



Annual Report



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**NORTH
EAST
NETWORK**

NEN’s **vision** is to build a society in North East India that upholds gender justice, equality and respect for human rights



NEN’s **mission** is to take forward women’s human rights through collective action by:

- *Creating a culture of peace, both inside and outside the homes, through women’s active and informed involvement*
- *Strengthening women’s collectives, collective action and their leadership*
- *Increasing women’s representation in political, public and community processes*
- *Addressing discrimination and violence against women in both public and domestic spheres, and ensuring safer spaces*
- *Protecting the environment and biodiversity through innovative initiatives, by engaging youth and women*

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PROMOTING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP



During this year, NEN-trained Field Investigators (FIs) secured rights for women under the National Social Assistance Programme and other government schemes in three districts of Assam – Kokrajhar, Dhemaji and Udalguri.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana	81
Atal Amrit Abhiyan	42
Rural Sanitation Facilities	28
Job Cards	16
Old Age Pension Scheme	7
Soil Health Cards	7
Widow Pension Scheme	6
National Trust Act Compensation (for persons with disabilities)	4
Single Women Scheme	3
Disability Cards	2



Since its inception, NEN has pushed for improved grassroots governance structures by developing women's leadership capacities to demand their rights and entitlements.



NEN-trained women collectives (initiated in 2016) of East Khasi Hills and West Khasi Hills demonstrated collective leadership in several ways.

- ◆ The East Khasi Hills women collective advocated with the Rangbah Shnong (headmen) about the increasing child sexual abuse in the area. This led to a one-day programme on child sexual abuse in Lawsohtun and Nongrah localities where parents were sensitised. The local governance now works with the women's group on this vital issue.
- ◆ After a long battle, NEN-trained women of Nonghali, East Khasi Hills, succeeded in forming an official women's group in their village. The Dorbar Shnong (traditional institution) has recognised it as the forum for handling all issues related to women and children in the village
- ◆ The women collective of West Khasi Hills assisted women and children in receiving 57 governmental social protection schemes.
- ◆ A NEN-trained woman leader of West Khasi Hills, Batskhem Lyngkholi, has been nominated as a member of the Internal Committee on Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace of the state government's Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Department in the district.

Success stories



Acting Against Child Marriage

Mijanur Rahman of Kokrajhar district, a NEN FI, prevented the marriage of a minor girl in his field area.

As part of the 16 Days Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, NEN had organised a skit competition on 'the impact of child marriage in education' among the schoolchildren of No. 2 Howriapet Victory ME School on 3 December 2017. More than 150 people were sensitised about child marriage and gender-based violence in education.

As a result of NEN's campaign, in January, the secretary of the Village Defence Party of Bajugaon informed Mijanur about the wedding of a 16-year-old girl and asked him to intervene. Mijanur sought the help of the village elders and was able to prevent the marriage. He explained the legal impediments involved in child marriage and the consequences of violating the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 to those concerned. Since then no child marriage has occurred in the area.



In Nagaland, NEN organised 2818 women workers from Phek, Kohima and Dimapur districts under the aegis of SEWA (Self Employed Women Association). The objectives are to build awareness of their rights and entitlements, facilitate their access to support services (such as credit, training and extension, technological inputs), and strengthen their leadership and collective bargaining power.

- ◆ During the year, SEWA Nagaland facilitated the registration of 879 construction workers in Phek and Kohima districts under the Nagaland State Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act 1996.
- ◆ Women farmers from Ruzazho and Phuhgi villages of Phek district availed 2 millet dehusking machines from the government.
- ◆ SEWA Nagaland has begun to make their presence felt in the community and the state through their campaigns on organic food and farming, and by organising organic market days. They observe the International Street Vendors' Day, and advocate with public authorities for safeguarding vendors' livelihoods and vending spaces in towns, amongst other things.



Rescuing a Trafficked Woman


Junu Das, a NEN FI of Kamrup (Rural), brought home a survivor of human trafficking with the help of the district police. The young woman, who had left her abusive husband sometime ago, was staying with her parents and her two children. Kidnapped by an employee of the hotel in which she worked, she found herself in Rajasthan. Somehow she managed to escape the traffickers' clutches and found a police station, from where she was taken to an ashram.

Her family approached Junu, sharing that when they sought help from the Mirza police station, the police asked for travel expenses to bring the girl back. Junu negotiated with the senior police officer, and convinced the police that the travel expenses had to be borne by them, not the family. With constant follow-up and communication with the police, the traumatised young woman was finally brought back to Assam. A number of counselling sessions by Junu helped her regain her self-confidence. Presently the young woman is engaged in weaving.

ACTION AGAINST GBDVAW



Gender-based discrimination and violence against women (GBDVAW) is a primary focus for NEN. Important objectives are to sensitise the community as well as different stakeholders and to monitor the implementation of pro-women laws such as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005.


 **MEGHALAYA** NEN and various NEN-trained Government Departments carried out several community awareness programmes related to gender violence.

- ◆ With the West Jaintia Hills Police Department: Awareness programmes on crimes against women and children in Jowai, Nartiang, Raliang, Mukhla, Amlarem and Shangpung. 505 participants – members of the Dorbar Shnong, community leaders, church leaders, school teachers, youth and students – attended these programmes.
- ◆ With the District Police: A programme for members of Mukhla Sports Club which covered domestic violence, rape and sexual harassment in public places. About 20 male participants attended the programme.
- ◆ With the District Social Welfare Office, West Khasi Hills: Awareness programmes on crimes against women and children in four towns (Mairang, Nongstoin, Kynshi and Riango) of the district.



- ◆ With the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute: A two-day gender sensitisation programme in South West Khasi Hills. Members of the women's group, youth group and community leaders were sensitised on VAW and gender implications in the community.
- ◆ The women collective of East Khasi Hills extended their work to the Upper Shillong Area of East Khasi Hills. They organised a one-day programme on gender, VAW and legal remedies for women leaders from that area.



 **ASSAM** NEN Assam's barefoot counsellors in Golaghat, Kamrup (Rural) and Darrang districts have been providing psycho-social-legal counselling to domestic violence survivors. We have generated mass awareness at the family and community levels through door-to-door visits, community meetings, support group meetings, and campaigns to end gender-based domestic violence. Through our work in the community, NEN has been able to mobilise women on issues of VAW and state entitlements.

During this period 98 new women survivors approached our barefoot counsellors for direct support in cases of violence. 50 cases have been resolved so far through psycho-social counselling and referral services.

NEN Assam's outreach now covers:

Districts	6
Blocks	6
Gaon Panchayats	14
Village council and development committees	3
Villages	72
Women's support groups formed	55
Women's groups meetings	164
Community meetings	58
Door-to-door awareness campaigns	4439
Women empowered via community meetings	1979
Men engaged via community meetings	190

CAPACITY BUILDING: PARTNERS

Through the years, NEN has been consistently building the capacities and knowledge of its partners and stakeholders (government and non-government). These capacity building workshops are tailored to the local context to ensure optimal knowledge sharing, learning and inculcation of gender-sensitive practices.

Government agencies

- ◆ As part of its advocacy for effective implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (SHWWP) Act 2013, NEN Assam in collaboration with the Assam Police organised a workshop for 70 women police personnel on 'Women's Safety in Workplace and Legal Remedies.'

- ◆ Teaming up with Meghalaya Police, we conducted seven gender-sensitisation trainings for police personnel posted in different districts of Meghalaya. 238 police personnel (30 women, 208 men) were trained on gender issues in Meghalaya and their ability to respond to such issues.

- ◆ NEN Meghalaya in collaboration with the Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT) conducted a feminist counselling training session for counsellors from Primary Health Care Centres in dealing with VAW cases. Counsellors from schools/ colleges and NGOs were also part of the workshop. 31 people were trained.

- ◆ 22 staff nurses of Civil Hospital Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi district, were capacitated on how to identify and address VAW cases.

- ◆ Training on counselling principles and communication skills was conducted for the staff of the 181 women's helpline, One Stop Centres in Tura and Shillong, and the Special Cell for Women. 20 participants were equipped with concepts on VAW, knowledge regarding counselling, and communication skills.



Gender sensitisation training with Meghalaya Police



Women's safety workshop with Assam Police personnel



Feminist counselling workshop



Gender sensitisation workshop for student nurses



Workshop for Martin Luther Christian University faculty



Session on rights and entitlements



NGOs and others

- ◆ NEN Assam initiated a dialogue and orientation on the Supreme Court ruling on Sec 498A IPC. 11 local organisations and 17 individuals, including media, were made aware of the limitations of the ruling and linked to national advocacy initiatives.

- ◆ Three nursing schools – Rapsbun, Woodland and Theresa – have been collaborating with NEN Meghalaya to develop a health sector response to VAW by conducting gender sensitisation programmes for student nurses. During this year, 248 student nurses and 4 teachers were trained on understanding VAW as a public health issue.

- ◆ NEN trained 90 faculty members of the Martin Luther Christian University (MLCU) on gender issues to enable them to engage their students about sensitive issues surrounding gender.

- ◆ We conducted a self-defence programme for adolescent girls at Synod Higher Secondary School in collaboration with Faith Foundation. 45 students of the school benefitted from the programme.

- ◆ NEN held an NGO exhibition cum career guidance programme at Nora Evalyn Higher Secondary School. This provided an avenue to adolescent students to understand the development sector and the work of various NGOs in addressing gender-based violence.

CAPACITY BUILDING: NEN TEAM

Professional development of staff is a priority for NEN. This year, the organisation's staff attended various workshops, seminars and trainings at the state, regional and international levels.



Exposure trip to Chizami Resource Centre, NEN Assam staff



NEN staff joins the Queer Pride Parade, Guwahati



Workshop on sexuality and sexual rights for NEN staff



NEN Nagaland staff at a capacity building training

- ◆ A two-day workshop on 'Sexuality and Sexual Rights' for NEN staff, FIs and their assistants in Mangaldoi district of Assam to clarify the concepts of self-determination/autonomy and the right to control one's own body without any form of discrimination, coercion or violence. Participants joined in the Guwahati Queer Pride March organised by Xukia, a collective working for the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community.
- ◆ Five-day workshop on 'Primary Counseling Skills and Self-Care for Caseworkers' organised by Swayam in Kolkata.
- ◆ Management development programme on 'Gender, Equity and Water Management', by TERI School of Advanced Studies in Guwahati.
- ◆ Orientation workshop on HR policy, finance manual, maintenance of accounts in Guwahati.
- ◆ Workshop on 'Internet and Violence' organised by NE Thing in Guwahati.
- ◆ Training on 'Gender, Sustainable Livelihood, Human Rights and Peace' organised by Sangat in Kathmandu. The training enhanced the staff's knowledge on gender and related issues. It provided a space for personal development

of the participants by questioning existing norms and initiating self-change.

- ◆ National conference on 'Gender Matters: Intersecting Mental Health and Gender' organised by the Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action (SNEHA) in Mumbai. The staff learned about the relationship between gender and mental health, and was also given insights on how to address VAW from a mental health perspective.
- ◆ In-house workshop on child sexual abuse (CSA). The training developed a comprehensive understanding on CSA of NEN's core staff and trained them to formulate strategies in addressing CSA in the state
- ◆ State-level workshop on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012 and Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act 2015, organised by the State Commission for the Protection of Child's Rights in Shillong. The NEN Meghalaya staff was trained on the issue of child's rights through the lens of these Acts.
- ◆ Regional seminar on 'Gender, Sexuality and Society in Tribal North East India and Their Implications for Tribal Youth' organised by MLCU in Shillong. The seminar helped the staff to develop contextual understanding of gender from both historical and contemporary perspectives.

- ◆ Convergence workshop on 'People's Rights: Role of Community Leaders', organised by NEN in Guwahati.
- ◆ Feminist counselling workshop in Mumbai and exposure trip to Dilaasa organised by CEHAT and NEN Meghalaya. The workshop trained the staff on the different approaches in handling cases of sexual violence and documentation of cases. It motivated them to become catalysts for multi-sectoral responses to VAW.
- ◆ National workshop on 'Sexuality, Sexual Violence and the Law' organised by Partners for Law in Development (PLD) in Delhi. The workshop enhanced the staff's knowledge and understanding of gender and sexuality. Basic understanding of laws was also developed.
- ◆ Social analysis workshop organised by NEN Nagaland. The workshop trained the staff on social analysis tool and helped them develop strategies to apply in their work.
- ◆ In-house workshop on 'CEDAW and its Application' organised by the NEN Meghalaya Resource Centre. The workshop enhanced the NEN team's knowledge of CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women) and capacitated them to apply it in their programme activities, advocacy work and documentation.

- ◆ In-house training on 'Gender and Organisational Development' by NEN Meghalaya. The training enhanced the NEN team's understanding on gender and sexuality. It provided insights on how to incorporate an inclusive gender sensitive approach in the organisation's policy and programmes.
- ◆ Workshop on RTI organised by Matti. The workshop trained the staff on the procedure involved in filing a RTI.
- ◆ Participation in the South Asian Young Women's Leadership Training at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ◆ Participation in a learning workshop at the Centre of Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), Coventry University, UK.
- ◆ Pattern cutting training, Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD), New Delhi.
- ◆ Workshop on 'Women and Technology', at Agartala, Tripura.
- ◆ Workshop on 'Traditional Farming and Development of Indigenous Marketing' at Umiam, Meghalaya.
- ◆ Training workshop on 'Analog Forestry' at Belipola, Sri Lanka.

ADVOCACY

To improve state accountability regarding the rising crimes against women in both public and private spheres, NEN has been constantly advocating with the state government to ensure safety of women in all spaces.



NEN submitted memorandums on several crucial issues relating to women’s rights:

- ◆ To the Chief Minister of Assam about women’s safety, during the 14th Assam Legislative Assembly (along with four other local organisations)
- ◆ To the Chief Minister, Assam, on concerns such as unemployment, access to healthcare facilities and food security for women, on the occasion of International Women’s Day (along with three other local organisations)
- ◆ To the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) to register concerns and protest against the Supreme Court judgment on Sec 498A IPC (concerning dowry) and the related Ministry of Women and Child Development’s order to the NCW (along with more than 130 organisations across the country)

Partnership is Strength

NEN is a member of many forums and networks as we believe in the strength of partnership at all levels – local, national and global. We have gained much from being a member of MINI (Millet Network of India) and MAKAAAM (Mahila Kisan Aadhikar Manch, a national level advocacy forum for women farmers’ rights). Our interactions with other women farmers and their organisations has strengthened our work on farming issues in all three states. Being a member of these networks has also helped us to contribute towards policy advocacy process at the national level, as well as highlight regional concerns at the national and international levels.



WORKSHOP – PEOPLE’S RIGHTS: ROLE OF COMMUNITY LEADERS



To converge the thematic areas of ending GBDVAW with governance and state accountability, NEN Assam organised a four-day convergence workshop on ‘People’s Rights: Role of Community Leaders’, for community leaders and FIs. The workshop covered Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005, women farmers’ rights, rights of people with disabilities, and SHWWP. It trained participants to use an integrated approach to social justice and development work, while ensuring state accountability to end all forms of discrimination.

Significant achievements following the workshop were:

- ◆ 12 RTIs were filed to assess the status of the recipients under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Yojana (IAY/PMAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PGMSY) and schemes available under the Agriculture Department.
- ◆ 59 government and non-government schools were surveyed on availability of barrier-free infrastructure and Special Educators for children with disabilities. It was found that 50 schools had ramps for children with disabilities and only one school had a Special Educator appointed.
- ◆ 35 government and non-government schools and 31 government departments were covered and informed of the employer’s role in preventing SHWWP. Two Internal Committees (ICs) as per the SHWWP Act have been formed in two government schools. Our Dhemaji FI Aparna is the External Member in an IC.
- ◆ A survey of 300 women was conducted across eight districts of Assam on women farmers’ rights and their entitlements through community meetings using PAL (Participatory Action Learning) tools.

NEN MEGHALAYA OPENS A RESOURCE CENTRE

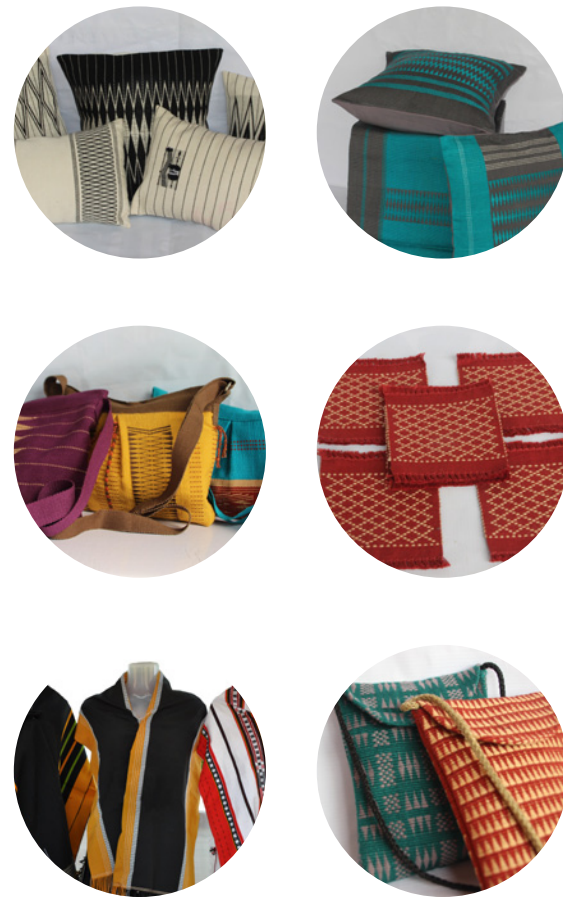


On 14 February 2018, NEN Meghalaya officially opened a Resource Centre/Library at their office premises in Jingkieng, Nongthymmai. The Resource Centre is envisioned as a knowledge sharing centre open to all, providing a space for learning and improving access to information. It has books on subjects ranging from gender, VAW, women’s empowerment to reproductive health, adolescent sexuality, legal remedies and many more. Short video documentaries on various issues are also available, as well as weaves from NEN Nagaland and NEN Assam.

LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVES

Chizami Weaves is 10 years old

In March 2018, NEN celebrated the 10th anniversary of its livelihood project Chizami Weaves. This initiative has enabled 516 women artisans of Phek district to earn a sustainable source of income while establishing the unique Naga loin-loom brand in the global market. This year, Chizami Weaves expanded its outreach to home-based workers in Kohima town. The first batch of 18 women weavers from Kohima attended the product and design development workshop. We continue to innovate, creating new and quality products for our diverse clients. Revival and promotion of natural fibres, stinging nettle and traditional cotton in particular is an ongoing initiative.



'After becoming part of Chizami Weaves, I have gained self-confidence in communication and public speaking skills. My husband, who initially didn't support my weaving work, has started to recognise my contribution to our family income. Today my home is more peaceful and our lives have improved.'

– Nuchuzolu, Sakraba village

'My engagement with Chizami Weaves for the past 10 years has helped me in many ways. I managed to get my only daughter educated. My involvement in various programmes shaped my self-confidence. I have become a better person and a responsible mother.'

– Khrolo-u, Chizami town



When you buy a Saneki Weaves product, you are not only empowering the weavers economically, but also catalysing social change in local communities across Assam.

Saneki Weaves: A new brand rises

Saneki Weaves is a new entity that has evolved in NEN as a result of successful past and ongoing economic activities that have contributed to positive change in local communities and better gender relations. It is aimed at empowering disadvantaged women in Assam and building their economic self-reliance while promoting equal opportunities and rights.

We chose this organic route of tapping into the immense potential of local resources and existing skills of the indigenous women. The idea is also to preserve the rich ethnic heritage of backstrap weaving of Mishing women, as well as the traditional handloom (*haat xaal*) weaving culture of women from other communities in Assam – by keeping alive fast-disappearing traditional motifs and methods.

Beginning in January 2017, with a small group of women from the Mishing villages of Sonaimiri Panchayat, Balipara block of Sonitpur district, Saneki Weaves helped to build on their existing weaving skills. Since then, we have widened the weaver base to cover more women weavers in Gorukhuti village in Sipajhar block of Darrang district and Xarpara village of Mirza block in Kamrup district. These are areas where NEN has ongoing parallel programmes that reach out to women survivors of violence and abuse. Gender imbalances in the homes have been addressed too. In many homes, husbands are lending support to their wives to ensure the success of Saneki Weaves.



NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



NEN is committed to supporting community-led initiatives in addressing issues of food, nutrition and livelihood insecurity in the face of changing climate. The contribution of ecological farmers, women in particular, is slowly but surely being recognised by their community and the government.

NEN continues to facilitate capacity building of farmers through trainings, workshops and exposure visits. We have also enabled cross-regional exchange learning of NE women farmers with other farming communities as well as their interface with government agencies.



Led by women farmers' collectives, rural communities in Phek district of Nagaland have demonstrated their resilience by sustaining and promoting millets-based biodiverse farming and setting up community seed banks.

Women farmers are amplifying their community's voices and their own, telling stories of current and emerging concerns, and of their vision for a sustainable future through different mediums including audio-visual. 13 women farmers have documented and screened their films in various platforms. This has enabled them to reach a diverse audience, creating awareness and inspiring action in their communities and beyond.

One of the current concerns in sustaining ecological agriculture is the alienation of youth and children from their natural environment and resources, including land, water, forest, biodiversity and seeds. To bridge the knowledge gap in ecology and sustainable food systems, NEN Nagaland's annual Summer Farm School (SFS) brought together young people – from both urban and rural areas – to a weeklong learning of knowledge, skills and practices from custodian farmers, traditional knowledge holders and subject experts.



'We live in a town and agriculture for us was just textbook knowledge. We did some gardening at home, but attending the NEN Summer Farm School (SFS) made us realise how important yet difficult farming actually is. We had always appreciated those who provide food for us, but they deserve higher respect, not just appreciation. We now eat more organic and healthy food, and in that way we also support our local farmers. We take care not to waste any food.'

– Tekhe and Line, SFS participants (2017)



GREEN HUB



Green Hub (GH) is a collaboration between NEN and Dusty Foot Productions that trains young people in documenting wildlife, the environment and biodiversity.



- ◆ 3rd year of GH Fellowship
- ◆ 182 applications from the 8 NE states
- ◆ Network of 55 Fellows from 450 applications by 2017-18
- ◆ 40 short films produced in the year

The graduation of the second batch of GH Fellows was celebrated at the Green Hub Festival (2nd edition), May 2017, in Tezpur University. Participants at the three-day festival included experts, organisations, filmmakers and representatives of local communities. Films by GH Fellows and renowned filmmakers were screened.

In March 2018 in an assessment of 'Beyond Green Hub', we found that almost all Fellows from the first two batches are engaged through enterprise, grants, employment in NGOs or media houses, and linked to conservation and social change. This year saw an increase in internship partners both in numbers and new areas such as 'Children at Risk' and education.

Zakhuma Don from the first batch of GH was invited as a speaker to 'Nature in Focus' in Bangalore (along with Paro Natung and Chandan Patro, who are part of the forest patrol team in Pakke Tiger Reserve). Four GH Fellows won

Conservation Awards given by the Balipara Foundation at Naturenomics 2017. The Green Hub Project under NEN was selected as one of the three finalists in the education category of the HCL Grant 2018.

Important Activities

- ◆ Conducted storytelling workshop 'Documentor', in collaboration with the Documentary Resource Initiative.
- ◆ Introduced a five-part video-based session for MSc students of Environment Science, Tezpur University.
- ◆ Continued partnership with Communication for Development (C4D) and Mass Communication MA programmes in Tezpur University.
- ◆ Engaged with the youth in Dharikati village through a six-month internship programme with C4D.
- ◆ Conducted video workshops for the Yes Foundation for their all-India competition 'Yes – I am the Change'.

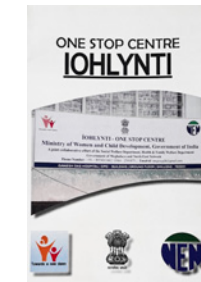
NEN PUBLICATIONS



Community Diary



Pamphlet on millets



Iohlynti flyer



SHWWP flyer



NEN Calendar



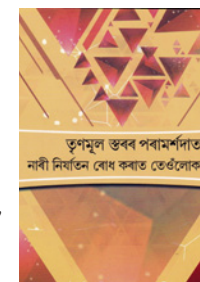
Pamphlet on VAW campaign



Flyer on domestic violence (Bodo)



CD of Khasi song on VAW by interns at NEN Meghalaya



'Handbook on Barefoot Counselling' – a guide for barefoot counsellors in handling cases of VAW

RESEARCH

NEN is undertaking research or is in the process of publishing research studies on various topics.

- ◆ A Scoping Study on 'Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls in 6 Tea Estates of Udalguri district of Assam' was done with UN Women, New Delhi. The objective of the study is to understand the trends and patterns of violence against women and girls so that the tea management can design a gender sensitive intervention programme.
- ◆ A baseline study on SHWWP is being carried out in Assam and Meghalaya to explore the nature and extent of sexual harassment in the lives of working women and to monitor the implementation of the SHWWP Act in the two states.
- ◆ Action research is being conducted jointly with eight other organisations across India on the 'Experience of Female Survivors of Violence in Shelter Homes'. The objective is



to identify their challenges and advocate for rights-based, gender sensitive improvement. NEN is carrying out the study in Assam and Meghalaya.

- ◆ A study on 'Women's Access to Economic, Social, Cultural and Political Rights' was carried out in East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills and South West Khasi Hills of Meghalaya covering one block in each district.

CAMPAIGNS AND SPECIAL DAYS

16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, 25 November–10 December



Government school students mobilised, Assam



Art competition on 'equality between girls and boys' at a government school, Assam

International Day of Rural Women, 15 October



NEN CEO speaks at the event, Assam



Celebrated along with World Food Day in Chizami, Nagaland



A song composed for the occasion, Meghalaya



Raising awareness of schemes for rural women, Meghalaya

International Women's Day, 8 March



▲ Sports organised for women, Assam
◀ Seed exchange at Biodiversity Festival organised on the day, Nagaland



Demonstration on women's issues, Assam



Photo exhibition 'HerStory', Meghalaya

Other Events



International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Nagaland



One Billion Rising event, Nagaland



Clean election campaign, Nagaland



Universal Children's Day, Meghalaya



World Environment Day, Nagaland

AWARDS



NEN's film on climate change titled 'Witness of the Changing Climate' won first prize at the 1st Young Mountain Filmmakers Competition at the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (6th edition). Organised by the Integrated Mountain Initiatives and hosted by the Mizoram Sustainable Development Foundation at Mizoram University, Mizoram, the festival was held during 20-22 September 2017.

NEN's documentary 'Salt in My Village' bagged the second position among a hundred other competing films at the Samvaad National Short Film Festival of 'Samvaad – A Tribal Conclave' (4th edition), hosted by Tata Steel's Tribal Cultural Society in November 2017. The prize included cash with a certificate of appreciation.

NEN MEMBERS IN ACTION

As resource persons

Government: Assam Administrative Staff College; Department of Women Studies, Gauhati University; Dhemaji District Social Welfare Office, Assam; Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Guwahati Refinery, Assam; NF Railway, Maligaon, Assam; Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Assam; Padmashri Chandra Prabha Saikiani Government Girls Polytechnic, Assam; Prasar Bharati, Programme Production Centre (NE), Doordarshan, Assam; Doordarshan; All India Radio; North East Police Academy, Umiam, Meghalaya; Police Training School, Meghalaya; Meghalaya State Commission for Women; FOCUS-IFAD, Government of Nagaland

Non-government: Apollo Hospitals, Guwahati; British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata; Lekhika Samaroh, Udalguri, Assam; Lutheran World Service India Trust, Kokrajhar, Assam; Nizdola Lower Primary School, Udalguri; North Eastern Social Research Centre, Assam; SMC'89, Assam; UN Women India MCO, New Delhi; Bosco Integrated Development Society, Meghalaya; Jettwings Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Meghalaya; New Creation School, Sekrezu, Nagaland; Union Baptist Church, Kohima; Community Impact Programme, Ukhrul, Manipur

Exposure visits to NEN

Lutheran World Service India Trust, Assam; Manipur Permaculturists; WWF Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim; Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad; Tamil Nadu farmers; TISS Guwahati; Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bangalore; Grassroot Meghalaya; Childline

As members of SHWWP internal committees

This year, Anurita P. Hazarika (Programme Director, Assam) and Joy Grace Syiem (Programme Manager, Meghalaya) were chosen as external members of the following ICs as per the SHWWP Act 2013:

Assam: Prasar Bharati, Programme Production Centre (NE) Doordarshan, Assam; Mission Smile – Assam; Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Guwahati Refinery; Gauhati University

Meghalaya (Government of Meghalaya): Office of the Additional Director General of Police; Election Department; Border Area Department; Office of the Chief Engineer Water Resources Department; Directorate of Housing; Information and Public Relations Department; Secretariat Administration Department; General Administration Department; Agriculture Department; Sports and Youth Affairs Department; Office of the Medical and Health Officer, Pamlum; Rynjah State Dispensary, Shillong; Shastri Memorial State Dispensary, Shillong; Office of the Senior Medical Health Officer, Mawroh PHC

As members of other committees

Anurita P. Hazarika is a member of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (Kamrup-Metropolitan) Task Force, Government of Assam.

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NEN IN THE NEWS

The Assam Tribune

Call for review of SC verdict on 'misuse' of Sec 498A IPC

GUWAHATI, 11 August 2017: Shocked at the Supreme Court's verdict on the 'misuse' of Section 498A of the IPC related to cruelty against women at their matrimonial home, a number of women's organisations and activists from Assam have joined a national drive asking the Chief Justice of India to review the judgement, which leaves women in a highly vulnerable condition.

The women's organisations argued that Section 498A was already surrounded by myths like its misuse by women for falsely implicating the husband and his family, and the SC ruling has institutionalised the prejudices with more thrust on saving the marriage instead of saving the women from violence.

North East Network; Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS); Mumbai's Special Cell for Women; Shishu Sarothi, Assam; All India Progressive Women's Association; activist Nishamoni Borah; Sakhi – One Stop Centre – Kamrup Metro; Legal Cell for Human Rights; Asom Mahila Sangha; All India Democratic Women's Association, Assam and Human Rights Law Network, Assam have asked the SC to review its July 27 judgement.

As per the latest ruling in the case of Rajesh Sharma and others vs State of UP and another, the court directed the police and magistrates that there would be no automatic arrests or coercive actions arising out of complaints lodged under Section 498A without ascertaining the veracity of the complaints and setting up of a family welfare committee in every district of the country.

The organisations argued that with the power of the police being diluted, the ruling would have adverse implications on women, leaving them more open to abuse during the investigation period.

"It further shifts the burden of investigation to the victim to produce strong evidence of cruelty against her. The courts term 'strong evidence' is also not defined here as we all know such crimes happen behind closed doors and collecting strong evidences is very difficult since most of such crimes are perceived as personal matter," Nilanju Dutta, a legal expert on women's issues stated.

The organisations have also given some suggestions regarding the profile and experience of the family welfare committees recommended by the SC, for an effective intervention into the issues of cruelty against women.

"The judgement begins by noting that 'the institution of marriage is greatly revered in this country' and expresses its concerns over the 'phenomenal increase in matrimonial disputes in recent years'. However, by expressing fear of sudden increase in the breakdown of families and by advocating the retrogressive ideas of preservation of the marital insti-

tution over women's individual rights within the household, the court has taken the struggles of the women's movement decades back in time," Anurita Pathak Hazarika of the North East Network said.

"Further disheartening is the fact that though the rate of conviction under Sec 498A was taken into consideration, it is only 15 per cent, suggesting that the remaining 85 per cent cases are false. On the other hand, the NFHS-3 data showing that at least 59 million women have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence in the preceding 12 months, has not been taken into account. Going by the data it is evident that less than 0.17 per cent of women actually filed a case under Sec 498A," she said.

CM asked to adopt 'zero tolerance' towards crimes against women

GUWAHATI, 11 September 2017: With Assam making headlines for all the wrong reasons in matters related to crimes against women, a number of women's organisations and activists today staged protest at Dispur Lastgate, asking Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to ensure women's security in the State.

"The rate of crimes against women for Assam was reported as the second highest after Delhi in 2014. The NCRB data of 2016 also reported that Assam is one of States which top in trafficking of women and children," the protesting organisations – All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), Pragatisheel Nari Sanstha, North East Network and Assam Mahila Sangha – stated...

... as organised crimes like witch hunting present a negative image of the State, the intervention of the authorities is a must. "The cases related to the so-called witch hunting come to light very often, which needs serious intervention. The situation in the bordering areas can also be gauged from the fact that around 138 cases of crimes against women have been registered in Dhubri district this year so far," Anurita Pathak Hazarika of NEN said.

A survey conducted by NEN in 2014 revealed that 72.5 per cent women faced sexual harassment or violence in Guwahati city. Further, the National Family Health Survey data also reveal that spousal violence in Assam is above the national average.

"The public space is still unsafe for women even in a city like Guwahati. ... Further, setting up of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and Local Complaints Committee (LCC) as per the Act with immediate effect for Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal), 2013, and implementation of the Assam Witch-hunting Act (Prohibition, Prevention and Protection) Act 2015 are the areas the State still needs to work on," she pointed out. ...

দৈনিক অসম

যমুনামুখ কাণ্ডৰ প্ৰতিবাদ বিভিন্ন সংগঠনৰ

মহানগৰ বাতৰি সেৱা

গুৱাহাটী, ৫ জুন : যমুনামুখত এগৰাকী শিক্ষয়িত্ৰীক ধৰ্মগ কৰি হত্যা কৰাৰ ঘটনাৰ প্ৰতিবাদ জনাই অসম মহিলা সংঘ, সদৌ অসম প্ৰগতিশীল নাৰী সন্থা আৰু নৰ্থ-ইষ্ট নেটৱৰ্ক আৰু বাই ড্ৰিউ চি এ আজি দীঘলীপুখুৰী পাৰত অৱস্থান কাৰ্যসূচী কপায়গ কৰে। কাৰ্যসূচীত অংশ লোৱা প্ৰতিবাদকাৰীসকলে হাতে হাতে বেনাৰ, ফেব্লন লৈ 'নাৰীৰ নিৰাপত্তা নিশ্চিত কৰক', 'ধৰ্মগকাৰীক কঠোৰ শাস্তি দিয়ক', 'নাৰী নিৰ্যাতন বন্ধ কৰক' আদি ধ্বনিৰে পৰিৱেশ উদ্ভাল কৰি তোলে। কাৰ্যসূচীত অংশ লৈ মহিলা সংঘৰ ৰাজ্যিক সম্পাদিকা অসমী

গগৈয়ে কয় যে ৰাজ্যত নাৰীৰ বিৰুদ্ধে অপৰাধ বৃদ্ধি পাইছে। নাৰী নিৰ্যাতন বোধ কৰাত চৰকাৰ তথা আৰক্ষী প্ৰশাসন ব্যৰ্থ হৈছে। যমুনামুখৰ শিক্ষয়িত্ৰীগৰাকীক হত্যা কৰা হত্যাকাৰীক আজি পৰ্যন্ত আৰক্ষীয়ে গ্ৰেপ্তাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰাটোৱে আৰক্ষী বাহিনীৰ ব্যৰ্থতা উদঙাই দেখুৱাইছে বুলি উল্লেখ কৰি ভাষণ প্ৰসংগত মহিলা সংঘৰ নেত্ৰীগৰাকীয়ে বাৰ্মা কমিটিৰ নিৰ্দেশনা কাৰ্যকৰী কৰাৰ বাবে চৰকাৰক দাবী জনায়। কাৰ্যসূচীত সমাজকৰ্মী ৰাণী গোহাঁই, নাৰী সন্থাৰ নেত্ৰী গীতাজ্জলি সোণোৱাল আদিয়ে যমুনামুখ কাণ্ডৰ তীব্ৰ সমালোচনা কৰি দোষীক কৰায়ত্ত কৰাৰ দাবী জনায়।

The Shillong Times

Gender Sensitisation Programme In Nongpoh

NONGPOH, 30 October 2017: In a bid to raise awareness on gender equality concern, the office of the Superintendent of Police, Ri Bhoi District in collaboration with the North East Network organised a two-day gender sensitisation programme for police personnel in Nongpoh on Friday and Saturday.

The two-day sensitisation programme aims at focusing mainly on violence against women and gender relations involving an interactive workshop to break stereotypes. Altogether more than 60 police personnel's from CRPF, MPRO and F&ES actively participated in the programme and two batches were trained.

MEGHALAYA TIMES

MLCU creating awareness about gender parity

SHILLONG, 13 July 2017: Creating awareness about gender parity and making faculty members realise their role as educationists in bringing in gender parity in the society, the four day workshop on Gender Training, for the teaching faculty of Martin Luther Christian University (MLCU) concluded here on Thursday.

MLCU in collaboration with the North East Network (NEN), Meghalaya organised the workshop. The topics included were demystifying Gender from Self to Society; power and relations; gender division of labour and social worth; unpacking masculinity; gender based discrimination and violence and engendering education-mapping the University.

The Chancellor of the University Dr. Glenn C Kharkongor spoke at length at the various issues concerning gender disparity. He said that women are still discriminated even in a society like ours which boast of treating its women equally, and that much is needed to be done to bring about a change. He added that these workshops will help in bringing about the much needed changes.



Strengthening local food & farming systems

PHEK, 16 October 2017: Under the theme 'Strengthening local food and farming systems- a call for action,' World Food Day 2017 was observed at Chizami village in Phek district on October 16. World Food Day is an annual observance of the UN- FAO and the theme for 2017 is 'Change the future of migration – invest in food security and rural development.'

Organized by North East Network (NEN) Nagaland, the event had the participation of 130 women farmers from Phek district, village leaders, district administration, and officials from the department of Horticulture, Rural Development (RD), KVK- ICAR Porba and National Agriculture Bank for Rural Development (NABARD). 19 women farmers were honoured in recognition of their role and contribution in ensuring food and nutritional securities in their communities, according to a press release from NEN.

Seno Tsuhah from NEN highlighted the role of rural communities in ensuring food and nutritional securities. Stating that the rural-urban migration in Nagaland is increasing at rapid rate, she said if this trend is not checked it will become unhealthy for the society. To address the issue, she asserted that food and farming policies of the Government need to be relooked and re-strategized. The solution lies in strengthening local food and farming systems which requires the concerted effort of diverse stakeholders, particularly the government, Seno added...

Memorandum points aspiring legislators to ‘inalienable human rights’

DIMAPUR, 21 February 2018: In Nagaland, 65% of women are directly involved in farming and food producing livelihoods, apart from their engagement in peripheral livelihoods like weaving, vending, foraging and food processing. Yet their participation and contribution continues to be “unaccounted, unrecognised and unprotected.”

To correct the situation, the North East Network, a women's rights organization, has provided direction to five political parties in the fray to elections in the State by way of a memorandum submitted to them in Dimapur earlier this month.

The memorandum asserts women's “inalienable human rights” as framed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Indian Constitution while finding direction through the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

...

The NEN in Nagaland hoped that adequate action will be taken by the aspiring Nagaland Legislative Assembly Members, policy makers and state implementers...



From where I stand: “Women have the solutions”

22 May 2018: Wekoweu (Akole) Tsuhah, from a rural community in Nagaland, India, is the first generation of women in her family to have been educated. She spoke to UN Women during the 62nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women about the situation of women in her community, and what they want.

“Everyone does farming in my community. I am educated, I have a job, but I continue to farm with my family. But women are not recognized as farmers because they do not own land and resources.

In Nagaland, we have two different types of agriculture—the slash-and-burn agriculture, which we call 'jhum', and terrace cultivation, which needs irrigation. Now with climate change, the rainfalls are erratic and monsoon is coming late. Jhum is still possible, with delayed or less rain, but we need the men to help prepare the land. And many of the younger men in the community are moving away from agriculture.

Until recently, women were completely excluded from decision-making at the village council level. My village, Chizami, appointed the first woman in the local council in 2002. We have been sensitizing the local councils and the villages in this region on the importance of women's participation in governance.

The women councilors helped us push forward the agenda of equal wages between men and women for unskilled, agricultural work. It took us eight–nine years of advocacy to convince the community about equal wages. At first, the men said it was a taboo for women and men to earn equally. Then they said, 'give some respect to the men, they are the heads of families'. Finally, we got some influential men in the communities involved. When they spoke up in favour of equal wages, other men listened.

The women councilors also helped with installment of separate public toilets for women and girls.

What women in rural communities want is recognition and support for what they are doing to ensure food and nutrition security of their families and countries, for instance, through bio-diverse cultivation and growing climate-resilient crops. They want access to technology that can alleviate the drudgery of the work they do. They want support to access markets, so that when they go to the nearby towns to sell their produce, they have secure vending spaces and access to transportation.

Women have the solutions...they want a platform to be heard.”



US ‘regressive’ stance at CSW dominates UN’s largest meeting on women

UNITED NATIONS, 27 March 2018: United Nations member states wrapped the annual Commission on the Status of Women meeting last week with a set of conclusions that fell short of the agreement many civil society advocates were hoping would include strong language on human rights and sexual and reproductive health.

The negotiations around the document — a tool civil society policy experts and activists bring back home to lobby for the rights of women and girls — drew late into Friday, the final day of the two-week event. For the second year in a row, the United States delegation was cast as one of the most aggressive — and regressive — players at the table. ...

The 19-page agreement recognizes that all rural women and girls “face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination,” as well as their critical role in eradicating poverty through sustainable agriculture and development work. It expresses concern over their lack of key health care services and food security, and calls for development programs, national policies, and official development assistance to be delivered with a focus on gender equality. While there is a call to ensure “universal access” to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, abortion is not mentioned.

Overall, the forum concluded with “strong and concrete commitments” to address the lives of women and girls in rural areas, the International Women's Health Coalition said in a media release. ...

The world is becoming increasingly urbanized, with more than 70 percent of the global population set to live in cities by 2050, according to the U.N. Development Programme. But 3 billion people still live in rural areas in developing countries. A remote location for women and girls means their daily struggles are exacerbated, as they may face lack of accessible health care, increased vulnerability to climate change, and no legal ownership over their lands.

The stakes were relatively high for CSW attendees like Wekoweu Tsuha, who works at the women's rights organization North East Network in the northeast India state of Nagaland. Domestic and gender-based violence is prevalent across the state's 16 indigenous tribal communities, but incidents are rarely reported, she explained to Devex. Filed reports will often appear before village councils, which typically do not have female representation.

“So far, what I have been hearing very much resonates with the kinds of issues women in our area face, especially the rural women,” Tsuha said. “I’m very hopeful that this will recognize the different issues, the challenges rural women face in different contexts.” ...

AUDIT REPORT

NORTH EAST NETWORK GUWAHATI, ASSAM			
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2018 GENERAL FUND			
EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs.)	INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Okum Guest House Expenses	36,106.00	By Donations & Contribution Received	79,37,901.75
" <u>Tranning on Weaving at Chizami</u>		" <u>Interest on Savings Account</u>	
Weaving Material Purchased	7,36,861.70	General Fund	4,09,792.30
Other Expenses	28,01,578.02		
" <u>Tranning & Counselling Expenses(APPI)</u>		" <u>Interest on FD Account</u>	
Revenue Expenses	6,66,548.78	General Fund	13,65,972.98
" <u>Agricultural Tranning In Nagaland</u>		" <u>Other Receipts</u>	
Raw Material & Seeds	50,738.00	General Fund	12,85,477.74
Tools & Accessories	1,160.00		
Carrying Charges	1,900.00	" <u>Weaves Sale</u>	39,79,420.00
Exhibition Expenses	5,000.00		
" Other Tranning & Workshop	26,550.00	" <u>Okum Guest House</u>	1,16,690.00
" <u>Administrative Expenses</u>			
Salary & Wages	2,47,704.00		
Audit Fees	32,283.00		
Printing & Stationery	30,543.00		
Bank Charges	9,818.49		
Registration Fees	16,770.00		
Travelling & Conveyance	1,95,307.95		
Postage & Courier	3,586.00		
Telephone & Internet	28,510.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	1,71,550.00		
Insurance Premium	94,071.00		
Household Articles	33,074.00		
Computer Maintenance	8,637.00		
Electricity Charges	2,780.00		
Honararium	7,410.00		
Fuel Cost	25,680.00		
Professional Fees	10,553.00		
Food & Accomodation Cost	2,17,020.00		
Employee PF	8,31,991.16		
Miscellaneous expenses	7,582.00		
Advertisement Expenses	30,004.00		
Legal Representation Expenses	48,910.00		
	20,53,784.60		
" Charity & Donation	2,43,724.00		
" Depreciation	10,32,689.00		
" Excess of Income over Expenditure Transferred to Balance Sheet	74,38,614.67		
	1,50,95,254.77		1,50,95,254.77

For and on behalf of
North East Network

Place : Guwahati
Date : 10.08.2018



As per our report of even date
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NORTH EAST NETWORK GUWAHATI, ASSAM			
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2018			
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Opening Balance		By Project Expenses (Schedule 'A')	
Cash in Hand	2,86,939.89	Capital Expenses	9,96,698.00
Cash at Bank	86,91,750.93	Revenue Expenses	2,70,76,684.40
Liabilities	(25,18,539.60)		2,80,73,382.40
Advances	11,57,047.21	" <u>Okum Guest House Expenses</u>	36,106.00
Fixed Deposit	2,15,95,148.54		
	2,92,12,346.97	" <u>Tranning on Weaving at Chizami</u>	
" <u>Donation & Contribution Received</u>		Weaving material Purchased	7,36,861.70
Project Fund (Schedule 'A')	3,03,57,927.90	Other Expenses	28,01,578.02
General Fund	79,37,901.75		35,38,439.72
	3,82,95,829.65	" <u>Tranning & Counselling Expenses(APPI)</u>	
" <u>Interest on Savings Account</u>		Revenue Expenses	6,66,548.78
Project Fund	85,004.96	Capital Expenses	2,83,510.00
General Fund	4,09,792.30		9,50,058.78
	4,94,797.26	" <u>Agricultural Tranning In Nagaland</u>	
" <u>Interest on FD Account</u>		Raw Material & Seeds	50,738.00
General Fund	13,65,972.98	Tools & Accessories	1,160.00
		Carrying Charges	1,900.00
" <u>Other Receipts</u>		Exhibition Expenses	5,000.00
Project Fund	69,772.00		58,798.00
General Fund	12,85,477.74	" <u>Other Tranning & Workshop</u>	26,550.00
	13,55,249.74	" <u>Administrative Expenses</u>	
" <u>Weave Sale</u>	39,79,420.00	Salary & Wages	2,47,704.00
" <u>Okum Guest House</u>	1,16,690.00	Audit Fees	32,283.00
		Printing & Stationery	30,543.00
		Bank Charges	9,818.49
		Registration Fees	16,770.00
		Travelling & Conveyance	1,95,307.95
		Postage & Courier	3,586.00
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		Professional Fees	10,553.00
		Food & Accomodation Cost	2,17,020.00
		Employee PF	8,31,991.16
		Miscellaneous expenses	7,582.00
		Advertisement Expenses	30,004.00
		Legal Representation Expenses	48,910.00
			20,53,784.60
		" <u>Charity & Donation</u>	2,43,724.00
		" <u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
		Furniture	20,018.00
		Television	12,300.00
		Air Conditioner	39,150.00
		Projector	37,400.00
		Pump Set	14,700.00
		Equipments	19,940.00
			1,43,508.00
		" <u>Closing Balance</u>	
		Cash in Hand	2,76,212.89
		Cash at Bank	1,69,22,527.13
		Liabilities	(18,46,959.00)
		Advances	10,62,484.92
		Fixed Deposit	2,32,81,689.16
			3,96,95,955.10
Total (Rs.)	7,48,20,306.60	Total (Rs.)	7,48,20,306.60

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