occupies the west side of North-Lakhimpur district and the Dhemaji is in the north-east, the river Brahmaputra and the Jorhat district are in the east and Arunachal Pradesh is in the south of Lakhimpur district. There are 13 no of Development Blocks in the district and nearly 250 no of villages under each block. Besides, the organization implemented projects in the border area of Assam-Arunachal Pradesh covering the Papumpara district. Our organization is located in the Barpathar, which is situated in the border place of Arunachal Pradesh .Hence, we are going to lay preference to conduct different development programmes in these area. The border area of two states is very interior from all sides and the people of these areas are deprived from Govt. sponsored development activities, Voluntary efforts of Non-Govt. organization etc. In this area, The D-VERDS is the only Voluntary organization for rendering continuous service for the poverty-stricken remote people through its various development schemes under Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies.

About The Organization:

The Dikrong Valley Environment & Rural Development Society was incepted in 2000 as a voluntary organization to provide service to the common people, rural artisans, poor and distressed women and children, Disabled persons, Farmers etc by implementing various projects, schemes in the sectors of Environment control and Rural development, Service and empowerment, Socio-economic development etc in the North east of India.

The Governing Body constituted by 11 Nos. of Voluntary members as per rule of the Memorandum of Association is the sole authority of the organization. The Secretary is the Executive head of the organization.

Governing Body:

The Governing Body is consisting of nine members of different places of Assam. The Governing Body is chaired by the Chairman and the Secretary and they have authority to apply for various schemes, projects under Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies as per resolution of Governing. The Governing Body meeting is held to consider and implement any schemes/ projects under the organization. As per resolution of the Governing Body, the Secretary will be competent to execute the same with help of the employees appointed in regarding projects by the Governing Body.

Finance:

The organization manages to run it with the financial assistance received from Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies in different head, Member's contribution, Public donation and indirect income from the production of new products through SHGs during training period.

Bank Details of Organization:

The following are the Bank Accounts of our organization operated jointly in different bank branches for different schemes.

SL. No.	Name of Bank	Account No.
1	State Bank of India, North Lakhimpur Branch.	30333887386
2	United Bank of India, Narayanpur Branch.	0500010111536
3	State Bank of India, NRP Branch. (For Aryabhatta Science Centre)	30415431671
4	State Bank of India, Bihpuria Branch (For CAPART Assistance)	31162565502
5	AXIS Bank, North Lakhimpur Branch	912010003578226
6	IDBI Bank, Lakhimpur Branch	1224104000004459
7	IDBI Bank, DDRC, Lakhimpur Branch	1224104000001816

Chief Functionary of the Organization:

The Secretary, who is the member secretary of the Governing Body, who is appointed as the Chief Functionary of the organization to follow up all execution of project implementation/ project preparation, linkage with different organizations, government officials etc.

DETAILS PROGRAMME(S) PROFILE OF D-VERDS DURING 2018-19

The following programmes have conducted through the organization during this financial year-2018-19 under different Govt. and Non-Govt. agencies and its own sources.

Govt. Aided:

1. **Leadership Development for Minority Women (NAI-ROSHNI)** under Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India.
2. **Baseline survey and Mobilization of handicraft artisans under AHVY Programme**
3. **Family Counseling Centre** under Central Social Welfare Board.
4. **National Creche Programme** for children and working mothers under Assam State Social Welfare Board, Lakhimandir, Beltola, Assam.
5. Implementation of **UJJAWALA scheme** for trafficking of women and girls in Lakhimpur district under Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. of India.
6. Implementation and Monitoring of **National Green Corps Programme for Eco-Clubs** of schools in Lakhimpur district under ASTEC, Guwahati.
7. Conducting Annual Programmes through **Aryabhatta Science Centre** in Narayanpur Dev. Block under Assam Science Technology & Environment Council.

8. Half Way Home-Psycho social rehabilitation for treated and controlled mentally ill persons in Lakhimpur district.
9. Survey of Child Labour under NCLP School.

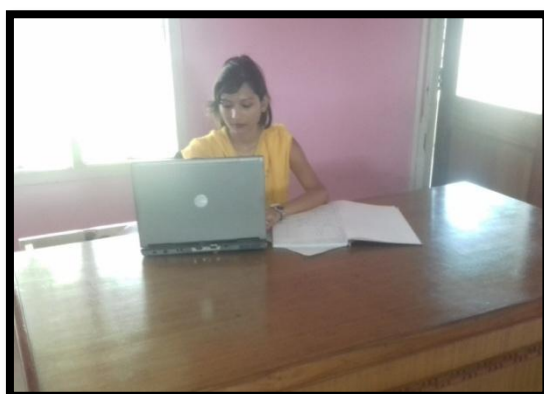
PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED FROM ITS OWN SOURCES

1. Printing of Boucher.
2. Scholarship for meritorious students.
3. Observation World Aids Day-2018.
4. Aids and Appliances for differently abled persons under Swamidashanis prog.
5. Awareness Generation on HIV/ AIDS Control.
6. Old age Home for Homeless persons
7. Physiotherapy Treatment for Older and Differently abled persons.
8. Vocational Training on:-
 - (i) Fashion Designing (Garment Making).
 - (ii) Computer Hardware, Software and Networking.
 - (iii) Beauty Culture.
 - (iv) Hand Embroidery and Artistic Textile.

IMPLEMENTATION OF FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

AT BARPATHAR, LAKHIMPUR UNDER CENTRAL SOCIAL WELFARE BVOARD, NEW DELHI.

Programme Details:- The Family Counseling Centre (FCC) is sponsored by the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi under the Ministry of Women & Child Development, GOI from 2007-08 vide letter No.30-8/ Assam/2007-08/FCC dated 11-01-2013 to conduct at Barpathar, Dist. Lakhimpur, Assam. The different types of cases of family problems like Domestic Violence, Marital Maladjustment, Dowry Demand, Extra Marital Relationship, Career Counseling, Alcohol/Drug Addicted, Economic Crisis, Human Trafficking, Child Abuse, Depression, etc. are registered in this centre for counseling, motivation for ultimate solution. Since 2016 more than 1455 cases are registered and 900 cases were solved and made closed. The poor family members of Lakhimpur district are benefited from this centre for their family problems.



(The Family Counseling Centre (FCC))

Baseline survey and Mobilization of handicraft artisans under AHVY Programme

Programme Details:- Baseline survey and mobilization of handicraft artisan is a programme sponsored by the Development Commissioner Handicraft to collect primary and secondary data on various factors of the existing handicrafts and artisans using questionnaire and interpersonal talks by conducting door to door survey, collect detail information on the existing crafts being practiced by the Artisans in the cluster viz. Artistic Textiles and Embroidery, identify the genuine and practicing artisans for incorporation in the AHVY project, mobilize the craft persons into SHGs and inculcate the habit of thrift & credit among them, enhance the capacity of the SHGs to run the community business enterprise and credit linkage, understand the reality of the problems and envisage appropriate remedial interventions of Artisans.

After sanction of “Base Line Survey & Mobilization for formation of SHGs in Artistic Textiles and Embroidery Crafts at Pichala Craft Cluster under Narayanpur Dev. Block, Dist.- Lakhimpur, Assam under AHVY”, M/s Dikrong Valley Environment & Rural Development Society made all the arrangements for conducting the Base Line Survey in the target area for empowerment of General Caste Artisans.

The implementing agency used proforma for household survey. It formed a core team for the survey. We have appointed one Cluster Manager, one Consultant, one Accountant and one Data entry operator. Besides, we have also engaged 3 enumerators, 2 Volunteers from our organization in the team. Orientation training was organized for the core team members and they were highly trained up for performing the survey activities sincerely and successfully. Door to door survey was done in 1139 households (approx.) and collected primary and secondary data from them by the core team. The data like- family members, nos. of male/female, status of education in the family, caste, craft practicing member in the family, income source and total income of the household, skill level, technical knowhow, problem areas, willingness regarding group formation etc. were collected from the households.

The survey was performed village wise and it covered 15 villages of the cluster area under Narayanpur Dev. Block and all the data were compiled. We have formed 37 SHGs in the cluster area.





IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL CRECHE PROGRAMME AT LAKHIMPUR UNDER ASSAM STATE SOCIAL WELFARE BOARD, GUWAHATI.

Programme Details:-National Creche Programme is sponsored by the Assam State Social Welfare Board, Guwahati to provide service to the Children below 6 years and the working mothers. These are the on-going programmes and have been continuing since 2005-06.

Total No. of Centers: 4 Nos., Total No. of workers: 8 Nos.,

Total No. of Beneficiaries: 120 Nos.,

Detail Location: 1. Barpathar; 2. Jarabari; 3. Bilotia; 4. Chengeljan;



(Different moment of Crèche Centres)

IMPLEMENTATION OF UJJAWALA PROGRAMME AT LAKHIMPUR DISTRICT UNDER MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT, GOVT. OF INDIA.

Programme Details:- The UJJAWALA Scheme- A Comprehensive Scheme for Prevention of Trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-integration of Victims



of Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploration is sponsored by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. of India since 2008-09 to implement in Lakhimpur district of

Assam. Presently, the Ministry has sanctioned the Protection & Rehabilitation Home to our agency to conduct at Barpathar, Lakhimpur for the capacity of 25 Nos. of Inmates. During the financial year 2018-19, 52 Nos. of women and girls were rescued from different sites with the help of police department and presently 12 Nos. of them are living in the home and undergoing vocational training on cutting & tailoring, Embroidery. During the year 15 Nos. of women were re-integrated into families after proper training and counseling etc.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE BASED PROGRAMME

UNDER ARYABHATTA SCIENCE CENTRE, NARAYANPUR DEV. BLOCK.

Programme Details:- The Block Level Aryabhata Science Centre was established under Assam Science Technology & Environment Council, Guwahati, Assam in Narayanpur Development Block for Awareness and Development of Science-Based Activities among the school students. The following block level competitions are organized at Narayanpur HS on 25th January, 2019.

1. Science Based Extempore Speech Competitions.
2. Science Based Poster Drawing Competitions.
3. Science Based Model Making Competitions.



(Photographs of Aryabhata Science Centre Annual Programme)

“Nai Roshni” LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITY WOMEN:

Programme Details:- “Nai-Roshni” The Leadership Development for Minority Women programme has been implemented in different villages of Lakhimpur district i.e. Moidomia, Lukampur, Narayapur etc. sponsored by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India by covering 175 Nos. of Minority women. During the programme we have been providing the 10 Nos. of topics i.e. Leadership of women, Educational Programmes, Health and Hygiene, Swachh Bharat, Financial Literacy, Life Skills, Legal Rights of Women, Digital Literacy, Advocacy for Social and Behavioral Change etc.



(Photographs during the Project Period)

IMPLEMENTATION OF HALF WAY HOME FOR PSYCHO-SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF TREATED AND CONTROLLED MENTALLY ILL PERSONS AT LAKHIMPUR.

Programme Details:-The Project of Half Way Home is established under Deendayal Disable Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) of the Ministry at North Lakhimpur, Dist. Lakhimpur, Assam sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India for psycho-social rehabilitation of treated and controlled mentally ill persons. Presently 9 Nos. of beneficiaries are rehabilitated in the home and 15 Nos. of beneficiaries have left the home after completion of 6 months.



(Photos of Half Way Home, Lakhimpur)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Programme Details:-We have started the Vocational Training Programme from this year specially from our own source on 5 (five) different trades i.e. (1) Fashion Designing, (2) Computer Hardware, Software and Networking, (3) Beauty Culture.

(1) **Fashion Designing:** - The Fashion Designing Training Course has been conducting at Bihpuria Town by establishing a Unit "Dikrong Valley Fashion Designing Centre" under our organization for providing vocational training to upgrade the Skill of the persons for their self-establishment. We have completed 4 (four) batches during this financial year @ 20 Nos. of trainees in each batch and all 80 trainees have completed the course successfully in due time.

(2) **Computer Hardware, Software and Networking:** - The Certificate course on Computer Hardware, Software and Networking has started from May, 2017 at North Lakhimpur for educated youth. During this year 3 batch of each component @ 15 Nos. of trainees in each batch has participated from different places of Lakhimpur district.

(3) **Beauty Culture:** - The Certificate Course on Beauty Culture was conducted at Narayanpur under our organization. We have already completed 2 batches of course by covering 150 trainees. The success story of this course is that, maximum no. of trainees has got private jobs in different call centers, Mobile centers etc.

(4) **Hand Embroidery and Artistic Textile:** - The Certificate Course on hand embroidery and Artistic textile was conducted at Barpathar under our organization. We have already completed 3 batches of course by covering 75 trainees. The success story of this course is that, maximum no. of trainees has become well established.

OBSERVATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY

Every Year We observe World AIDS Day among the village people, Community Groups, labour groups etc. to aware the people about HIV/AIDS and to terminate the diseases from the society to get a healthy and eco-friendly society.

Physiotherapy Treatment for Older and Differently abled persons

We have established the Unit of physiotherapy free treatment for the older and disabled persons under our organization which is located in the head office of organization. During financial year 2018-19 we have provided free physiotherapy service for 325 Nos. of older persons and 182 Nos. of differently able persons. The main moto of this voluntary service is to empowerment of health of the older persons and poor differently abled persons and strengthening the equal opportunities in the society.

Awareness Generation Programme on HIV/AIDS

We have organized Awareness Generation programme thrice in year on HIV/AIDS among targets groups and village people, Community Groups, labour groups etc. for motivation about the evil effect of HIV/AIDS for prevention. In connection of this scheme we have also



provided awareness on use of Drugs and other substances etc to create a hygienic human society.

FREE COACHING CLASS FOR ST/SC/OBC/MINORITY STUDENTS

In the month of July, 2018 one month free coaching class was organized for the poor SC/ST/ OBC students of this area from our own sources. The poor students are benefited through these classes i.e. General Science, General Mathematics and English. During the programme 60 Nos. of students participated and 4 Nos. of experienced teacher were engaged.

NATIONAL CHILD LABOUR PROJECT

We have conducted survey of Child Labour under National Child Labour Project to establish NCLP School at Johing TE and Azad of Lakhimpur district and according two schools are started during previous year by covering 105 Nos. unorganized child labour.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR POOR MERITORIOUS STUDENTS

Dikrong Valley Environment & Rural Development Society has provided Rs.12,000/- to the different poor meritorious students as a support service from its own source i.e. donation of Swamdashani Foundation, Public donation etc.



(A view of Office Building of D-VERDS)
